



City of Trinity
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 09, 2026

Trinity 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 Services Director Rodney Johnson
Finance Director Crystal Postell
Planning Director Jill Wood
City Attorney Bob Wilhoit
Randolph County Sheriff 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.
3. **Review, amend if needed, and approve Proposed Regular Agenda**

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

4. Recognitions and Presentations

- a. **Proclamation of Honor and Recognition - Trinity High School Wrestling Team State Championship**

Mayor McNabb recognized and read the Proclamation of Honor for the Trinity High School Wrestling team winning the State Championship. The Coaches and team members were present.

5. Public Comment Period

Bob Howard at 6821 NC Hwy 62, Feels that he has been treated unfairly about using the property that belongs to the City for his trailers to sit on.

Susan White Odell Hutto was representing her father who lives at 4582 Colonial Heights. She expressed concerns for sink holes and manholes overflowing on the property caused by Bellawood Subdivision.

Joe Gray at 4329 Montana Dr, is the President of the HOA for this neighborhood. They are having problems with a resident parking and blocking the street. He would like to have the ordinance enforced and possible signs for no parking.

Lori Bass at 4451 Regina St, was requesting public records of the ordinances. She is reporting a sink hole on her property. Her barn is under water, her trees are dying and more sink holes are appearing.

6. Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026**
- b. **Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026**

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

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

7. Old Business

- a. **Councils continued investigation and analysis concerning the possible removal of the substandard structure located at 5515 Rockford Dr. per NCGS 160D-1203**

Mrs. Gray's nephew was present on her behalf. They are currently waiting for a report from the engineer to move forward with the contractor. Their intention is to proceed with repairs on the house. Funding is already available; they are simply awaiting the engineers' report to move forward.

Motion made by Councilmember Allison, to Table until the May 11th meeting, if they have a building permit before then and show proof they will not have to be on the agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Welborn.

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

8. Finance and Budget Items

- a. **Finance Director Crystal Postell will request Council accept Financial Statements for February 2026**

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, Councilmember Allison

9. Public Hearing

- a. **Planning Director Jill Wood will present a Rezoning Request by Mr. Walter Ashe, who is requesting that 0.97 acres located on NC Hwy 62, PIN #6797222736, be rezoned from GB-CZ to GB (General Business).**

Planning Director Jill Wood presented a rezoning request for Walter Ashe, Trinity, North Carolina, for 0.97 acres located on NC Hwy 62, PIN # 6797222736, be rezoned from GB-CZ to GB. It is the desire of the property owner to have the Conditional Zoning removed from the property. The Planning Board heard this request at a public meeting on February 16, 2026, and recommended unanimously that the City Council approve the request as it is consistent with the Trinity Land Use Plan.

Speaking For:

Walter Ashe at 4995 Meadowbrook Rd is the property owner. In the past, there were a lot of buffers added to the property. Mr. Ashe worked with DOT about an entrance to the property. One is suggested for the back side of the property also and that is what this hearing is about. Our main concern is to do the buffers that are already in place instead of having a 20ft buffer.

Speaking Against:

None

Mrs. Wood researched the minutes, from the original rezoning case and there was no one that spoke in opposition at the city council meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember Welborn to remove the conditions off of the Property that is listed in this rezoning request, Seconded by Councilmember Lohr.

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

10. Action Items

- a. **Public Services Director Rodney Johnson will present a street map and ordinance to establish 25mph speed limit on certain city streets**

Public Services Director Rodney Johnson presented the Council with a list of the City owned streets. The desire of the Council is to change the ordinance for City owned and maintained streets inside the municipal corporate limits from 35 to 25 miles per hour.

Motion made by Councilmember Jacky to approve the change from 35 to 25 miles per hour, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker.

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

11. City Manager and Staff Reports

Mr. Burroughs presented a Power Point Presentation on the following:

- a. **Manager Burroughs Updates Council of School Bus speeding issue.**

Mr. Burroughs contacted Principal Johnson from Wheatmore High School and Principal Toth from Trinity High School, and they were both unaware of the school buses speeding or rolling stop signs. There will be an investigation.

- b. Manager Burroughs will report to the Council that the City will be part of Randolph County's Celebration of Americas 250th birthday.**

Mr. Burroughs asked Council for their ideas to go over at the retreat to honor our veterans and honor America for Americas 250th Birthday.

- c. Manager Burroughs report of Demolition of Braxton Craven School.**

Mr. Burroughs spoke with the County Manager about the demolition of Braxton Craven School. This is a Randolph County School System Project. They funded it but contracted the work. Demolition started last week on the school building, but the gym will not be destroyed.

- d. Manager Burroughs Manhole report 5750 NC Hwy 62.**

Mr. Burroughs went out with Councilmember Lohr and resident Earl Fields to investigate the manhole. There was a concern. An infiltration cap was placed inside the manhole.

12. Mayor and Council Discussion

Public Services Director Rodney Johnson explained to Council that he and Mr. Burroughs and Mr. Walker met Lori Bass at her house and went over the issues with her. Mr. Johnson explained that he told Mrs. Bass that there was a solution and that the City would have it fixed. He stated that he was confused where the misinformation was coming from and that the City was not helping her out. He also said that the complaint from Mrs. Hutto was not directly related to the sink hole issues on Mrs. Bass' property.

13. Upcoming Events

- a. Thursday March 12th at 9:00 AM City Council will hold a Planning Retreat at Guil-Rand Fire Department, 10506 S. Main St. Archdale, NC.**

Mayor McNabb reminded the Council and staff of the Planning Retreat on the 12th of March at 9:00 AM.

14. Adjournment

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

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

Attest:

Richard McNabb, Mayor

Darien P. Comer, City Clerk