CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF TRENTON, TEXAS
September 23, 2026 @ 6 PM
CITY HALL
216 HAMILTON STREET, TRENTON, TEXAS 75490

MINUTES

Present for the meeting: Jack Delancey, Secretary Amy Creed, Aaron Moreland, Aliceson Cotton, Melanie Baugh, Marla Baugh, Terence Burnside, Stacie Burnside
Quorum Present: Mayor Chris Stringer, Mayor Pro Tem Tyler Bowman and Council Members, Jackson Meyer, Tim Cooper, Justin Wilson and Riley Stringer.

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.

3. Review Department Reports.
   a. Police Department: Shared department statistics from the year. Service calls: 3600 calls, traffic stops: 795 stops (386 citations/409 warnings), reportable incidents: 84, arrests: 27 felony/27 misdemeanor, traffic collisions: down from last year 39 (2 fatalities) 2025 was 63
   b. Public Works Department: We were under an SEP with TCEQ for the blowers at the plant. We got the letter in the mail stating that everything is good with that and in the close out process. We got a quote on the sewer plant roof which is going to be covered under insurance. We got everything covered under the insurance breakdown. City Halls roof is not covered by TML; the contractor doing the roof at the sewer plant also gave us a quote for City Hall. He got everything in for a $19,500 quote.
   c. City Secretary: N/A
4. Discussion and action on fire department budget/contract for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
   Nobody from Fire Department here to present information. They're requesting all their vehicles be on City insurance on the upcoming contract which would cost an additional $5,200.

   Tyler Bowman motioned to amend the contract to not exceed $8,000 per term and to add the equipment as listed on TML. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

5. Discussion and action regarding an Ordinance approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget of the City and providing an effective date. *See Taxpayer Impact Statement Below

   Justin Wilson motioned to approve Ordinance 605 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget beginning October 1, 2026 as presented. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a roll call vote of 4 for 1 against.

6. Conduct a public hearing and receive comments regarding the proposed 2026 property tax rate of $0.654849 per $100 of assessed valuation on taxable property within the incorporated limits of the City of Trenton

   Open: 6:11pm
   No one to speak
   Close: 6:12pm

7. Discussion and action regarding an Ordinance approving the 2026 Certified Property Tax Values, levying taxes and fixing and adopting the tax rate on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City at the rate of $0.654849 per one hundred dollars ($100.00) assessed value

   Jackson Meyer motioned that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.654849, which is effectively a 15.2% increase in the tax rate and that Ordinance 606 be approved as presented. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was approved with a rollcall vote of 4 for 1 against.

8. Discussion and action regarding a Resolution ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY 26-27 Budget

   Jackson Meyer motioned to approve Resolution 586 ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the fiscal year 2026-2027 annual budget. Riley Stringer seconded the motion which was approved with a vote of 4 for 1 against.

9. Discussion and possible action on cleaning processes for the community center and updates to the building.

   Jack providing information. He got a quote for $3,400 for two new doors and 2 new windows which are damaged and allowing dirt to get into the community center. Discussed hiring a cleaner to do a deep clean. Council would like to evaluate the building before we put money into repairs on it.

10. Discussion and possible action on updating the city logo and reviewing street signs.

    Jack providing information and mock up on a new city logo for truck decals, street signs, and City welcome sign. Wanted direction on this prior to moving forward with truck decal and wants to keep all street signs uniform moving forward.

    Tim Cooper motioned to approve updating city logo. Riley Stringer seconded the motion; which was a approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

11. Discussion and possible action on voting for places 1 through 4 of the Board of Trustees for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

    No action taken.

12. Discussion and possible action on zoning ordinance for Indian Creek Addition.

    Aaron Moreland providing information. There are 5 lots for sale on Kelcey Court that have all been plated from awhile back. The lots do not meet the minimum lot width for single family but this was done in 2006. A few of the other items they had listed on the deed that the Council at the time must have taken action on reflecting 5ft inside set backs, our current is 10ft. They did 30ft rather than 25ft front setbacks; there is no list of a rear set back but the utility easement that wraps around the entire property that is 15ft setbacks; our current rear set back is 10ft. We wanted to bring it to Council to make sure that

we were okay with grandfathering these items so the lots don't need to be replatted. There are already existing homes and over half of them have already been built out.

This is specific to this plat with Indian Creek as the plat was approved in 2006 and was approved to prior standards. The plat will stand as is. The plat and previous minutes cover the requirements for this plat. The front and side setbacks are mentioned and the rear is already covered by the easement. Aliceson can work with Aaron to reflect these items documented correctly to get administratively correct.

13. Adjourn Council Meeting.

Tim Cooper 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 6:49pm.

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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 Current Rate vs 2026 No New Revenue Rate vs 2026 Proposed Rate			
	Rate per $100 of Value	**Median-Valued Homestead Property**	**Tax Due**
2025 Adopted Rate	0.589692	$155,590	$918
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.