

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

- Mayor Binnie called the meeting to order at 2:00PM. Council members in attendance: Morgan, Ratzlaff, Binnie, Bhardwaj, Fulkerson
- City Staff in attendance: City Manager Steve Albright, City Clerk Gabriel Adams, and City Attorney Paul Hagen.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. CLOSED SESSION** – There was no closed session for this meeting.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion (Fulkerson/Ratzlaff) to approve the agenda as written. Passed unanimously.*

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – No minutes to approve.

**VI. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

**Bhardwaj:** Planning Commission met last Wednesday regarding Trail Signage and voted to delay the item for 60 days.

**Binnie:** Announced that Planning Commissioner Lin resigned last week, and thanked him for many years of service. Also, the banner poles at the entrance of Town have been badly damaged. He suggested removing them altogether.

**Fulkerson:** New bus shelters will be installed at HTA bus stops soon.

**VII. STAFF REPORTS**

No staff reports were given.

**VIII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR** - (*Three (3) minute limit per Speaker unless Council approves request for extended time.*)

There were no items from the floor.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA** – *No consent items.*

**X. AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2010-01 – OWTS Ordinance Amendment

City Manager Albright explained that this is the second reading and public hearing for adoption of proposed Ordinance 2010-01. This Ordinance will amend Ordinance 2008-03.

After lengthy work and public review by the Trinidad Planning Commission, the City Council in 2008 approved the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Ordinance (2008-03). This Ordinance amends the City's Municipal Code by requiring a process of permitting and inspecting septic systems in the City. The goal is to increase public safety and improve water quality.

One of the requirements of the Ordinance was for the Planning Commission to prepare and approve "Guidelines" that would identify many of the implementation requirements of the program. In carrying out this responsibility, the Planning Commission has recommended that the City Council instead be named to approve the Guidelines. In a letter to the City Council dated December 4, 2009, the Commission stated that the Guidelines will mandate both implementation and enforcement requirements, and these policy decisions should be the responsibility of the City Council and/or the City Manager.

Following is the Section of the OWTS Ordinance is proposed to be amended:

**Section 1:12 – OWTS Guidelines**

This ordinance shall be supplemented with guidelines to aid in the interpretation and implementation of the ordinance and to allow for adaptive management of the OWTS Program. The Guidelines shall become effective when adopted by resolution of the ***Planning Commission and shall be made a part of this ordinance as Appendix B. Guidelines issued pursuant to this section may be amended from time to time as needed by staff after Planning Commission approval to provide clarification to these ordinance provisions.***

This ***bold/italics*** portion of this section is proposed to be changed to the following language (changes underlined):

.....by resolution of the ***City Council and shall be made a part of this ordinance as Appendix B. Guidelines issued pursuant to this section may be amended from time to time as needed by staff after City Council approval to provide clarification to these ordinance provisions.***

There was no comments from the public or Council.

*Motion (Fulkerson/Bhardwaj) to amend and adopt the OWTS Ordinance 2010-01. Passed unanimously.*

2. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2010-02 – 72-Hour Parking Restriction.

City Manager Albright explained that this is the second reading and public hearing for adoption of proposed Ordinance 2010-02. This parking limitation is standard in many cities and is enabled by State legislation.

Trinidad Police Chief Ken Thrailkill has requested that the City's Traffic Code be amended to include a provision that would allow the Police Department to enforce a 72-hour parking limitation on City streets. This request is in response to numerous complaints regarding either abandoned vehicles or vehicles that are simply parked and left at a single location indefinitely.

Proposed Ordinance 2010-02 would amend the Code by inserting provision **10.04.125** and would read as follows:

***"It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to be parked on any street or alley for seventy-two or more consecutive hours. Any such vehicle parked or left standing on violation of this section may be removed by order of a City police officer."***

There were no comments from the Council or public.

*Motion (Bhardwaj/Fulkerson) to amend and adopt the OWTS Ordinance 2010-02. Passed unanimously.*

3. Award of Construction Contract for Museum ARRA/TE Project.

City Manager Albright explained that the City was awarded a grant in 2009 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for \$186,000 to complete the public access and related improvements to the new Trinidad Museum. It is listed as Federal Project No. ESPL-5036(010), "Museum Access Project."

This federal funding is channeled through the California Department of Transportation. In December 2009, CALTRANS authorized the construction funds to be released. On February 21, 2010, the City had published a public solicitation for competitive bids. The bid period ended on March 17, 2010, and three qualified bids were received.

The low responsive bidder is Gray Construction from Hydesville, CA. Gray Construction will be using three named sub-contractors: Charles Netzow Construction, Jim McLaughlin Landscaping, and RCM Electric. The low bid of \$152,221 is just within the authorized construction budget.

There were no comments from the Council or public.

*Motion (Fulkerson/Bhardwaj) to award the construction project for Project 5036(010) to Gray Construction for \$152,221, and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Gray Construction on behalf of the City of Trinidad. Passed unanimously.*

**XI. COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting ended at 3:45pm.

**Submitted by:**

**Approved by:**

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**Gabriel Adams**  
City Clerk

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**Stan Binnie**  
Mayor