



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 12, 2025

6 PM

TRENTON CITY HALL
216 HAMILTON STREET
TRENTON, TEXAS 75490

MINUTES

Present for this meeting: Chief William Robertson, Jack Delancey, Secretary Amy Creed, attorney, Amy Stanphill, Aaron Moreland, Officer Franklin, Deidra Osborne, Dustin Whitmire, Glenda Hackney, Jackson Meyer

Quorum Present: Chelsea Brownfield, Riley Stringer, Justin Wilson, Chris Stringer, Tyler Bowman

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

The council meeting was brought to order at 6pm by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Stringer.

2. Certificates of Election for Mayor and Council Member for May 3, 2025, Cancelled Election

- a. Mayor – Chris A. Stringer- complete
- b. Council Member – Jackson Meyer- complete

3. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officials

- a. City Secretary – Mayor Chris A. Stringer- complete
- b. City Secretary – Council Member Jackson Meyer- complete

4. Consider, discuss, and act on the appointment of the 2025-2026 Mayor Pro Tem.

Riley Stringer motioned to appoint Tyler Bowman as the 2025-2026 Mayor Pro Tem. Justin Wilson seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

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

No one to speak during the open forum.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Discussion and action to accept minutes from the April 7, 2025, Planning & Zoning meeting.
- b. Discussion and action to accept minutes from the April 1, 2025 Economic Development Committee 4B meeting.
- c. Discussion and action to accept minutes from the April 10, 2025, City Council meeting.

Tyler Bowman motioned to approve meeting minutes from April 7 2025, Planning & Zoning meeting; April 1, 2025 Economic Development 4B meeting; and April 10, 2025, City Council meeting. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

7. Review Department Reports.

Police Department – 121 overpass work resumed

Public Works – Water tower stopped leaking again. Truck traffic down Hamilton is destroying our roads. Fiber optics update, 360 was bought out again and the new company is going through all open projects. Project is over budget.

Administrative – Court clerk introduction. UpAhead text program, make sure everybody is signed up.

8. Discussion and action to remove the previous Mayor, Rodney Alexander, and add the new Mayor, Chris Stringer, to all First United Bank and Captex Bank Accounts, as a signer for all accounts.

Justin Wilson motioned to remove Rodney Alexander as Mayor, from all bank accounts with First United and Captex Bank and add Chris Stringer as the signer for all accounts. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

9. Consider, discuss, and act on a Resolution setting the terms for municipal court officials and appointing/re-appointing Municipal Court Judge, Martin Leyko, and City Prosecutor, Kyle Shaw.

We were unable to find past Resolution for Judge. Attorney Amy Stanphill suggested setting a 2 year term to coincide with the Mayors term.

Tyler Bowman motioned to adopt Resolution 564 to appoint municipal court Judge, Martin Leyko and City Prosecutor, Kyle Shaw to a two year term. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

10. Consider, Discuss and act on compensation adjustment for Municipal Court Judge Martin Leyko.

Discussed last council, per what was budgeted, we can afford \$425 for the last two court dates. What was discussed last meeting was tentatively \$500.

Tyler Bowman motioned to adjust Municipal Court Judge Martin Leykos compensation to \$500 for the two remaining court dates. Justin Wilson seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

11. Consider, discuss, and act regarding law enforcement Criminal Justice Grant Program FY2026 vehicle lease requirement update.

Chief providing additional clarity, resolution was already approved previously. Wanted to ensure it was understood that this would cover the first year lease on three vehicles and then the city would be responsible for budgeting the remaining lease payments.

Council was under that understanding – no action needed, just need to plan in budget item.

12. Consider, discuss, and act on a resolution regarding law enforcement grant, COPS Hiring Program (CHP).

COPS grant was just opened to apply. This will pay for a portion of salary and benefits for an officer. It would give \$125,000 over 3 years, that you can decide how to break down.

Justin Wilson motioned to adopt Resolution 565 regarding law enforcement grant, COPS Hiring Program. Tyler Bowman seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

13. Consider, discuss, and act on a proposed change order to the construction agreement with Capital Underground Utilities , for the Sewer Improvement project, 2021 TxCDBG program, grant agreement number CDV21-0416.

Change order was brought down to \$328,340 from \$411,850 for sewer project along E Saunders and Pearl. This project will now cover pipe bursting and manholes and getting more of the full scope of the project down. This will help with TCEQ issues. The City is looking at \$30,000 additional and covering \$47,500 total.

Tyler Bowman motioned to accept the proposed change order with Capital Underground Utilities, for the Sewer Improvement project, 2021 TxCDBG program, grant agreement number CDV21-0416. Justin Wilson seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

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

Tyler Bowman motioned to pay the monthly bills. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

15. 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. Water line easement 106 N. Pearl
 - d. Anderson Farms Development

Executive session starts @ 6:38.

16. **RECONVENE** into Open Session and take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session. Open session reconvened @ 6:54. No action taken during Executive Session.

17. Adjourn Council Meeting.

Having no additional business, meeting adjourned by Chris Stringer at 6:54pm. Tyler Bowman motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Riley Stringer; was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against. The council meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Secretary