

CITY OF TRINIDAD

Minutes

Thursday, August 19, 2025

A special session of the governing body of the City of Trinidad was held on the 19th of August 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Trinidad, Texas, at which time the following subjects were discussed:

1. **Call to order:** Mayor Pro Tem Clayton Gaddis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Members present were Jeff McClintock, Marie Bannister, Melvin Thompson and Velma Womack.
3. **Invocation:** Invocation was led by Lindsey Patterson.
4. **Citizen Comments:**
 - None

Reports:

Mayor Pro Tem Clayton Gaddis expressed that he had spoken to Jeremy earlier and there was "Nothing new to report" and aqua services continues to work on flushing, Fire hydrant was replaced at Ash and Scruggs in which street was shut down for a short time. Audience correction (new fire hydrant was put on Lee street) Clayton Gaddis explains that in the future the council would like to have reports streamlined for regular sessions allowing the department heads to speak with him or the city administration to provide reports.

Clayton "we're going to have our IT people come in and check our IT and firewall out. Mayor Pro Tem Clayton Gaddis states questions can be directed to Jerrey

Street Dept – Council Member Jeff McClintock speaks for Matt "mowing, mowing and more mowing" Matt showed that the pipes on Lonestar and McEntire was the old cast iron pipe and the pipe was solid. Clayton discussed maps that showed where the old iron pipes.

Municipal court – Shellena Bivens stands to address the council "In July we had 24 new cases files, 2 were dismissed after driver safety, 1 deferred, and one after proof of insurance. We had 2 warrants issues. 9 capias fines – 7 cases in which the fining court cost was paid with jail credit Total paid in \$5235. The city will keep 3300.00. The court software. From August the first through today we have received \$11819. **Verifying that the court software has already paid for itself.** Council woman Marie Bannister asked "how many of these are from the past?" Judge Bivens explains "that there is a combination of old cases and active cases. However, she has been getting call after call being that warrants have been issued on old cases that were never closed out. And that it was not ethical to move forward when the court could not put hands on a case file. Many callers were stating the same thing, that they had paid their ticket with cash or money order and dealt with the problem at the time. She states again that she is getting the repeated story that the monies were paid at the time. Everything is stated in the notes of the new system and she has done around 100 dismissals that the prosecutor will have to sign off on. That the amount of repeated identical reports is concerning. Judge Bivens states that she spoke up about some of her concerns throughout the years but it fell on deaf ears. Mayor Pro Tem

Clayton asks how much the software costs. Judge Bivens states that it was around \$15000.00 and it has essentially paid for itself this year already. We are locked into 5500-5600 range. Clayton asks to be transparent and asks how long ago court was for those calling in stating they had taken care of it. Judge Bivens states that some of them were but she didn't want to state specific years because she didn't want to throw shade on anyone. However, it was the same story that they had gone to night court. Some went back to 2006.

Report from Chief of Police Sean Foley – Chief Foley – in the month of July there were 14 citations. Chief Foley explains that reserves are his unpaid officers. He states one of officers McKinney had a heart attack, and he is helping with grant funds for radios. He was working on an applicant Greg Long that has a good calm temper and another applicant withdrew from. He states that he has turned in his budget and his biggest request is nighttime coverage. That he had put in his notice at his place in Dallas and will be down here. He discusses the bulk of calls after hours are when people need help. He states we have things going on around the clock. He says she needs to check in on Zippy Js employees when they are closing and opening. Chief Foley discusses that traffic is a priority. He states there are a lot of ordinance complaints. He states that Roy Standfield sent in 18 pictures and Chief Foley is in the process we have 302 calls from the citizens. Chief Foley explains that we get calls from Key Ranch and that Key Ranch is not apart of Trinidad. He stated that he assisted Malakoff PD twice and that he wants to be a good partner to our neighboring town.

