SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF TRENTON, TEXAS
August 19, 2026 @ 6 PM
CITY HALL
216 HAMILTON STREET, TRENTON, TEXAS 75490

MINUTES

Present for the meeting: Chief William Robertson, Jack Delancey, Secretary Amy Creed, Joe Fowler, Melanie Baugh, Marla Baugh
Quorum Present: Mayor Chris Stringer, Mayor Pro Tem Tyler Bowman and Council Members Riley Stringer, Jackson Meyer, and Tim Cooper. Justin Wilson absent.

1. Call Meeting to Order, and Identification of Quorum.
   The council meeting was brought to order at 6:00pm by Chris Stringer. Justin Wilson absent.

2. Open Forum – Citizens to be heard (5 minutes per citizen).
   No one to speak.

3. Review Department Reports.
   a. Police Department: N/A
   b. Public Works Department: N/A
   c. City Secretary: N/A

4. Discussion and action on fire department budget/contract for FY 2026-2027.
   Tabled for Fire Department to review.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding insurance checks for recent claims from hail damage.
   Jack presenting information, provided them with trade in quote and insurance check value and vehicle options.

   Tyler Bowman motioned to proceed with trade in offer and using the insurance check of $10,384.35 towards a downpayment for the 2 wheel drive 2026 Chevy Colorado, not to exceed $34,250. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

6. Consider, discuss, and act on a resolution regarding law enforcement Community Oriented Problem Solving Department Of Justice grant for FY 2027.
   Chief providing information on grant. We're eligible for one position, for a sworn, fulltime officer funded. It would be $125,000 for a three year period of time. City would be responsible for a 25% match, but we will apply for the waiver on it. The grant would be awarded on October 1, 2026.

   Tyler Bowman motioned to proceed with RES 583, COPS grant for FY 2027. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against.

7. Discussion on Citywide animal control.
   Chief providing information on animal control option provided by All American Dog Animal Rescue. Pricing is based off estimated population. Total annual cost would be $10,625. They would come out once a week but can also respond to emergency calls.

8. Discussion regarding the FY 2026 / 2027 Budget. See Taxpayer Impact Statement below.
   Discussion and review of first attempted proposed budget. Salaries and department wish lists given for review.

9. Discussion and action regarding a Resolution approving a proposed property tax rate for Tax Year 2026 and setting a public hearing on the property tax rate.

   Jackson Meyer motioned to adopt Resolution 584 approving the proposed 2026 property tax rate of $0.654849 as the maximum rate allowed for Council adoption. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a roll call vote of 3 for 1 against.

10. Adjourn Council Meeting.
    Jackson Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tyler Bowman which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against. Having no additional business, meeting adjourned by Chris Stringer at 7:02pm.

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Mayor City Secretary

Taxpayer Impact Statement

Median Homestead Value
2025 $155,590
2026 $174,370

Property Tax Due on Median Valued Homestead
2025 Adopted Rate vs 2026 Proposed Rate vs 2026 No New Revenue Rate

	Rate per $100 of Value	Median-Valued Homestead Property	Tax Due
2025 Adopted Rate	0.429606	$155,590	$668
2026 No New Revenue Rate	0.568328	$174,370	$991
2026 Proposed Rate	0.654849		$1,142

The Taxpayer Impact Statement is required under Government Code 551.043 as amended by HB 1522, effective September 1, 2025. This notice informs taxpayers of the potential impact of the proposed budget and tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 on the median homestead value, comparing the property tax paid based on the 2025 adopted rate, the 2026 no-new-revenue rate, and the 2026 proposed tax rate.