

CITY OF TRINIDAD
Minutes

September 21, 2021

A Public Hearing and Regular Session of the governing body of the City of Trinidad was held on the 21st day of September 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 5:33 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Councilpersons present at the meeting were Don Brawner, Velma Womack, Marie Bannister and Roy Stanfield
3. **Invocation:** The invocation was given by Velma Womack.
4. **Open forum:** No comments in open forum
5. **WORK SESSION** (no action to be taken on following agenda items)
 - **Dennis Cooper – his property on Hwy 31:** Mr. Cooper did not attend the meeting.
 - **Report from Chief of Police:** The Chief passed out his report and reviewed the monthly activity.
 - **Report from Municipal Court.** The Judge was absent from the meeting. The City Administrator presented her report.
 - **Report from Matt Maddox:** Presented street department and the activity that was done in the month of August. Updated council on McClintock lift station repairs..
 - **Report from David Walker:** David Walker was not present at the meeting due to working on reports for the upcoming inspection from TCEQ.
 - **Report from TEDC:** EDC report was given by Jerry Bannister. Ace Hardware would not be coming to Trinidad but he talked about the Whorton property being available..
 - **Report from City Administrator:** The Mayor Pro Tem skipped the City Administrator reports. All council members received the following in their packet.
 - All bank account balances
 - Payroll report for August 2021
 - Check registers and P & L for General Fund and System Fund
 - Resignations of EDC members; Teresa Crawford, Jeff McClintock and Billy Ray Hornbuckle
6. **Consideration and action on the removal and/or appointment of a member or members to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors:** Don Brawner made a motion to remove the existing board members from EDC and take applications for the month of October. After the November election, the new seated city council will review applications that were submitted and appoint new EDC board members. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Ms. Bannister asked why he wanted to remove the board. The Mayor Pro Tem said he's not going to get into a discussion at this time. The Mayor Pro Tem poled the city council for their vote..

Motion passed by Roy Stanfield, Don Brawner and Velma Womack voting yes and Marie Bannister voting no. After Ms. Bannister voted, she said she didn't think the Mayor Pro Tem should be on the council and as she was leaving she said she would see him in court. She left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

7. **Budget Session:** The City Administrator gave each council member a copy of the System Fund Revenue and Expenses for their review.
8. Convened into executive session at 6:20 p.m.pursuant to Section 551.074, Tex. Gov't Code, to deliberate employees and the water plant.
9. Reconvened into open session at 7:15 p.m. to take action as appropriate in the Council's discretion regarding the employees and the water plant.

There was no action taken.

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

11. **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:**
 - August 17, 2021

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

12. **Adjourn:** Motion was made by Don Brawner to adjourn. Velma Womack seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Signed: _____
Don Brawner, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: _____
Terri R. Newhouse, City Secretary