



City of Trinity
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 14, 2026
City Council Chambers

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mayor Richard McNabb
Mayor Pro-Tem Robbie Walker
Councilmember Ed Lohr
Councilmember Debbie Jacky
Councilmember Paul Welborn
Councilmember Barry Allison

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Michael Burroughs
City Clerk Darien Comer
Public Works Director Rodney Johnson
Planning Director Jill Wood
Finance Director Crystal Postell
RCSO Sgt. Sanders

1. Mayor McNabb called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.
2. Mayor McNabb led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Welborn gave the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker read the Disruption of Official Meetings NCGS 143-318.17 to the audience.

3. Review, amend if needed, and approve Proposed Regular Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Welborn, amend the agenda to reschedule 6-h Landmark Designation for Leach -Morgan House, 1847 at 5655 Meadowbrook Drive to October 12, 2026, Seconded by Councilmember Allison.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Lohr, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

Motion made by Councilmember Jacky to amend the agenda to add 5-f block party on Carriage House, October 24th from 2-8 to consent and to approve the agenda as amended, Seconded by Councilmember Welborn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Lohr, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

4. Recognitions and Presentations

5. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2026
- b. Approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2026
- c. Finance and Budget Items
- d. Project Ordinance 26 - 05: To Establish the National Fitness Campaign (NFC) Project
- e. Budget Ordinance 26 - 09. Amendment to both the General Fund and Sewer Fund Annual Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026 to Appropriate Fund Balance to Align Budgets to start the Auditing Process
- f. Block party on Carriage House, October 24, 2026 from 2 - 8PM.

Motion made by Councilmember Allison to approve the consent agenda as amended, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Lohr, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

6. Action Items

- a. Budget Ordinance 26 - 10: A Technical Budget Amendment for the City of Trinity, Randolph County North Carolina Fee Schedule

Manager Burroughs explained that the fee schedule did not transfer over to the new Budget Ordinance. This is just a technical correction.

Motion made by Councilmember Welborn to accept, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Lohr, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn

- b. Resolution 26 - 11: To Establish a Credit Card Rebate Use Policy

Finance Director Crystal Postell explained that the City receives monthly credit card rebate revenues through its purchasing card program. These revenues constitute public funds, therefore they must be budgeted, appropriated, accounted for, and expended for lawful public purposes in accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, including NCGS159 - 8, NCGS 159 - 13, and NCGS 159 - 28, as well as other applicable laws and City financial policies.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker to approve, Seconded by Councilmember Jacky.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Lohr, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

- c. Part Time Office Assistant
- d. Internship

Manager Burroughs presented to the Council a Budget amendment for the part-time Office Assistant position and for an Intern.

Motion made by Councilmember Allison, Seconded by Councilmember Jacky.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

Voting Nay: Councilmember Lohr

- e. Appoint two City Members to the Archdale/Trinity Chamber

Manager Burroughs asked for suggestions of names to appoint to the Archdale/Trinity Chamber. This will be discussed at the October City Council meeting.

- f. Appoint two Planning and Zoning Board Members

Manager Burroughs presented three names to the Council for appointment as Alternates to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Caleb Friedenbach
Kirby Heard
Charlette Coleman

Motion made by Councilmember Welborn, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Lohr, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

- g. Revision of the Fire Prevention Ordinance

Manager Burroughs stated that the current budget includes the installation of fire hydrants to support emergency services to the public. A review of the Fire Department has resulted in the need for an amendment to the code. Davidson Water does not allow permanent Storz connections on hydrants, so they have requested the sections that address the connections be revised. Staff recommend a text amendment as a compromise between Davidson Water's requirements and the fire department's need for the connections.

Motion made by Councilmember Allison to approve the revision of the fire prevention ordinance, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Lohr, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

- h. Landmark Designation for Leach - Morgan House, 1847 at 5655 Meadowbrook Dr.

This has been rescheduled for the October 12th meeting for a public hearing.

7. Public Comment Period

Lori Bass at 4451 Regina St. had a general inquiry about the Maintenance metal storage building. She spoke with Barry Allison and thought she understood him saying there was something wrong with the

building. Mr. Allison stated that he had never been to see the building, and he did not say that. Ms. Bass rode around the building and saw that it was rusted out in the back on four panels. She was inquiring about the warranty on the building.

Greg Mauldin at 5171 Ellen Ave. owner of High Point Builders the company that built the maintenance metal building about 12 years ago. Mr. Mauldin stated that there is a 20 - 25-year manufacturer warranty on the metal building. His concern is that he was contacted a few months ago that the building was coming down because of rotten walls. He stated the City was taking the building down for rotten walls, and no one has contacted the metal building manufacturer or High Point Builders about it. Members of Council stated the walls weren't a factor and that this decision was due to construction of the park.

