

**CITY OF TRINIDAD**  
**Minutes**

**March 16, 2021**

A regular meeting of the governing body of the City of Trinidad was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall in Trinidad, Texas, at which time the following subjects were discussed:

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Pro Tem Chris Quinn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Councilpersons present at the meeting were Don Brawner, Velma Womack and Marie Bannister.
3. **Invocation:** The invocation was given by Chris Quinn.
4. **Open forum:** Gary Hobbs discussed his lots off of Birdsong and wanting to place mobile home on lots.
5. **Work Session**
  - *Matt Mizell – discuss closing Boatwright Road:* Mr. Mizell asked that the council close a portion of Boatwright Road. The section from the corner past his home on Boatwright to through traffic. He feels it's not totally closing Boatwright Road access because the traffic could exit in the direction of Old River Road. Council discussed that they would have to get with City Attorney and all properties that the closing would affect before a decision could be made.
  - *Commander Greg Callow, VFW – Discuss Police Department and water:* He began by passing out two articles on each of our police officers. Commander Callow feels that the police department was following customers once they leave the VFW. His example was following a VFW customer all the way north to their home from Hwy 274. He said he has a security officer and his bar staff has been trained to cut off drinks when there is a problem of intoxication. His other complaint was with the water and the quality of water. David Walker told him that if he ever had problem with water to give him a call and also told him he would come by on Wednesday to check his water and take a sample.
  - *Discuss zoning for the City of Trinidad:* Not much discussion other than referring to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
  - *Report from Police Department:* Chief Miers discussed the monthly violation activity and updated everyone on the police vehicles.
  - *Report from Water Operator/Street Dept.:* David updated the council on the clearwell modifications and the modification of the chemical feed pump. He discussed how Matt and he are working on the empty building at the sewer plant and fixing it up to make it a sewer lab. This way they won't have to go to the water plant and run sewer tests. The sewer plant needs fencing on three sides due to the cows getting into the lagoons which is a TCEQ violation. The lift station also needs fence work. Matt talked about the Jay Street lift station and the much needed repairs, which could be around \$10,000.
  - *Report from Municipal Court:* Judge Mathis presented her monthly report of the court.

- *Report from Matt Maddox – update on street and maintenance and update on Jay Street lift station:* Matt discussed the need to update the Jay Street lift station. They patched roads and worked on water leaks.
- *Report from David Walker – Update on water plant and sewer plant, clearwell modifications, building at sewer plant and fencing and modification of chemical feed pump:* David is awaiting approval from TCEQ for clearwell standpipe installation. New fence to repair falling down fence at the sewer plant is set to begin after reviewing bids. Permanganate installation has been approved by TCEQ; Retaining wall has eroded and needs to be fixed according to TCEQ. In the process of getting bids.
- *Report from TEDC:* Chris Quinn presented the report for the EDC.
- *Report from City Administrator concerning monthly financial reports:* The following was presented:
  - Updated all bank account balances
  - Payroll report for February 2021
  - Check registers and P & L for General Fund and System Fund
  - Updated council on the new City Hall.
  - With the approval from the Mayor, the city purchased a 2008 Ford F350 LX Super Duty Crew Cab Dump Body Pickup from Rene Bates Auctioneers, City of Grand Prairie (\$16,500 plus fees) from System Fund account.
  - With approval from the council, the city purchased a 18 ft trailer for Public Works (\$7747.75) from System Fund account.

***The council took a break from 8:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m***

6. ***Consider and approve award of engineering services for the TxCDBG application:*** Motion was made by Velma Womack to award the engineering services to Hayter Engineering for the TxCDBG grant. Marie Bannister seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. ***Consider and approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for a TxCDBG program grant:*** Motion was made by Marie Bannister to approve the resolution for submission of application for grant. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
8. ***Consider and approve the Public Property Finance Act Contract No. 9385 dated as of January 19, 2021 by and between the City of Trinidad and Government Capital Corporation:*** Motion was made by Don Brawner to approve Contract 9385 for police vehicles. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
9. ***Consider and approve changing Prosecutor from Rebecca Ray to Brad Hendricks:*** Motion was made by Don Brawner to approve Brad Hendricks as Prosecutor. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Review and consider Racial Profiling report from Chief Miers:** Motion was made by Velma Womack to accept the Racial Profiling report as presented by Chief Miers. Don Brawner seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Consider and approve Resolution No. 2021-002, Resolution to Support of Application for NIBRS Grant:** Velma Womack made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-002 for the NIBRS Grant. Don Brawner seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Consider and approve Contract Amendment with Peace Maker Technologies and the City of Trinidad:** Velma Womack made a motion to approve the contract amendment with Peace Maker. Marie Bannister seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. Consider and approve Anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C. to perform the audit for the City of Trinidad for fiscal year ending 9/30/2020:** Don Brawner made a motion to approve Marx & Bohl to perform audit. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. Convened into executive session at 8:20 p.m. pursuant to Section 551.074, deliberation personnel.**

**15. Reconvened into open session at 9:00 p.m. to take action as appropriate in the Council's discretion regarding personnel:**

No action taken.

**16. Council Members Inquiry Time:** No comments made.

**17. Consent Agenda:** All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will then be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

a. **Approval of payments of monthly invoices**

b. **Approval of the following minutes:**

- January 19, 2021
- February 16, 2021 No meeting due to Winter Storm

All payments and minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Marie Bannister to approve monthly invoices. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**18. Adjourn:** Motion was made by Velma Womack to adjourn. Don Brawner seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Quinn, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Terri R. Newhouse, City Secretary

