



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 2025 AT 6PM
CITY HALL
216 HAMILTON STREET, TRENTON, TEXAS 75490

MINUTES

Present for meeting: Chief William Robertson, Secretary Amy Creed, Public Works Director Jack Delancey, attorney Aliceson Cotton, James Day, Aaron Moreland, John Orozco, Bob Williams, Tim Cooper, Shelly Cooper, Dick Demien, Rick Bernas, Brian Blair

Quorum Present: Mayor Chris Stringer, Mayor Pro Tem Tyler Bowman, and Council Members Riley Stringer, Jackson Meyer, Justin Wilson, and Tim Cooper

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

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

2. Approval of Resolution Appointing Tim Cooper to City Council and Administer Oath of Office.

Tyler Bowman motioned to approve Resolution 567 confirming the appointment of Tim Cooper to serve as Council Member, until the General Election in May 2026. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against. Oath of Office administered by City Secretary, Amy Creed.

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

No one to speak during the open forum.

4. 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. Discussion and action to accept minutes from the August 5, 2025 Economic Development Committee 4B meeting.
- b. Discussion and action to accept minutes from the August 25, 2025 Economic Development Committee 4B meeting.
- c. Discussion and action to accept minutes from the August 7, 2025, City Council meeting.
- d. Discussion and action to accept minutes from the August 21, 2025, Special City Council meeting.

Tyler Bowman motioned to approve the meeting minutes from August 5, 2025 Economic Development Committee 4B; August 25, 2025 Economic Development 4B meeting; August 7, 2025, City Council

meeting, and August 21, 2025, Special City Council meeting. Jackson Meyer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 4 for 0 against, 1 abstained.

5. Review Department Reports.

- a. **Police Department:** Update on accident that happened last Saturday in front of the Rockyard between two motorcycles and 1 car.
- b. **Public Works Department:** Providing project updates. Sewer project, still waiting on TDA to approve change order items. Waterline project along 69 is under way and going well, may be a change order due to a sewer line that was found. Waiting on TNMP easement.
- c. **City Secretary:** We hired a new court clerk so if you see a new face around that's why, she was one of the ladies we interviewed when we were doing our initial interviews. She's doing great so far. Reminder for our council meeting next Thursday at 6pm.

6. Discussion on proposed offsite drainage easement related to property located at 120 Holmes Street.

Aaron Moreland providing information. Aliceson and Aaron are reviewing on their end to confirm everything is documented correctly on what was originally agreed to regarding drainage. They have not finished the review on their end so there are no further updates at this time.

7. Discussion and action on authorizing a Third Amendment to the Water Tower Lease Agreement with Rhino Communications, Inc., d/b/a Rise Broadband.

Tabled – they have not gotten back to us after attorney Amy Stanphill sent last updated agreement on September 4th. Moving to next weeks agenda.

8. Discussion and action on proposed disposition of revenue generated from the public vehicle auction on Rene Bates.

The City auctioned off the old firetruck, Ford F250 Public Works vehicle and the 2015 Ford Explorer. This money has not been allocated towards anything. Department heads are interested in updating City Hall. Council will consider for future after looking better over the budget. Department heads will get a better plan together to bring to Council for review.

9. Discussion and action on the Economic Development 4B Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

John Orozco presenting budget. They are wanting to set up goals/visions for City and open up communication more with Council and other committees. Want to continue with the events but trying to conserve some of the funding to utilize towards economic growth. Providing information on possible opportunity regarding the buildings on the square that are owned by the bank.

Moving action item to next meeting September 18.

10. Conduct a Public Hearing and receive comments regarding the adoption of the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

Open: 6:29pm

No one to speak.

Close: 6:30pm

11. Discussion and action regarding an Ordinance approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget of the City and providing an effective date. *See Taxpayer Impact Statement Below

Tabled to September 18th meeting

12. Discussion and action on awarding the contract for the City's Exclusive Solid Waste Agreement.

Council reviewed packet proposals from Republic, Black Jack and Cards. Republic is current provider, they chose not to give actual solicitation but kept with the renewal they provided us prior to our RFP, their contract issues were what prompted us to start the RFP process. Major difference Council considering, Black Jack requires their carts being used, Republic will pick up anything.

Tabled to the September 18th meeting to give Council time to further review packets.

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

Tyler Bowman motioned to pay the monthly bills. Jackson Meyer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

14. 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: 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. Receive legal advice regarding proposed Occupancy License Agreement with Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad, Inc. C/O Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc.

Execute session opens at 6:40pm

Executive session ends at 6:55pm

15. RECONVENE into Open Session and take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

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 6:57pm.



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