Motion made by Councilmember Welborn to close the Public Hearing, Seconded by Councilmember Jacky.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Lohr, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

8. City Manager and Staff Reports

- a. Private Community Pump Station Discussion (Public Works Director Rodney Johnson)

Public Works Director Rodney Johnson is asking for guidance on which way to address whether we allow private community pump stations in the future. Our ordinance does not have it stated currently.

Motion made by Councilmember Jacky to prohibit private community pump stations, Seconded by Councilmember Welborn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Lohr, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

- b. On Street Parking Update

Manager Burroughs informed the Council that the ticket books for writing No Parking tickets will be delivered by October 2nd. per communication with the printing company. The City will provide the Sheriff's Office with these ticket books so that deputies can start issuing tickets to violators.

- c. NCDEQ Compliance Inspection Report

Manager Burroughs informed the Council that NCDEQ conducted a site inspection with Trinity staff on June 18th. No violations were determined during the inspection. Manager Burroughs thanked his staff for the due diligence and continual hard work that is put into the City every day, ensuring that Trinity operates in lawful parameters.

- d. EPA Compliance Evaluation Inspection

Manager Burroughs reported to the Council that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) performed a site visit in Trinity on June 25th. The EPA reported that the report passed with overall great results "especially when compared to other reports in the state." He mentioned how proud of the hard work and dedication that his staff puts into the City of Trinity ensuring that it runs smoothly. Between the State and the Federal Government inspections a week apart these good reports reflect how Trinity staff operates.

- e. Addressing Councilmember Lohr's questions

Councilmember Lohr expressed concerns about the following subjects:

Councilmember Lohr states his concerns regarding the City's zoning and sign ordinances. Businesses leave because of signs not being permitted and some businesses build sidewalks to nowhere. He would like to see the City do away with these Ordinances. Manager Burroughs indicated that staff could research specific ordinance provisions based on the direction of the Council.

Councilmember Lohr also discussed concerns related to trash collection services involving staffs time out servicing trash concerns.

Councilmember Lohr questions the decision to change the elections. He has concerns regarding the process used to change the election without notifying the public and public hearings. He stated to Mayor Pro Tem Walker that he wanted the change in election because he was afraid of losing the majority. He also said he was hoping the Lawyer would be here so he could have him arrested and kicked out.

- f. GFOA Excellence in Financial Reporting two years in a row

Manager Burroughs stated that for two years in a row the City of Trinity has been recognized Nationally for Financial Excellence. The City of Trinity Finance Department is 1 of 3 municipalities in Randolph County to receive this prestigious national financial management recognition for two consecutive years. GFOA Triple Crown Achievement places the City among an elite group of local governments recognized nationally for excellence in financial reporting, budgeting, and fiscal management. Trinity is one of only nineteen entities in North Carolina to have achieved and maintained the GFOA Triple Crown distinction.

9. Mayor and Council Discussion

Mayor Pro Tem Walker addressed the statements Councilmember Lohr brought up. He explained that the motion to move municipal elections to even-numbered years was intended to increase voter participation, citing significantly higher turnout during even year elections and similar changes made by neighboring municipalities. The proposal was made solely to encourage greater public participation.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker also addressed concerns regarding City taxes and services, noting that residents receive services throughout the entire City such as law enforcement and fire department services. Sewer may not be feasible due to geographic and infrastructure limitations. He also stated that current sewer rates are affected by the City of Thomasville and expressed hope that the connection to High Point will help stabilize future rates.

Regarding City ordinances, Mayor Pro Tem Walker stated that ordinances are necessary to address property and community standards and provide protection for residents, while acknowledging that the City should continue evaluating whether its regulations are appropriate.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker concluded by expressing frustration with criticism directed toward Council and the City. He stated that additional comments may be provided at a future meeting.

10. Closed Session

- a. Closed Session - Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) for Personnel.

Motion made by Councilmember Jacky to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Personnel, Seconded by Councilmember Welborn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Lohr, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

Councilmember Lohr left unexcused at 7:10 before Council went into Closed Session.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker to go out of Closed Session, Seconded by Councilmember Welborn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker to go into Open Session, Seconded by Councilmember Jacky.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

11. Upcoming Events

- a. Planning and Zoning Board Meeting on September 21, 2026
- b. Jacob Carroll Trash Pick Up - October 2, 2026

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember Welborn, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Walker, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

Attest:

Richard McNabb, Mayor

Darien P. Comer, City Clerk