Report from EDC – Lisa Hebrank addresses council. It is on the agenda tonight about the land were trying to buy from the padrone family. It is under contract with an amendment about taxes. Heard from the realtor about storage unit. She states that the owner wants \$50K and she didn't respond to that. Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis, "if we approve this when would the closing date be?" Lisa Hebrank "I believe the 22nd

No one present for planning and zoning for report – Dusty Bannister states, "they didn't have a meeting this month. No notification to anyone of a cancellation or change. There were people waiting to attend and no one from the Planning and Zoning showed up"

Mayor Protem Clayton asks "we don't currently have anything from the city administrator at this time because of short notice"

Item 5 hearing on tax rate – Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis explains the rules of the tax rate and tax code. He states that the tax rate will be going up a fraction of a cent so it would not be necessary to have a vote on it, Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis explains the 3 options that are available to government regarding raising their taxes. Jerry Bannister asks for clarification on exactly how much the taxes are going up. Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis explains that it is a fraction of a cent. Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis states that he is putting it forward so they can prepare budgets

Item 6: accepting the voter approval tax 0.4815011 for every \$100. Marie motions to accept the voter approval tax rate Jeff McClintock 2nds that motion. Aye 4-0 Motion passed

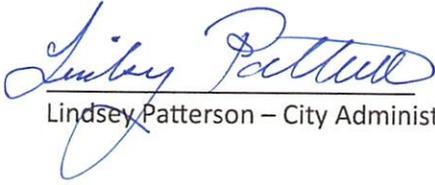
Item 7 consider requesting Lisa Hebrank's resignation from the interim city administrator –

Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis expresses thanks and appreciation for her stepping in and handling the position on such short notice. Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis makes motion to accept Lisa Hebrank's resignation, Council woman Marie Bannister 2nds the motion. 4-0 passes

Convened into executive session at 6:38 pm pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.074, to discuss the interim city administrator and appointment

5. **Reconvened into open session at 7:42 p.m.**
6. **Consider the hiring of Lindsey Patterson as the interim city administrator/ secretary.** Council Woman Marie Bannister motions to approve Lindsey Patterson as city interim city administrator/ secretary Jeff McClintock 2nds motion. **Motion Passes 4-0**
7. **Consider the amendment of City Ordinance 2022-008 in order to expand eligibility.** Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis would like to have the ordinance that has been redlined. They would like the new and the old to verify the language and accept at a later date. Melvin states that "it looks the same to him" Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis suggests that the language is to include being able to live within 10 miles out of town, had a business in the town. He states the ordinance was initially adopted in 2022 restricting eligibility to those that lived within Trinidad city limits. **Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis would like to run the language by attorney. All agree. Jeff McClintock makes motion to amend motion 2022-008 to expand eligibility of serving on the planning and zoning committee.**
8. **Item 12- Considering the EDC purchase of property on highway 31** – Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis explains that the EDC is buyer and seller is Mr. Carlos Padrone.. Agreement to spend \$30K. Splitting closing costs with the seller, Carlos Padrone is covering all the taxes for this year. Council discusses performance agreements and contracts. Jerry Bannister discusses CAD and how the price changed significantly. Council woman Marie Bannister makes motion to accept the purchasing the property. Council woman Velma Womack 2nds the motion. Passes 4-0
9. **Discussing item 13** – Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis, states that he probably won't set up a special session for next Tuesday but should be updated on Thursday.
10. **Council Member Inquiry Time: Pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code Sec. 551.042 the Mayor or Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this agenda. Responses are limited to a recitation of existing policy, or a statement of specific information given in response to the inquiry.** Council members did not have anything to state during council member inquiry time.
11. **Consent Agenda – approval of monthly invoices – Mayor Protem Clayton Gaddis remove that out and table that – the only thing was minutes July 3, July 15 regular session, July 24 special session, August 14 Special session minutes approved. Jeff McClintock makes motion to table consent agenda to pay monthly invoices, Velma Womack 2nds. 5-0 Motion passes. Jeff McClintock makes a motion to approve the minutes of July 3, 2025, July 15, 2025, July 24, 2025 August 14, 2025. Council Woman Velma Womack 25nd 5-0 motion passes**

12. Adjournment: Jeff McClintock made the motion to adjourn. Marie Bannister seconds the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Lindsey Patterson – City Administrator/Secretary



Clayton Gaddis – Mayor Protem