

CITY OF TRINIDAD  
Regular City Council Minutes  
Friday November 18, 2025

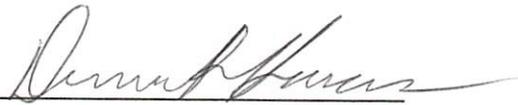
A regular city council session of the governing body of the City of Trinidad was held on the **18<sup>th</sup> day of November of 2025** beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Trinidad, Texas, 100 Park St, Trinidad TX 75163 at which time the following subjects were discussed:

1. **Call to order and establishment of quorum:** Mayor Dennis Haws called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Melvin Thompson, Marrie Bannister, Velma Womack, Leah Melton, Paul Kern
  
2. **Invocation:** Invocation was led by Mayor Dennis Haws. Dennis Haws leads in stating the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
3. **Citizen Comments:**
  - None
  
4. **Reports :**
  - **City Administrator Lindsey Patterson gives city report:** Monthly financial status, provides status on sales and property taxes. Market insights Pizza 31 that bring additional tax revenue and steady contribution. Discusses the uptick in business activity. City admin discusses judicial issues that cost the city close to \$3000 due to slow decision making on part of justice of the peace. The seized dogs went to rescues. Discuss that ordinances will be introduced to assist the city in financial recovery after animal seizures. Interest from Black Mountain representing client Rhett Bennett. The locations for data center inquired about were behind the school and FM 1667. This is in introductory stages. City Admin discusses the technology upgrades. City admin relays the meeting with SPI engineering stating that the roadway near Dollar general is close to collapse and needs to be dealt with. The problem has been an issue of neglect for a long time.
  
  - **Chief of Police Charles Gregory –** 114 Citations 42 warnings 36 calls for service 9 offence reports, 0 incident reports, 1 car crashes, 2 impounded vehicles and 4 arrests. Discussed a foot chase and was able to quicken the search with thermal drone. 5 agency assists. Stated that the PD was working to mitigate the dog seizure, impound costs to the city. Looking into different solutions. Introduced Officer Beckham with 21 years of law enforcement experience.

- **Municipal Court Judge Bivens –** it was another great month, 111 new cases filed, 8 dismissed after completion of driver safety course. 14 dismissed after deferred disposition. 2 after proof of financial responsibility 0 juvenile cases. 4 cases satisfied with jail credit. Total received for month \$18920. City will keep \$10848. In the process of getting upgrade to court software I ticket. Just needs to be implemented. Reports reflect the hard work of the PD
  - **Water Plant Operator – Not present**
  - **Street Department – Alex Estrada** –Introduces himself, explains that he is becoming educated to step into supervisor position. Finished the mowing season, and dig up asphalt and put in rock. Discased tree trimming and interridge trimming. If there are any streets that need attention, please advise of after the meeting.
  - **EDC Lisa Hebrank – Discussed** the new committee members. Discussed the farmer’s market. David Godwin doing audit and will be rescinding contract with previous auditor. Still searching for business
5. **Discuss and consider waiving community center fee for Trinity Babtist church.** - Angela Valdez spoke along with Ginger Downey Council woman Marie Bannister makes motioned to allow the Trinity Babtist Church to use community center for free for Christmas Celebration 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of December every year. Velma Womack 2<sup>nd</sup> 5/0 Motion carried
6. **Promotion of Robert McCumsey – Chief Gregory explains exemplary work ethic-presented plaque to Sargent Robert McCumsey**
7. **Discuss and Consider Trinidad Farmers Market -** Mayor states that “Ginger and Angela Veldez\_Council Woman Leah Metlon asks about the area and suggests the community center. Mayor Haws states there are several vendors out of Tool that are interested in Trinidad. Mayor Haws asks City administrator about Market research; City admin discusses the time and costs that would potentially work. Melvin Thompson suggests off time from other cities. Jerry Bannister states that he doesn’t think that people will want to be out in the heat of the afternoon. Council Woman Leah Melton talks about how many people jump around to different places. Ginger discusses the starting out fees and \$25 to reserve and get back if you show up. 10x10 or 10x20 space. Jerry Bannister talks about food trucks at the market, and councilman Paul Kern talks about different food

sources. Mayor Haws asks about establishing a fee. City Administrator discusses different vendors that would come. Mayor Haws asks about fees. Ginger volunteers her time to help. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month starting January 3 2026. Also consider First Monday. Once a month until spring or April to start doing weekly markets. Mayor Dennis Haws postpones the discussion to be picked up later.

8. **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:** Council woman Marie Bannister discusses redeveloping the Planning and Zoning and also starting a community event committee to assist with community events
9. **Consent Agenda** – Council woman Marie Bannister makes motion to approve payment of monthly invoices. Councilwoman Velma Womack 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5/0 motion carries
10. **Adjournment:** Councilwoman Marrie Bannister makes the motion to adjourn, with a second from Councilwoman Velma Womack . 5/0 The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Signed:   
Dennis Haws, Mayor

Attest:   
Lindsey Patterson, City Administrator/ Secretary