



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 18, 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, attorney Dr. Susan, James Day, Ken Franklin, Samuel Whitley, Rick Bernas, Zac Bohannon, Marla Burks, Melanie Baugh, John Orozco, Tommy Green, Dick Demien

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

Tommy Green – Showing appreciation for their work. During parade, 18 wheeler came through, inquiring about routes of 18 wheelers. Box cars on properties, inquiring about ordinances.

3. Review Department Reports.

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

4. Discussion and action on proposed offsite drainage easement related to property located at 120 Holmes Street.

Tabled – still under review between City Engineer and Attorney

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

They agreed to our terms that were presented from attorney Amy Stanphill on September 4th.

Tyler Bowman motioned to accept the Third Amendment to the Water Tower Lease Agreement with Rhino Communications, Inc d/b/a Rise Broadband. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

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

Tyler Bowman motioned to award the contract for the City's Exclusive Solid Waste Agreement to Republic. Justin Wilson seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

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

Cleared with attorneys that there is no issues with the asbestos testing request.

Tyler Bowman motioned to accept the budget for the Economic Development 4B Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as presented. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

8. 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

Reviewing budget. Made small changes from prior proposed budget to better reflect line items. We received health insurance quotes so we made adjustments to that line item.

Tyler Bowman motioned to adopt Ordinance 597, adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget as presented. Jackson Meyer seconded the motion, which was approved with a roll call vote of 5 for 0 against.

9. Conduct a public hearing and receive comments regarding the proposed 2025 property tax rate of \$0.589692 per \$100 of assessed valuation on taxable property within the incorporated limits of the City of Trenton

Open: 6:22pm

No one to speak.

Close: 6:23pm

10. Discussion and action regarding an Ordinance approving the 2025 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 \$0.589692 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed value

Tyler Bowman motioned to adopt Ordinance 598 approving the tax rate for 2025-2026 at \$0.589692 per hundred dollar assessed value. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a roll call vote of 5 for 0 against.

11. Discussion and action regarding a Resolution ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY 25-26 Budget

RES 568

Tyler Bowman motioned to adopt Resolution 568 ratifying the property tax increase of \$27,493 which is 4.12% added to the tax roll. Jackson Meyer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

12. Discussion and action on fire department contract for FY 2025-2026.

Tyler Bowman motioned to approve the Fire Department contract amended to reflect the amount of \$10,000 per year, \$2,500 per quarter and will be removing the insurance on city owned vehicle, Engine 792, that was sold. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against.

13. 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.

No executive session needed

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

15. Adjourn Council Meeting.

Riley Stringer motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tyler Bowman, which was approved with a vote of 5 for 0 against. Having no additional business, meeting adjourned by Chris Stringer at 6:31pm.



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

