

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

**July 20 2021**

A Public Hearing and Regular Session of the governing body of the City of Trinidad was held on the 20<sup>h</sup> day of July 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:** Don Brawner, Mayor Pro Tem, 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. Roy Stanfield joined the meeting
3. **Open forum:** No comments made
4. **Public Hearings - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**David Walker**

**Consumer Confidence Report – 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.**

**No questions or comments.**

5. **WORK SESSION** (no action to be taken on following agenda items)
  - **Dennis Cooper – his land in Trinidad:** Dennis Cooper did not attend the meeting.
  - **Report from Chief of Police:** The Chief passed out his report. The City has entered into an Interlocal Agreement with Henderson County for warrant service. Ryan Cate presented his report on Code Enforcement.
  - **Report from Municipal Court.** The Judge presented the report for citations and revenue from the citations.
  - **Report from Matt Maddox:** Presented street department and the activity that was done in the month of June.
  - **Report from David Walker:** David Walker presented his water report and updated the council on clearwell modifications.
  - **Report from TEDC** EDC report was given and discussed any upcoming prospects.
  - **Report from City Administrator:**
    - Updated all bank account balances
    - Payroll report for June 2021
    - Check registers and P & L for General Fund and System Fund
    - Update on American Relief Fund
    - Overpayment from East Cedar Creek for water sales. Refunded to East Cedar Creek \$64,922.15
    - After six weeks of advertising for the position of water clerk, three applications were received. Elaine Jordan was hired as the new water clerk to take Susan Stanfield place due to retirement..

6. **Review and consider entering in an agreement between Henderson County Sheriff's Office and the City of Trinidad for warrants and detention services:** Motion was made by Don Brawner to approve the agreement between Henderson County Sheriff's office and the City of Trinidad for warrant service. Velma Womack seconds the motion.
7. **Possible action concerning performance agreement with Gary Hobbs:** Don Brawner discussed the performance agreement between EDC and Gary Hobbs. He told the council that the due date on the agreement was December 2020 at which time, if Mr. Hobbs has not completed the meat processing plant as promised, he would have to reimburse 80% of the \$15,000 he was given by the EDC. He said he came to the EDC in an attempt to ask questions about the agreement and was told at that time that the EDC has not requested the 80% repayment from Mr. Hobbs. Don Brawner made a motion to ask the city attorney to send Gary Hobbs a demand letter to refund the EDC 80% of the \$15,000 he was given within 30 days of the date of the letter. If it is not paid within the 30 days, a lien will be placed on the property. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Mr. Brawner asked for a vote individually: Don Brawner, Velma Womack and Roy Stanfield voted yes and Marie Bannister voted no. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Brawner wanted it noted that Marie Bannister is the mother of Jerry Bannister, President of the EDC.
8. **Review and consider Resolution 2021-006, a Resolution of the City of Trinidad, Texas, authorizing the submission of an application to become a reservation system participant for home funds to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; granting authority to the Mayor Pro Tem to execute any and all other instruments requisite in implementing said resolution, and authorizing the City Administrator to authenticate the Mayor Pro Tem's signature to any and all other instruments requisite in implementing said resolution:** Motion was made by Don Brawner to approve Resolution No. 2021-006 as stated above. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Consider transfer from Reserve M & O to General Fund for payment of a drug K-9 along with certification and training of officers and the K-9:** Don Brawner made a motion to transfer money from Reserve M & O to fund the purchase of a canine and training. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Consider Ordinance No. 2021-001, an Ordinance of the City of Trinidad, Texas, ordering special election for the November 2, 2021 uniform election date to fill unexpired terms of one councilmember position for a term of one year; ordering the general election for November 2, 2021 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and electing two (2) city council members to a term of two years; establishing the procedure for the special election in Trinidad, Texas, and providing for related matters:** Don Brawner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-001 ordering a special and general election on November 2, 2021. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
11. **Council Members Inquiry Time:** No comments made.



**12. 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:**

- June 15, 2021

All payments and minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Don Brawner to approve monthly invoices and minutes with corrections. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. Adjourn:** Motion was made by Don Brawner to adjourn. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Don Brawner, Mayor Pro Tem

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