



City of Trinity
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Trinity City Hall Annex

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 Stevie Cox
City Clerk Darien Comer
Finance Director Crystal Postell
Public Works Director Rodney Johnson
Planner Jill Wood
Attorney Bob Wilhoit
Randolph County Sheriff Sgt. Clarkston Cox
MSI Consultant Carrie Spencer

1. Mayor McNabb called the meeting to order and welcomed guests and visitors.
2. Mayor McNabb led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.
3. **Review, amend if needed, and approve Proposed Regular Agenda**

Motion made by Councilmember Allison to amend the Agenda by adding a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3) Legal, a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 142-318 (a)(6) Personnel and a Presentation by Clarkston Cox, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Walker. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Walker, Councilmember Lohr, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

4. Public Comment Period

None

5. Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of the City Council Annual Retreat Minutes from February 4, 2025**
- b. **Approval of the City Council Ordinance Workshop Minutes for March 6, 2025**
- c. **Approval of the Special Called City Council Minutes for March 6, 2025**
- d. **Approval of Closed Session Minutes for March 6, 2025**
- e. **Approval of the Special Called City Council Minutes for March 20, 2025**
- f. **Approval of the Budget Workshop One Minutes for March 20, 2025**
- g. **Approval of the Budget Workshop Two Minutes for March 27, 2025**
- h. **Budget Ordinance 25-03 Powell Bill Resurfacing**
- i. **Reappointment of Josh Fish to the Planning and Zoning Board**
- j. **Finance Director's City of Trinity Financial Statements**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Walker to approve as presented, Seconded by Councilmember Allison. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Walker, Councilmember Lohr, Councilmember Jacky, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison

6. Public Hearing

a. Request for Property Rezoning - 0 Merle Dr PIN #7707673796

Jill Wood presented a request for property owner Bobby Earnhart to rezone property O Merle Drive PIN #7707673796. The owner is requesting that .92 acres be rezoned from RA to R20. It is the desire of the developer to divide the existing lot and build two single family residential structures as per the site plan. The Planning Board has recommended approval of the request.

Speaking For:

Andy Aikens was in support of the rezoning.

Speaking Against:

None

Motion made by Councilmember Jacky to rezone O Merle Drive from RA to R-20, Seconded by Councilmember Lohr.

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

b. Adoption of Land Management Ordinance

Carrie Spencer with Municipal Services, Inc. presented the final draft of the Land Management Ordinance (LMO). The Planning Board on February 24, 2025 voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the proposed Land Management Ordinance to the City Council

Speaking For:

None

Speaking Against:

Linda Gantt at 5916 NC Hwy 62, requested that if there is a truck terminal in the ordinance that it be taken out.

Motion made by Councilmember Jacky to adopt the City of Trinity Land Management Ordinances presented and as changed from the current ordinances according to the document: Proposed Changes to the City of Trinity Permanent Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances dated April 14, 2025, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Walker.

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

7. Action Agenda

a. Kevin Franklin, Randolph County Economic Development Corp.

Kevin Franklin, Randolph County Economic Development Corp. (EDC), was present to explain to the Council some of the ways the EDC contributes to the City of Trinity's Industry development.

b. Sgt. Clarkston Cox

Sgt. Clarkston Cox of the Randolph County Sheriff Department presented to the Council a radar trailer report. Sgt. Cox also informed the Council of his retiring on November 30, 2025.

c. Approval of the Five-Year Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Plan

Stevie Cox City Manager presented a request for the Council to approve and adopt the Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Walker to approve the five-year Park and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan, Seconded by Councilmember Allison.

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

d. Appointment to Archdale-Trinity Chamber of Commerce Board

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Walker to appoint Councilmember Barry Allison to the Archdale- Trinity Chamber of Commerce Board, Seconded by Councilmember Welborn.

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

e. Appointment to Guil-Rand Fire Department Commission

Motion made by Councilmember Allison to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Walker to the Guil-Rand Fire Department Commission, Seconded by Councilmember Jacky.

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

f. Call for a Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 Annual Budget

Stevie Cox, the Trinity City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, quoted, I am responsible for developing a description of the significant changes and highlights of the budget and program priorities and submit them to City Council with the proposed Fiscal Year Budget. I am pleased to present the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 running through June 30, 2026. The City's budget, a carefully constructed plan for the operation of the City, has been developed over the past six months by the City's Management Team and City Council. It is a balanced and workable outline for the expenditure of funds to continue the services that provide for the public safety, welfare, and quality of life of all the citizens of Trinity. The budget reflects City Council's and Management's continued commitment to long-range strategic planning and City Staffs teamwork and collaboration in providing high-value services to Trinity's citizens and customers. This budget letter provides a high-level summary of some major components of the budget and the prior year's accomplishments. The other sections of the budget document outline the budget in much more detail, both in departmental summary and by specific fund. The proposed budget reflects a fiscally responsible approach to meeting current demands while maintaining the City's strong financial position. Furthermore, it provides a look at future budgetary demands.

Motion made by Councilmember Allison to hold a public hearing at the May 2025 City Council meeting, Seconded by Councilmember Welborn.

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

Closed Session added to the Agenda per Attorney Bob Wilhoit for Legal Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3).

Motion made by Councilmember Welborn to add a Closed Session to the agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Jacky.

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

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

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

Motion made by Councilmember Allison to close the Closed Session and return to Open Session, Seconded by Councilmember Welborn.

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

Motion made by Councilmember Jacky to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Personnel NCGS 142- 318(a)(6), Seconded by Councilmember Welborn.

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

Councilmember Jacky left the Closed Session and Meeting unexcused.

Motion made by Councilmember Welborn to go out of Closed Session and back into Open Session, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Walker.

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

8. Mayor, Council and City Manager Updates

Stevie Cox City Manager reminded the Council of the Lunch with Lawmakers on Friday, May 2.

9. Adjournment

Councilmember Lohr left the meeting unexcused before the adjournment.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Walker to adjourn, Seconded by Councilmember Allison.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Walker, Councilmember Welborn, Councilmember Allison.

Attest:

Richard McNabb, Mayor

Darien P. Comer, City Clerk