

**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 March 12, 2009 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, Chris Dennis and Clegg DeWalt

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 for Regular Meeting February 12, 2009.** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman made the motion to approve. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion 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 carried.
4. **City Manager’s Report** -- Our total funds as of March 12, 2009 is \$470,787.25. Our checking account balance is \$391,729.77. Accounts payable are \$101,984.70. Account receivables are \$94,327.62. The Municipal Court collected \$22,370.00 for the month of February 2009 with the OMNI Program collecting \$13,000.00 of that total. The sales tax collected for March 2009 is \$43,812.10. The Fire Department donations for the month of February 2009 were \$209.00. The water collections for the month of February 2009 were \$110,822.54.

City Manager Phil Patchett stated he has finally signed off on the RPA’s with FEMA from Hurricane Ike for the VFD, Police Dept., generators and some for the Burning Hope church generators. The amount should be in the area of \$105,000.00. The TRA report reflected an average of 182,000 gallons of water per day for the past month. According to TRA’s fiscal year, we show to be a little over \$84,000.00 in the black. Concerning Bert Robert’s easement, we have just received Mr. Robert’s legal description and the plat map in the mail which should be completed next week and will be ready for approval at the next city council meeting. Mr. Patchett also informed the council of several inspections from TCEQ concerning the water system and the wastewater plant. There are some repairs that need to be made such as build a fence at the well and enlarge the overflow pipe. He also read a letter he received from TCEQ concerning the corrective action plan.

5. **Old Business**

Discussion and action on any grant related business. – City Manager Phil Patchett stated that the Texas Capital Fund (sidewalk project) is going very nicely. Windstream has already moved their pole.

Concerning the Home Grants, one of the applicants has passed away. We are attempting to get their ship papers for Otis Barnes, who was her caretaker for several years and award the home to him.

As far as the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant, Mr. Patchett said they attended a DETCOG meeting in Crockett last month and met with the regional review committee. The project received a favorable review and will move on the state for approval to be funded.

6. New Business

A. Discussion and action with Mr. Leon Sandifer regarding the American Legion. Mr. Leon Sandifer would like to relinquish the right to use the Community Center annex for meetings as they do not have enough members to make a quorum. He would like to reserve the right to use the facility should they ever build up the memberships. They will pack up their property and keep it in the canister should they ever want to use it. Councilman Wayne made the motion to approve the request. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and action with Ms. Kay Hendricks regarding 2009 car show and Mr. Cecil Heisch dedication. Ms. Hendricks invited everyone there to the dedication on March 28, 2009 at Avalon Place. There will be 2 plaques to present. One will be for Cecil Heisch and will be Heisch Lake and the other will be for Andy Wilson and will be Wilson Pavilion. Also, the Annual Car Show will be held on May 2, 2009 at Avalon Place. Ms. Hendricks also stated that April is National Donate Life month and would like for the council and the Mayor would proclaim April as Donate Life Month. They are trying to get people to register to donate their organs as it is not done on the drivers' license anymore. Mayor Stubbs agreed to proclaim April as National Life month.

C. Discussion and action concerning 2nd reading and passage of ordinance #09-0001, an ordinance regulating street solicitation in the City of Trinity. Councilman Neal Smith made the motion to pass the ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and action regarding appointment judge for May 9th General Election. Councilman Neal Smith asked the council to appoint Sherri Pruitt as election judge. Councilman Clegg DeWalt 2nd the motion. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and Action concerning clean-up with Ken Newton. For the month of February, there are 2 houses up for possible demolition and 2 owners contacted about cleaning up their property. The owner of the mobile home destroyed by the hurricane is still trying to get the trailer removed. The property owner at Sabine and Oak was informed that he must submit an application with all the necessary information to rent out lots for mobile homes. The council requested that Mr. Newton send a “thank you” letter for those property owners who have complied to his letters.

F. Citizen’s Forum

G. Discussion and Action concerning building inspection policies and procedures. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Huffman said we should give Mr. Gene Greer a few more weeks until his health improves to talk to him regarding the trailer behind Trinity Discount Tire.

7. Executive Session:

A. Discussion concerning personnel under Gov.Code 551.074.

8. Reconvene in open session:

A. Action necessary as a result of Executive Session regarding personnel under Gov.Code 551.074.

9. Adjourn. –Mayor Lyle Stubbs adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. There was no other discussion.

Lyle Stubbs
Mayor

Phil Patchett
City Manager