

## CITY OF TRINIDAD

### Minutes

**Thursday, February 12, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.  
TRINIDAD CITY HALL, 100 PARK STREET**

A Workshop session of the governing body of the City of Trinidad was held on the 12th day of February 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Trinidad, Texas, at which time the following subjects were discussed:

- 1. Call to Order: Mayor Dennis Haws called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and established a quorum.**
- 2. Roll Call: Members present were Marie Bannister, Melvin Thompson, Velma Womack, Leah Melton, & Paul Kern**
- 3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was led by Mayor Dennis Haws.**

### **WORK SESSION (No action was taken on the following agenda items)**

#### **4. Discuss and Consider TCOLE Fine of \$1,000 – Docket #25-3292-01**

Council discussed the TCOLE fine in the amount of \$1,000 under Docket #25-3292-01. Discussion included the circumstances surrounding the fine, corrective measures, and prevention of future violations. No action was taken.

#### **5. Discuss and Consider Water and Sewer Rates**

Council reviewed current water and sewer rates. Discussion included operational costs, infrastructure expenses, sustainability of current rates, and potential future adjustments. No action was taken.

#### **6. Discuss and Consider Building Inspector Options**

Council discussed available options for building inspection services, including contracting, shared services, and qualifications required. No action was taken.

#### **7. Discuss and Consider All Personnel Titles and Job Descriptions of Trinidad Employees**

Council reviewed current personnel titles and job descriptions. Mayor Haws read each employee's job description. Discussion included organizational structure, clarity of roles, accountability, and potential revisions. Discussion included that Aqua Services Owner and Operator Jeremy Crocker answers Soley to the council. Police Chief Gregory, Public Works Director Anthony Livingston, and City Judge answer solely to the Council as well not the City Administrator. There was discussion on why the Judge was made full-time (not by Council)

when that position was always a Part-time Position. Council consultation with City Attorney advised to discuss an individual's job performance an executive session would have to be held. To have that executive session it would have to be in a regular meeting and each individual employee that was to be discussed would have to be listed on that agenda. No action was taken.

**8. Discuss and Consider Code and Ordinance Changes Presented by Planning & Zoning**

Council discussed proposed code and ordinance changes presented by Planning & Zoning. Discussion focused on compliance, clarity, and future growth considerations. No action was taken.

**9. Discuss and consider the EDC Paying a Portion of the Annual Fiscal Audit Back to the City**

Council discussed the possibility of the Economic Development Corporation contributing a portion of the annual fiscal audit expense to the City. Financial impact and statutory considerations were discussed. City Administrator Lindsey Patterson stated that historically the city paid \$25k & EDC paid \$7k. Jerry Bannister stated that the EDC was under the impression that the total price of \$30k was covering the EDC & City combined. Melvin Thompson stated that it was told to them by the Auditor that the City Audit quote included for the EDC. City Administrator stated to Council that if we don't do the Audit then we wouldn't get our property taxes. The council state that the EDC should discuss this. No action was taken.

**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 the agenda. Responses are limited to a recitation of existing policy, or statement of specific information given in response to the inquiry:

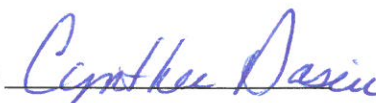
**Consent Agenda:** No minute to approve.

**Adjournment-** Marie Bannister motion to adjourn meeting. Leah Melton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Passed 5/0.

**Approved on:** *March 17, 2024*

Mayor: 

Dennis Haws

Interim City Administrator/Secretary: 

Cynthia Dosier