



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 21, 2025 AT 6 PM
CITY HALL
216 HAMILTON STREET, TRENTON, TEXAS 75490

MINUTES

Present for meeting: Chief William Robertson, Secretary Amy Creed, Public Works Director Jack Delancey, Officer Ken Franklin, James Day, attorney Aliceson Cotton, Michelle Logan, Gina Cave, fire chief Joe Fowler, Zac Bohannon

Quorum Present: Mayor Chris Stringer, Mayor Pro Tem Tyler Bowman, and Council Members Riley Stringer, Jackson Meyer, and Chelsie Brownfield; Justin Wilson

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

The council meeting was brought to order at 6:00pm by Chris Stringer.

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

No one to speak during the open forum.

3. Review Department Reports.

- a. Police Department: n/a
- b. Public Works: n/a
- c. City Secretary: n/a

4. Discussion and action on placement of the student council cabinet from Trenton ISD students.

Michelle Logan here to discuss the need of the City having no Public Library, the Student Council came up with the idea to benefit the community with a cabinet made to provide books and pet supplies to the community. Discussion to move to front porch of City Hall. Cabinet will be maintained and stocked by Student Council.

5. Discussion and action on fire department budget/contract for FY 2025-2026.

Joe Fowler here to discuss the need for upgraded equipment. They bought a 2012 Ferrara that will serve as a back up engine to their current engine; it is currently having minor repairs done and will be in service in the next week or so. With the growth of our area, needs are arising. Growth of the calls is mostly in City and ETJ; is responsible for 56% of call log. City pays \$8000 a year and that number hasn't been updated since at least 2006. City does pay for fire station debt as well. They now have 22 people on their roster. New gear cost about \$3000 per person. Asking council to consider increasing their budget amount.

6. Discussion and action on appointment of a Council Member to fill a vacancy pursuant to Local Government Code Section 22.010, until next regular election.

Timothy Cooper and Delaney Garza are the candidates up for discussion.

Tyler Bowman motioned to appoint Timothy Cooper as the Council Member to fill the vacancy until the next regular election. Jackson Meyer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

7. Discussion of proposed FY 2025-2026 budget.

Discussion and review of first attempted proposed budget. Salaries and department wish lists given for review.

8. Discussion and action regarding a Resolution approving a proposed property tax rate for Tax Year 2025 and setting a public hearing on the property tax rate.

Tyler Bowman motioned to adopt Resolution 566 approving the proposed 2025 property tax rate of \$0.589692 as the maximum rate allowed for Council adoption. The City will conduct a public hearing by no later than September 29, 2025. Justin Wilson seconded the motion, which was approved with a roll call vote of 5 for 0 against.

9. Adjourn Council Meeting.

Tyler Bowman motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Riley Stringer, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against. Having no additional business, meeting adjourned by Chris Stringer at 7:04pm.

Mayor

City Secretary