



# City of Trenton

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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2026 @ 6 PM

CITY HALL

216 HAMILTON STREET, TRENTON, TEXAS 75490

## MINUTES

**Present for meeting:** Chief William Robertson, Jack Delancey, Secretary Amy Creed, Aaron Moreland, Newt Cunningham County Judge, Jeff Hunt

**Quorum Present:** Mayor Chris Stringer, Mayor Pro Tem Tyler Bowman, and Council Members Riley Stringer and Jackson Meyer and Justin Wilson. Tim Cooper absent.

### 1. Call Meeting to Order, and Identification of Quorum.

The council meeting was brought to order at 6:01pm by Chris Stringer.

### 2. Open Forum – Citizens to be heard (5 minutes per citizen).

Newt Cunningham County Judge, bringing up issues that he's had with the city regarding water, speeding and deaths and they try to help us out with these items. Adopting a county road department system is what he is wanting to discuss today. Right now each precinct has their own person in charge of equipment and employees there is no real cooperation. Wants unity regarding equipment and crews so equipment is used as much as possible and not sitting/duplicating itself and to minimize crew sitting around not doing anything. Wants one person who knows roads, in charge of equipment maintenance and crews; not talking about cutting back people, just cutting back their leisure time. He's in favor but commissioners are opposed to this idea. If we have a road manager hired, they could be fired tomorrow, verse a commissioner that is in for four years and can't be fired. He's requesting this be on the ballot for November and get petitions signed and then the public can hear all the arguments pro/con. Would be able to prioritize and plan to hold road maintenance manager accountable if not doing the job.

Jeff Hunt lives on CR 4600, wants to speak on behalf of what judge shared. His County Road is terrible, has no crown or drainage, need four wheel drive to use it. He had gone to Judge Moore prior to Cunninghams election and has been requesting a unity trained person to do this job to eliminate this role from the commissioners to free them up to focus on other big ticket items. He wants commissioners to focus on other needed areas like economic development in the county, integrating the cities, have a comprehensive water development plan, verse the roads. He is going to be supporting the Judge to get signatures and get this on the ballot.

### 3. Consent Agenda

(All items on the Consent Agenda are routine and may be approved with one motion and vote: however, should any member of the Council wish to discuss an item, said item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by request of Council member prior to the motion being made.)

- a. Consideration and action to accept minutes from the December 1, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.
- b. Consideration and action to accept minutes from the December 4, 2025, City Council meeting.

Tyler Bowman motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 1, 2025 Planning and Zoning meeting; and December 4, 2025, City Council meeting. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against, 1 abstain.

#### 4. Review Department Reports.

- a. **Police Department:** Providing update on grants. Criminal Justice Grant was awarded as the number 1 agency for \$65,000 towards new cars; should be ready and upfitted mid February. Grant for the Body Worn Cameras is covering about \$15,000 towards financed cameras. Currently have Body Armor Grant that is right at \$9,000, to get everybody fitted for a new vest in the near future. The Border Response grant for \$263,000 was put on hold, but may open back up online. Looking at the upcoming Criminal Justice grant for \$10,000, no match and the autotheft grant when they open.
- b. **Public Works Department:** Update on sewer project, picked up after Christmas and have already made it down to 4<sup>th</sup> St. Replacing all the clean outs and should be done quickly.
- c. **City Secretary:** Looking into scheduling dumpster days and incorporating a City wide garage sale day the same time frame. There is no fee for garage sale permits, but they would come fill out a permit so we could promote their location on facebook if they choose to. Dumpsters will be behind the fence this year and will need to provide water bill to utilize dumpsters.

#### 5. Discussion and possible action on Resolution to nominate candidate for vacancy of Fannin Central Appraisal District Board Member for Term 1-1-2026 thru 12-31-2027.

No action taken.

#### 6. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance to close water account after 3 months of nonpayment.

Our goal with this is to recoup money from accounts that have left the residents with no intentions of paying as they have moved out without telling us. Will be doing more research to see what other Cities are doing and looking into collections and lien options.

Tabled until further options can be researched.

#### 7. Discussion and possible action on change order for waterline materials for Trenton ISD Elementary School project.

Jack providing information. Winwater didn't get the proper clearance to not deliver the materials so he is going to cover that price increase on his end we are only paying for the increase in pipe size which was out of our hands due to the railroad requirements.

Tyler Bowman motioned to accept change order as written. Justin Wilson seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

#### 8. Discussion and possible action on moving forward with permanent repair for water tower located at Second and May St.

Jack providing information on water tower leaking. Texas Tank has been out multiple times to repair, and within a couple of weeks the tower is back to leaking. Texas Tank will not provide a full repair quote. Has reached out to Pittsburg Tank & Tower to do a full repair. The only option left is to drain the tower and do full repair which will take the tower out of commission for a week and function solely on the pumps alone

from East Well and North Well. Their recommendation is to pull the pipe out from the bottom of the bowl and replace it with a new pipe and then redo the floor where it joins. Predicting tower will be down for 4-5 days for repair.

Tyler Bowman motioned to authorize up to \$50,000 for the repair of the water tower contingent on a performance clause provided by Pittsburg Tank & Tower. Jackson Meyer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

**9. Discussion and possible action on replat of property identified as 417 PR 452, ID 148614.**

Aaron Moreland providing information. We had given comments back to home owner and there was disconnect on what to do, but all items have been addressed. They originally wanted to abandon utility easement but they decided against that. We do not need will serve letters. It is compliant with cities subdivision ordinances.

Jackson Meyer motioned to approve the replat of property identified as 417 PR 452, ID 148614. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

**10. Discussion and possible action on replat of property identified as CR 4440 and 834 CR 4444, ID 99101.**

Aaron Moreland providing information. We were waiting on will serve letter from Southwest Fannin and we did receive that. There was one change, it was a 1.1 acre site originally but is a 1.39 acre site now. This did not affect anything else on the survey. They will need to adjust dates to 2026 otherwise everything else has been addressed and is in compliance with subdivision ordinances. This is a typical conditional approval.

Tyler Bowman motioned to conditionally approve the replat of property ID 99101 upon all utilities for service to the lots being completed or placed in escrow. Jackson Meyer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

**11. Discussion and possible action on replat of property identified as 11678 S State Hwy 121.**

Aaron Moreland providing information; this plat was found to be noncompliant when brought to Planning and Zoning, due to Aaron being out on vacation prior. They were not able to get updates done prior to Council. P&Z recommended conditional approval if comments on the plat were addressed prior to Council but they have not been.

Jackson Meyer motioned to deny replat of property identified as 11678 S State Hwy 121. Justin Wilson seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

**12. Discussion and possible action on replat of property identified as 120 Holmes.**

Tabled – no information provided

**13. NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.001 et seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:

1. Section 551.071: Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter re:

- a. Receive legal advice regarding proposed Occupancy License Agreement with Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad, Inc. C/O Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc.

**No executive session.**

14. **RECONVENE** into Open Session and take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

15. **Discussion and action regarding paying the monthly bills of the city.**

Tyler Bowman motioned to pay the monthly bills, including the bill for WinSupply Commercial for \$36,863.64. Justin Wilson seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

16. **Adjourn Council Meeting.**

Tyler Bowman motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Riley Stringer, which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against. Having no additional business, meeting adjourned by Chris Stringer at 6:57pm.

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Mayor

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City Secretary