

Minutes of the *Regular* Trenton Town Corporation Meeting held on Tuesday March 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., in the Trenton Town Hall, 17 East Main, Trenton, Utah.

Present:	Mayor:	Erick Simmonds
	Councilmember:	Kyle Kingston
		Stacey Wangsgard
		Donny Merrill
		John Nelson
	Clerk	Macall Smith

Guests: Kacee John, Trenton Water Operator, Paul Wangsgard, Andrea Diamond, Ed Cottle, Janet Cottle, Cleone Allsop, Darin Mathis, Paula Goodfellow, Ted Andrew and Roger Nelson.

Mayor Simmonds called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The audience and the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Simmonds asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 3, 2026, MEETING AGENDA, WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Approval of the Minutes

Mayor Simmonds asked for approval of the February 3, 2026, meeting minutes. COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 3, 2026 MEETING MINUTES AS PRINTED WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Approval of the February 2026 Checks

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2026 CHECKS AS PRINTED WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Public Comment

Roger Nelson asked about the increase in garbage rates. Clerk Smith stated that Waste Management increased rates and expressed that she anticipated them raising rates every year.

7:00- Matt Regan- presentation of 2024-2025 annual audit

Matt Regan attended the meeting and reviewed the 2025 fiscal year audit with the Council. He explained that the Agreed upon Procedure has a list of 30 areas for him to check. He listed several and noted that Trenton had no findings on 28 areas of compliance. He reviewed the different funds owned by Trenton. He reviewed page 10 and the general fund stating that there is over 800 thousand dollars in the general fund and 100 thousand dollars in the Capitol Projects fund. He said that the town added ¼ of what came in to the surplus in the general fund. He explained that the water department had a surplus of 300 thousand dollars. Mr. Regan reviewed page 28 that discussed that the town paid off \$85,000 in water bonds, with 1.4 million dollars still owed with about \$30,000 in interest paid on the bonds. He shared that the water department added \$17,000 to their surplus.

Review of business license application

The Council discussed updating the business license application to require that the applicant attends the meeting where it is being discussed. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO ADD A LINE THAT STATES THAT IF THE APPLICANT ISN'T IN ATTENDANCE THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE APPROVED WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDING THE MOTION

AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Water Rates

Councilmember Nelson stated that this is an ongoing conversation and stated that he would like to have a Council workshop to discuss options for rates and overage amounts and play with the numbers to see what will work best for the town.

Water hook-up ordinance

Councilmember Nelson stated that proposed revisions to the water hookup ordinance, which was discussed at the December meeting, would increase the water hookups from two to six. He stated that the Water Master Plan isn't finished but that they have talked with Lewiston, and they are only interested in selling water through the water district. He continued by saying that he is still working on talking with Amalga and Cornish and waiting for the Water Master Plan, explaining that part of the plan is a water study, which evaluates peak use. He reviewed numbers from 2025 and stated that at the peak usage in June the town spilled 17 thousand gallons, and peak use in July of 2024 the town spilled 70 K gallons. He said that the springs are losing water. Based on his discussion with the engineer preparing the Water Master Plan, and the positive feedback from him, Councilmember Nelson proposed that the Council increase the number of meters issued to 6, with a revisiting of the issue in 3 months. He shared that the town got a grant to replace all the meters with a cellular reading meter. Janet Cottle asked what they were talking about with the other communities. Paul Wangsgard asked when the interlocal agreement with Amalga was signed. Councilmember Nelson stated that he would like to talk with Cornish about the possibility of selling them water in the winter months. The Council discussed how much water the new IFA agronomy center would use. Ted Andrew stated that he would like to see 4 meters given out not 6 and Paula Goodfellow stated that she didn't like increasing hook-ups until more data was available. Mr. Andrew asked about the accuracy of leakage in the water system. Councilmember Nelson shared that there is 20 million gallons of unaccounted water usage. Janet Cottle asked who would be getting the additional meters, Councilmember Nelson stated that everyone would be getting the new style meters. Councilmember Wangsgard asked if the town could talk with Lewiston about the amount of water that is being used by IFA. Councilmember Kingston stated that he has a map of the water lines to the fire hydrants. Councilmember Wangsgard liked the idea of increasing the meters to 4 and not 6 and reevaluating with the potential to increase the number in 3 months after the system has been reevaluated. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOOK-UPS FROM 2 TO 6 WITH THE ISSUE BEING REEVALUATED IN NOVEMBER, COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDED THE MOTION WITH MAYOR SIMMONDS AND COUNCILMEMBERS MERRILL, KINGSTON AND NELSON VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION, THE MOTION PASSED. Councilmember Merrill asked about assigning watering days during the summer to help take some demand off the system. Councilmember Nelson shared that he has heard that this could make for an increase in water usage. The Council discussed putting meters on the springs to measure the water flows. Mayor Simmonds asked about making sure that the meter at IFA is reading correctly. He shared that after talking with Rural Water they have indicated that towns that work together on water projects are more likely to get funding.

Town Clean-up Day

Mayor Simmonds stated that Sheri Newton has discussed a proposal for a town clean-up day. She suggested April 18th and is willing to head up the effort. The council approved a dumpster for the clean-up as well as having a green waste bin in town throughout the summer.

Parks/ Recreation/ Cemetery update

Councilmember Wangsgard discussed the CDBG paperwork, she also asked about how much cement would be needed on the project at the park. Mayor Simmonds stated that they would need enough to finish the bathroom and sidewalk at the park. The Council discussed the bathroom project at the park.

Councilmember Wangsgard stated that she would chair the Easter Egg hunt this year, saying that she would be using prefilled easter eggs. She asked for ideas for someone to chair the lunch for the 24th and discussed donation for the 24th along with the citizen of the year, she also mentioned that there is a time capsule in the bell tower at the park and wondered about opening it up.

Roads update

Councilmember Merrill shared that the pot hole created by the recent water hook-up install along 1600 South has been filled with road base. Ted Andrew thanked Councilmember Kingston for the great job with plowing snow this winter. Councilmember Merrill proposed that the town hold off on the road rebuild along 800 South until fall to not impact the irrigation season. He shared that West Cache Canal is looking into grants that would help cover the cost of replacing the pipe that runs under 800 South. Paul Wangsgard asked about skipping this section and moving to the next phase of the project this year. Councilmember Merrill shared that they can't do this because the engineering hasn't been done on phase 3 of the project. He stated that the town needs an access management plan, and that this is being worked on. He stated that the road department will be dealing with a few right-of-way issues over the next few projects.

Water update

Councilmember Nelson shared that with the change to the number of hook-ups given out the following were in line to get a water hook-up this year: Brice Sadler, Tim & Jana Richards, Marlene Rodrigues, Guillermo Bustos, Benjiman & Andrea Diamond and Paul and Stacey Wangsgard.

Planning & Zoning update

Councilmember Kingston shared that the Planning Commission approved a temporary dwelling permit at the last meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:47 PM WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Minutes approved Mayor Erick Simmonds