

CITY OF TRINIDAD  
Regular City Council Minutes  
Canvas Election Votes

Friday November 14, 2025

A regular city council session of the governing body of the City of Trinidad was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 Marie Bannister called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Melvin Thompson and Velma Womack. Jeff McClintock was absent.
2. **Invocation:** Invocation was led by Lindsey Patterson.
3. **Citizen Comments:**
  - No Comment.
4. **Canvas the Votes:** Mayor Pro tem Marie Bannister reads the official count. Dennis Haws for Mayor 70 Votes. Council Members, Marie Bannister received 54 Votes, Leah Melton received 46 votes. Velma Womack received 43. There was a total of 198 Votes cast in the election this term. Councilman Melvin Thompson makes a motion that we accept the canvass. Velma Womack 2nds, Motion Carried 3-0
5. **Judge Bivens swears in Dennis Haws for Mayor**
6. **Judge Bivens swears in Marie Bannister and Leah Melton for council person**
7. Mayor Dennis Haws takes gavel. Marie Bannister makes motion to accept the appointment of Velma Womack to city council. Councilwoman Leah Melton 2nds the motion. Motion carried 3-0
8. Councilman Melvin Thompson makes motion to accept the resignation of Jeff McClintock, Marie Bannister 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-0 Motion carries
9. Councilwoman Marie Bannister makes motion to appoint Paul Kern for the vacant council at large seat. Velma Womack 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion . 4-0 Motion Carries
10. Judge Bivens swears in Paul Kern as council person at large.

**11. Council Members 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:**

Dennis Haws states : “It is an honor to be up here with you guys. I am going to make two commitments to you. One, they will not run me out of this chair no matter what. Two, I will support you at all times. We may not agree on things at times but I will support you and respect you and I will ask the same of you”

Person from the audience speaks “congratulations Trinidad!”

Councilman Melvin Thompson states “In the 6 or 8 months that I have been up here, this is the first time we’ve had a full house and it’s exciting. I’m looking forward to all of you”. Mayor Dennis Haws “We can’t row the city if we don’t have a cohesive council and we need to maintain that”

**12. Adjournment:** Councilwoman Leah Melton makes the motion to adjourn, with a second from Councilwoman Marie Bannister. Three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Signed:   
Dennis Haws, Mayor

Attest:   
Lindsey Patterson, City Administrator/ Secretary