CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF TRENTON, TEXAS
September 9, 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, Melanie Baugh, Marla Baugh, Caroline Noby, Pastor Bob, John Orozco, Jeremy Strickland
Quorum Present: Mayor Chris Stringer, Mayor Pro Tem Tyler Bowman and Council Members, Jackson Meyer, and Tim Cooper. Justin Wilson and Riley Stringer absent.

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).
   Caroline Noby here to speak on the Community Center. There is a problem with keeping the center clean, especially after people rent it. Wants to know who is responsible for cleaning the Community Center. She keeps it vacuumed/dusted, but is unable to mop.

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 August 3, 2026, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.
   b. Consideration and action to accept minutes from the August 4, 2026, Economic Development 4B meeting.
   c. Consideration and action to approve minutes from the August 5, 2026 City Council meeting.
   d. Consideration and action to approve minutes from the August 19, 2026 Special City Council meeting.

Tyler Bowman motioned to accept the meeting minutes from August 3, 2026 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting; the August 4, 2026 Economic Development 4B meeting; to approve the August 5, 2026 City Council meeting and the August 19, 2026 Special City Council meeting. Jackson Meyer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

4. Review Department Reports.
   a. Police Department: N/A
   b. Public Works Department: We got the new pick up on site.
   c. City Secretary: N/A

5. Discussion and possible action on updating baseball field lights at the City Park to LED lights and lighting the back parking lot.
   Tabled- Nobody here to discuss.

6. Discussion and possible action on accepting a resolution regarding law enforcement grant, Department of Justice, FY 2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide (BIDEN)

Chief Robertson providing information. This would fully fund a full time officer for two years and a police vehicle. There is no financial match by the city. The only requirement is that we are apart of the 287G program which we already are. There is a flock system component which he knows there is a lot of complaints about; but he sees good benefit when used correctly. That is a component that he would hold off on for now to continue monitoring.

Tyler Bowman motioned to pass resolution 585 to submit for law enforcement grant, Department of Justice, FY 2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide. Tim Cooper seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

7. Discussion and possible action on replat of property identified as 663 CR 4536, ID 70262.

Aaron Moreland providing information. This is the Packer addition; they have updated the plat per the prior notes. This is for two lots in the ETJ and has been updated and found compliant per the Subdivision Ordinances. The property does already have a water meter on the property. P&Z recommended approval.

Jackson Meyer motioned to approve the minor replat of property identified as 663 CR 4536, ID 70262. Tyler Bowman seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

8. Discussion and possible action on replat of property identified as 819-861 CR 4625, Trenton, ID 121135.

There was no plat received for review; they had been notified that their application was not administratively complete by Aaron Moreland. No action taken.

9. Discussion and action to appoint Amy Creed as the City's designated investment officer.

Tim Cooper motioned to appoint Amy Creed as the City's designated investment officer. Jackson Meyer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

10. Review the State of Texas investment policy as required by the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code.

This has been reviewed by Council.

11. Discussion and action on the Economic Development 4B Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.

John Orozco presenting budget. Elisha Stufflebeme is the new treasurer however she was unable to be here due to prior commitments. Kept things generally the same as the past years, but have increased our big events and added additional money to the city park improvements.

Tyler Bowman motioned to approve the Economic Development 4B Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget. Jackson Meyer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

12. Discussion and action on fire department budget/contract for FY 2026-2027.

Nobody from fire department here to discuss. Moving to September 23 agenda.

13. Conduct a Public Hearing and receive comments regarding the adoption of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.

Open: 6:20pm

No one to speak.

Close: 6:21pm

14. 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

Tyler Bowman motioned to postpone the adoption to the September 23, 2026 meeting. Jackson Meyer seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

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

Tabled until September 23 meeting

16. 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 (Attorney Consult): 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. To receive legal advice regarding the disannexation of property submitted by Eric Medders.

Execute session opens at 6:25pm

Executive session ends at 6:31pm

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

Jackson Meyer motioned to pay the bills. Tyler Bowman seconded the motion; which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against.

18. Adjourn Council Meeting.

Tyler Bowman motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tim Cooper, which was approved with a vote of 3 for 0 against. Having no additional business, meeting adjourned by Chris Stringer at 6:33pm.

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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.