



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TRENTON CITY HALL
216 HAMILTON STREET
TRENTON, TEXAS 75490

April 10, 2025
6 PM

MINUTES

Present for this meeting: Chief William Robertson, Jack Delancey, Secretary Amy Creed, attorney, Amy Stanphill, Aaron Moreland, James Day, and Glenda Hackney.

Quorum Present: Mayor Rodney Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Stringer and Council members Justin Wilson, Riley Stringer, and Tyler Bowman. Chelsie Brownfield absent.

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

The council meeting was brought to order at 6pm by Mayor Rodney Alexander.

2. Open Forum

No one to speak during the open forum.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Discussion and action to accept minutes from the March 3, 2025, Planning & Zoning meeting.
- b. Discussion and action to accept minutes from the March 4, 2025 Economic Development Committee 4B meeting.
- c. Discussion and action to accept minutes from the March 6, 2025, City Council meeting.

Chris Stringer motioned to approve meeting minutes from March 3, 2025, Planning & Zoning meeting; March 4, 2025 Economic Development 4B meeting; and March 6, 2025, City Council meeting. Justin Wilson seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

4. Review Department Reports.

- Presented sign to Mayor Rodney Alexander on behalf of all city employees for his extended time as Mayor
- **Public Works:** Jack Delancey – Tower was fixed two days ago and is now back to leaking. There was an issue with sediment in the tank which was causing issues with seeing the crack. They will be coming out again on Friday morning to clean and putty it again.
- **Police Department:** William Robinson – N/A
- **Admin:** Amy Creed – Had a good amount of applications for the Court/Utility Clerk position. Did 6 interviews and looking into second round of interviews with Council.

5. Discussion and action on purchasing and installing InsertaValve on the school waterline project.

Jack Delancey providing information. An InsertaValve is a hot tap valve where you don't have to shut the line down, you can drill into the pipe and insert the valve to close and shut the water off to continue work. Needed for the school waterline project because there is no way of isolating the old 6 inch that crosses at Witherspoon and Ballentine and can't tie in. Got quote for \$13,000 for two. Aaron Moreland confirmed that is the best and cheapest option.

Tyler Bowman motioned to spend \$13,000 for the two InsertaValves on the school waterline project. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

6. Discussion and possible action on replat of property identified as 308 E Saunders.

Was denied by Planning and Zoning.

Chris Stringer motioned to deny replat per Planning and Zoning recommendation. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

7. Discussion and possible action on salary adjustment for City Secretary.

Have compared city staff amounts and pay to neighboring cities. Most cities have 4 full time employees where we have 1.5 employees doing the same work. Have surplus in payroll budget, that would cover.

Chris Stringer motioned to adjust City Secretary pay from \$20 to \$26 an hour to start on next pay cycle. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

8. Discussion and possible action on increasing Judge Leyko pay.

Judge Leyko has been with us over 20 years and has been at the same pay scale. Our new Prosecutor has brought it to our attention that we are very below standard pay for his work.

Tabled to look for resolution when Judge was appointed.

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

Tyler Bowman motioned to pay the monthly bills. Chris Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

10. 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. Occupancy License Agreement with Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad, Inc. C/O Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc.
 - b. Water Tower Lease Agreement with Rhino Communications, Inc., d/b/a Rise Broadband
 - c. Disposition of surplus and/or salvage property including 1991 fire engine.
 - d. 2025 General Election
 - e. Water line easement 106 N. Pearl

Executive session starts @ 6:28pm.

11. **RECONVENE** into Open Session and take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.
Open session reconvened @ 6:47pm. No action taken during Executive Session.

12. **Discussion and action regarding Ordinance cancelling the 2025 General Election.**

Riley Stringer motioned to adopt Ordinance 595, declaring as elected the unopposed candidates for the offices of Mayor and one of two City of Trenton council seats with the second of two city council seats receiving no candidate applications in the May 3, 2025 general election; canceling the election and providing a saving/repealing clause, severability clause and an effective date. Chris Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

13. **Discussion and possible action on selling the 1991 fire engine that is no longer operational.**

Chris Stringer motioned to sell the 1991 fire engine that is owned by the City and no longer operational. Tyler Bowman seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

14. **Discussion and possible action regarding Occupancy License Agreement with Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad, Inc. C/O Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc.**

Tabled – still in negotiations

15. **Adjourn Council Meeting.**

Having no additional business, meeting adjourned by Rodney Alexander at 6:52pm. Justin Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Riley Stringer; was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against. The council meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Signature

City Secretary
