

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRINITY
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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinity was held on December 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall in Trinity, Texas. The following Council members were present:

Mayor: Lyle Stubbs

Mayor Pro-Tem: Wayne Huffman

Councilman: Neal Smith , Clegg DeWalt and Chris Dennis

City Manager: Phil Patchett

1. **Call meeting to order.** -- Mayor Lyle Stubbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and verified that a Quorum was present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of minutes Regular Meeting on November 13, 2008.** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve. Councilman Neal Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion was carried.
3. **Approve bills for payment.** – Councilman Neal Smith made the motion to approve bills for payment. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion was carried.
4. **City Manager’s Report** -- Our total funds as of December 11, 2008 are \$182,124.87. Our checking account balance is \$174,330.84. Accounts payable are \$94,377.98. Account receivables are \$97,120.70. The Municipal Court collected \$10,099.00 for the month of November 2008 with the OMNI Program collecting \$5,014.00 of that total. The sales tax collected for December 2008 is \$47,548.98. The Fire Department donations for the month of November 2008 were \$197.00. The water collections for the month of November 2008 were \$88,711.67.
City Manager Phil Patchett read the letter from TCEQ regarding the 2008 Public Recognition Award for the city. TCEQ is recognizing water systems in Texas for their outstanding performance for the previous five years. He also announced that Suddenlink will be raising their fees by \$2.50 a month as of the 11th of December, 2008. There is a 4% increase at the landfill at the first of the year. City Manager Phil Patchett reminded everyone about the Christmas Dinner for the needy and the elderly to be held on December 13, 2008 at 11 AM.
5. **Old Business**
 - A. **Discussion and action on any grant related business.** – City Manager Phil Patchett talked with Carl at Klotz and Associates and he also talked to Billy Goodin about his comments about not being able to make some changes in front of his building. Mr. Patchett gave Mr. Goodin the engineer’s phone number since the Council said they wanted him to deal with the engineer directly.

6. New Business

- A. Discussion and action if necessary with Bob Dawkins and Connie Fogle concerning the progress of the TNT Sub Region Planning Commission.** Connie Fogle stated that TXDOT will no longer be ensuing the Trans Texas Corridor thru our area. They will instead set their sites on doing an upgrade on Highway 59. There are now nine sub-regional commissions in the State of Texas. TNT (Trinity-Neches Texas) meets monthly. TNT received a letter from the district engineer, Dennis Cooley, telling us that the I-69 Trans Texas Corridor will still be in the body of the Tier 1 final environmental study. TXDOT can put the project on hold for a couple of years and go right back to their original plans. Should the federal highway administration approve the final environmental study with both the existing facilities and the new corridor in the final report, TNT believes TXDOT will use this legal loophole to build a new I-69 TTC rather than upgrading Hwy. 59. We ask the EPA the give Tier 1 environmental studies a saving grade and send it back to TXDOT district engineer, Dennis Cooley along with two other engineers. Ms. Fogle will keep us informed of any TXDOT activities, which she feels they will continue to go after the TTC in the same area as originally planned, especially in Trinity County.
- B. Discussion and action concerning the bid opening for roof replacement at City Hall Complex.** The City received two bids for the roof replacement. The first bid was from Grimsley Construction in the amount of \$36,500.00. The second bid was from Kimbro Contract Service in the amount of \$41,250.00. Both were bid for 26 gauge metal. Councilman Neal Smith made the motion to award the contract to Grimsley Construction. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and action regarding an I & I Study by Klotz Associates for the sanitary sewer system.** City Manager stated we are required by TCEQ to do an I & I Study which would be done by an engineer from Klotz and Associates. Mr. Patchett will meet next week and go over some problem areas in as far as infiltration. The Study will be broken down into a seven year time frame. The cost will not go over \$5000.00. Councilman Neal Smith made the motion to approve it. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and action concerning the city's participation in a Sanitary Sewer Initiative Over Flow with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality.** City Manager Phil Patchett stated that this is actually a follow-up to the I & I Study. Mr. Patchett would like for the City to apply for the SSO. The benefit is during the time we are in the SSO, if we have any problems, rather than facing fines or other monetary problems, we could use that money and put it back into the system. This is a huge benefit to keep the City of Trinity out of enforcement and instead, put the money back where it needs to be. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the adopt it. Councilman Neal Smith 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

- E. Discussion and Action with Jesse Paddy concerning sewer line installation on Hamilton Street.** This discussion took place during the Executive Session.
- F. Discussion and Action concerning clean-up with Kenneth Newton.** City Ordinance Officer Kenneth Newton reported seven cases he has worked on in the past month with a total nine (9) cases that have been forwarded to Judge Kinsel.
- G. Citizens Forum.** There were no comments from any citizens at this time.

Executive Session:

- A. Discussion concerning personnel under Gov. Code 551.074.**

7. Reconvene in open session:

- A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session pending Gov. Code 551.074.**

- 8. Adjourn:** Councilman Neal Smith made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

**Lyle Stubbs
Mayor**

**Phil Patchett
City Manager**