



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 5, 2026 @ 6 PM
CITY HALL
216 HAMILTON STREET, TRENTON, TEXAS 75490

MINUTES

Present for the meeting: Chief William Robertson, Jack Delancey, Secretary Amy Creed, Aaron Moreland, Dr. Susan Thomas, Travis Buckner, Scott Bryning, Jordan Sawyer

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

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

The council meeting was brought to order at 6:05pm by Chris Stringer.

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

No one to speak in open forum.

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 February 1, 2026 Planning & Zoning meeting.
- b. Consideration and action to accept minutes from the February 5, 2026, City Council meeting.
- c. Consideration and action to accept minutes from the November 4, 2025 Economic Development 4B meeting.

Jackson Meyer motioned to approve the meeting minutes from February 1, 2026 Planning & Zoning meeting; February 5, 2026 City Council meeting; and November 4, 2025 Economic Development 4B meeting. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

4. Review Department Reports.

- a. **Police Department:** N/A
- b. **Public Works Department:** Sewer line project has been complete, except for one more walk through that is possibly needed. We will be going out within the next couple of weeks to be adding more dirt to the areas that were disturbed. The tower repair is tentatively set for the 16th due to rainstorms coming. Railroad project is stalled due to Railpro stating the bore needs to be done a certain way which is different from what our contractor was wanting to do; they would need to request a variance and pay additional fees to do the work that way. Contractor states this should have been included in engineer plans. This can be done without the variance per other contractors.
- c. **City Secretary:** We purchased a check scanner for use by our utility clerk. This falls within our office supply budget.

5. Discussion and possible action on 2026 Trenton Sports Association agreement with the City.

Scott Bryning here for TSA, he is the assistant baseball commissioner and treasurer for TSA. He has already looked over the agreement and they're good with all changes that have been made by our City Attorney to update the agreement. They plan to do a fall season as well and will loop back with us when we're closer to those dates.

Jackson Meyer motioned to approve Resolution 576 to approve the agreement between Trenton Sports Association and the City for 2026. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

6. Discussion and possible action on Trenton Sports Association charging entry fee for softball preseason tournament at the City park.

Scott Bryning explaining that the softball league they're doing this year allows the host locations to charge entry fees. They're wanting to charge these fees as well to help offset the electric bills at the end of the season. They had two options they were deciding on; having somebody at the park entrance at a table to collect fees or use construction fencing to block off softball fields to take payments that way. They will have a TSA board member taking they fees to ensure that it is handled correctly and that people just trying to get to the park are not charged. Dr. Susan Thomas recommends we include this in our agreement next year.

Justin Wilson motioned to authorize Trenton Sports Association to charge entry fee for softball preseason tournament at the City park. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against. Council is fine with whichever method they want to use to accept payments.

7. Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance to approve renewal of the franchise agreement with Atmos Energy.

Travis Buckner the manager of Public Affairs for Atmos Energy is here to introduce himself and answer any questions council may have. This would be a continuation of our current agreement; the city gets 5% of the total gross revenue they earn within the city limits of Trenton. This would continue on for the next 25 years and the current franchise ends at the end of the year. They would still be required to put in for permits but are not required to pay for permits; all the terms of the agreement would be the same.

Tabled for Council to review the agreement more thoroughly. Will add to future agenda for approval.

8. Discussion and possible action on Fannin County Family Crisis Center facility use agreement.

This was drafted by City Attorney based on what we had discussed at prior meeting to ensure the city would be covered while they used our Community Center. They have not reviewed this prior.

Justin Wilson motioned to approved Resolution 577 to approve the facility use agreement between the City and Fannin County Family Crisis Center. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

9. Discussion and possible action on making part time Trenton Police position into a full time officer.

Chief providing information. This is a position we have always had as a part time position. He has enough money in the seizure fund that would cover making this position full time this year; he wanted to ensure that this would be a budget item that could be sustained on future years budget. Chris is confident that we will be able to work that into next years budget.

Justin Wilson motioned to approve moving forward with turning the parttime position into a fulltime officer position. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

10. Consider, discuss, and act on an Ordinance certifying the candidates are unopposed in the May 2, 2026 General Election; declaring the unopposed candidates elected to their respective offices; and cancelling said election.

We did not have any additional applications turned in for this years election.

Jackson Meyer motioned to approved Ordinance 600 certifying the candidates are unopposed in the May 2, 2026 General Election; declaring the unopposed candidates elected to their respective offices; and cancelling said election. Justin Wilson seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

11. Discussion and possible action on additional coverage items for real and personal property under TML Insurance.

Tabled for a future meeting.

12. Discussion and possible action on purchasing blower for the sewer plant.

The blower that we just approved and ordered was two months away from being delivered and the one that we had just went out. Jack found one to purchase quickly and Chris gave him the authority to do so. Jack did have to rent a job site air compressor to keep the plant up and running during this time. Hoping to get the blower in and working as soon as possible. There will be an expense from the air compressor rental and fuel for it to keep the plant functioning.

Justin Wilson motioned to approve the purchase of the blower for the sewer plant. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

13. Discussion and possible action on purchasing water well control system for East and North Well.

These are the VFDs we discussed last meeting to assist with the water tower repair. Last meeting we discussed doing a trial run with the blow off valves; which was done and seems to be able to be maintained for the repair. Purchasing the VFDs as an emergency for the repair is no longer needed, but would be beneficial for the future. No action taken.

14. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance to authorize collection services and liens against property for delinquent utility accounts.

This was carried over from last month; we needed to relook into the language in the ordinance to make sure it was accurate. It has since been updated and is ready to move forward with.

Justin Wilson motioned to approve Ordinance 601 to authorize collection services and liens against property for delinquent utility accounts. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

15. Consider, discuss, and act on a resolution regarding Clean Water State Revolving Fund Grant Application.

No action taken – we missed the cut off date.

16. Consider, discuss, and act on a resolution regarding Downtown Revitalization Grant Application.

Jack providing information on this grant opportunity. We will need a grant manager; received this information from Michelle who handles all the Police grants. Council confirmed they are comfortable with her looking into that and getting started on the application process.

17. Consider, discuss, and act on a resolution regarding TWDB Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant Application.

Aaron Moreland providing information on this grant opportunity. House Bill 500 put 1 billion into a water fund but didn't give very much direction on how to use the money and they couldn't move it anywhere else so it is 100% grant. For Trenton's size we could be eligible for up to 5 million dollars. Not doing the Clean Water State Revolving Grant will help increase our chance for this grant. There is no resolution for this one yet, the application has not opened yet. It is opening sometime in March. Looking into getting the elevated tank as a refunded project so that we could take the bond money and use towards other projects that would fall in that scope.

Justin Wilson motioned to authorize Dunaway to get the application process started for TWDB Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant Application at an expense not exceeding \$5,000. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

18. Consider, discuss and act on a resolution to revise sewer rates with sprinklers.

Tabled for future agenda.

19. 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 (Attorney Consult): 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. S2LD Term sheet/Development Agreement
2. Section 551.087 (Economic Development): To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City of Trenton and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; and/or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to the business prospect, re:

a. S2LD

Open Session: 6:40pm

Closed Session: 7:42pm

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

21. Discussion and action regarding paying the monthly bills of the city.

Jackson Meyer motioned to pay the monthly bills. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

22. Adjourn Council Meeting.

Riley Stringer motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Justin Wilson, which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against. Having no additional business, meeting adjourned by Chris Stringer at 7:45pm.