

CITY OF TRINIDAD

Regular City Council Minutes

Friday November 6, 2025

A regular city council session of the governing body of the City of Trinidad was held on the 18th day of November of 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Trinidad, Texas, 100 Park St, Trinidad TX 75163 at which time the following subjects were discussed:

1. **Call to order and establishment of quorum:** Mayor Pro Tem Marie Bannister called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Melvin Thompson, Marrie Bannister, Velma Womack,
2. **Invocation:** Invocation was led by Mayor Dennis Haws. Dennis Haws leads in stating the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Citizen Comments:**
 - Betty Sanders inquiries about city employee Salaries
4. **Discuss and consider policy & procedure regarding city lake-** Council discussed that the gates should be open at all times to allow residents early morning and evening access to the lake. Cameras would be put up and patrols in the area increased. Marie Bannister motions to keep lake gates open at all times and to take off the current fee to access the lake. Velma Womack 2nd the motion. **3/0 Motion passes.**
5. **Discuss and consider Ordinance changing policy and procedure/rates for the community center.** Council members discuss that the current rates may be too high which would be the reasoning that the community center is rarely rented. Councilman Melvin Thompson motion to drop the current fees from \$450 (outside city limits) to \$250 & For those living within the city limits, \$250 down to \$150. Marie Bannister 2nd the motion. **3/0 Motion passes**
6. **Discuss and consider action pertaining to the appointment and reappointment of current and recommended members of the Planning & Zoning Committee-** Marie Bannister states "I have recently looked at the minutes for the planning and zoning committee. There are no minutes available for public viewing any time past August of 2024. This is violation of the TOMA act. She was also made aware that discussions were taking place on items that were not on the planning and zoning agenda. For these reasons, she feels that the planning and zoning committee needs to be disbanded until others that will abide by the proper laws and procedures are willing to step up. Councilman Melvin Thompson asks the audience "is there anyone from the planning and zoning here tonight?" Betty Sanders stands up. Melvin Thompson asks "do you have anything to say on behalf of the planning and zoning? Is there anything that you would like to say?" Betty

Sanders shakes her head “no” and sits down. Marrie Bannister motions to disband the planning and zoning. Melvin Thompson 2nd. 3/0 Motion passes.

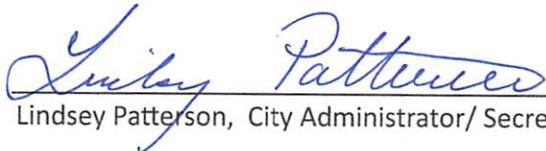
7. **Discuss and consider action pertaining to the appointment and reappointment of current and recommended members of the EDC** - Lisa Hebrank, president of the EDC speaks that they are recommending Jerry Bannister and Rebecca Polk. Councilman Melvin Thompson makes motion to accept the recommended applicants to the EDC. Velma Womack 2nd. 3/0 Motion passes
8. **FY 2025-2026 Budget Review & Agreement for Public Hearing.** Marie Bannister reminds the audience there needs to be a 10 day newspaper posting prior to the Public Hearing to adopt the budget.
9. **October 21, 2025 minutes – Councilman Melvin Thompson motions to approve minutes.**
Velama Womack 2nd. 3/0 motion passes
10. **Adjournment:** Councilman Melvin Thompson makes the motion to adjourn, with a second from Councilwoman Velma Womack. Three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Signed:



Marie Bannister, Mayor ProTem

Attest:



Lindsey Patterson, City Administrator/ Secretary