CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF TRENTON, TEXAS
August 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, Aliceson Cotton, Kathy Franklin, Kaleigh Beaty, Nicholas Beaty, Melanie Thompson, Randall Thompson, Joe Fowler, Melanie Baugh, Marla Baugh, Scott Bryning
Quorum Present: Mayor Chris Stringer, Mayor Pro Tem Tyler Bowman and Council Members Riley Stringer, Jackson Meyer, Tim Cooper, and Justin Wilson.

1. Call Meeting to Order, and Identification of Quorum.
   The council meeting was brought to order at 6:01pm by Chris Stringer.

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

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 July 6, 2026, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.
   b. Consideration and action to accept minutes from the June 4, 2026, Economic Development 4B meeting.
   c. Consideration and action to approve minutes from the July 8, 2026 City Council meeting.
   d. Consideration and action on an ordinance approving the 2026 annual update to the Service and Assessment Plan and Assessment Roll for the Anderson Crossing Public Improvement District, including the collection of the 2026 annual installments.

Tyler Bowman motioned to accept the meeting minutes from July 6, 2026 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting; the June 4, 2026 Economic Development 4B meeting; to approve the July 8, 2026 City Council meeting; and Ordinance 604 approving the 2026 annual update to the Service and Assessment Plan and Assessment Roll for the Anderson Crossing Public Improvement District. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

4. Review Department Reports.
   a. Police Department: Presented two Letter of Commendations for Officer Spindle.
   b. Public Works Department: N/A
   c. City Secretary: Our utility clerk put in her two weeks notice. We posted the job, had about 30 applications again and made a hire. She trained with Susy last week, but then put in her resignation this morning due to family issues. We moved forward with a background check on another candidate from our interviews and will hopefully move forward with her by end of week.

5. Discussion and possible action on 2026 Trenton Sports Association agreement for Fall Ball.

Scott Bryning here to present information regarding contract.

Tyler Bowman motioned to accept the 2026 Trenton Sports Association agreement for Fall Ball. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding lighting of the back lot at the City Park.
   Scott Bryning making request for TSA. In an attempt to work together to keep people off the grass was to use back lots. There is a safety concern that's been presented using that back lot in the dark. They're requesting we get some type of lighting back there for parking.

   Council will consider options. Scott would like to be on next months agenda to discuss updating the lights at the park; they got a quote for replacing the lights to LED bulbs.

7. Discussion and possible action on replacing sod in front of The Pearl due to school waterline project.
   Jack Delancey providing information to Council regarding construction damage to the property's sod that was freshly laid prior to project. The project had originally budgeted for reseeding the area because there wasn't sod at that time, but before the project started the business owner had laid sod. They're requesting that full amount be reimbursed for the dirt work and sod to get it back to how it was prior to our construction as the business owner completed the work themselves due to needing this finished.

   No action needed. This was an informative item.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding insurance checks for recent claims from hail damage.
   Jack Delancey providing information on truck options for review.

   Council would like him to look into trade in value on old truck to present the full package options to them. Tabled for further information.

9. Discussion and possible action on entering into 287G Enforcement Program agreement with the U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement Agency.
   Chief providing information on the program. Most agencies are entering into the program. We would have to transport to Titus County for our location. This would enforce immigration laws. There is criteria for what officers can participate.

   Tyler Bowman motioned to approve entering to the 287G Enforcement Program. Tim Cooper seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

10. Discussion and possible action on replat of property identified as 663 CR 4536, ID 70262.
    Aaron Moreland providing information. The plat is found noncompliant with the subdivision ordinances, the recommendation is to deny.

    Justin Wilson motioned to deny due to plat being noncompliant. Tyler Bowman seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

11. Discussion and possible action on preliminary plat of property identified as 567 & 595 CR 4535, Whitewright, ID 72427.
    Aaron Moreland providing information. They have addressed all comments on the plat; the recommendation is to be approved.

Tim Cooper motioned to approve the preliminary plat of property identified as ID 72427. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

12. Discussion and possible action on final plat of property identified as 567 & 595 CR 4535, Whitewright, ID 72427.

Tabled- Final plat not provided for review yet due to water issues.

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

Joe Fowler providing information. Would like clarification on maintenance expectations. Would also like to have insurance on vehicle through TML.

Will update contract on language regarding maintenance and get insurance quotes from TML and table for next meeting.

14. Discussion regarding the FY 2026 / 2027 Budget. See Taxpayer Impact Statement below.

Mayor and Council have received the truth in taxation information and budget for review.

Will discuss on August 19 meeting.

15. 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.

16. 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 6:39pm.

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Mayor City Secretary

Taxpayer Impact Statement

(Required under Texas 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 2025-2026, comparing what would be paid under the current rate, the no-new-revenue tax rate, and the proposed tax rate.

Property Tax Due on Median Valued Homestead

2024 Rate vs 2025 Proposed Rate vs 2025 No New Revenue Rate

	Rate per $100 of Value	Median-Valued Homestead Property	Tax Due
2024 Adopted Rate	0.660237	$162,250	$1,071
2025 Proposed Rate	0.589692		$957
2025 No New Revenue Rate	0.617623		$1,002

**The 2025 tax year property tax rate listed above as the "2025 Proposed Rate" was adopted on in 2025 and is currently in effect. The information provided above is required by State law. The budget discussion posted for this meeting is a preliminary discussion regarding projected revenues and expenses necessary to begin and proceed with the preparation of a budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 as required by law. In accordance with State law, information necessary for the City to provide a proposed 2026 tax rate and the 2026 Taxpayer Impact Statement is not yet available; however, when a proposed budget has been prepared and the City has received the information necessary to provide a proposed 2026 tax year rate, the table above will be updated with information regarding the 2026 tax year proposed rate, and a proposed budget will be posted online and accessible from the City of Trenton homepage at https://www.cityoftrentontx.org/