

Minutes of the *Regular* Meeting of the Trenton Town Council held on Tuesday June 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., in the Trenton Town Hall, 17 East Main Street, Trenton, Utah.

Present:	Mayor:	Erick Simmonds
	Councilmember:	Kyle Kingston
		Stacey Wangsgard
		John Nelson 7:08 p.m.
	Clerk	Macall Smith
Excused	Councilmember	Donny Merrill

Guests: Janet Cottle, Darrell Merrill ,Cleone Allsop, Sheri Newton, Mark Adams, Katie Adams, Tawni Fanning, Tom Griffin, Dale Buxton and Roger Nelson.

MAYOR SIMMONDS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Simmonds asked for a motion to approve the agenda. COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 16, 2026, MEETING AGENDA, WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Simmonds asked for a motion to approve the May 5, 2026, meeting minutes. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 5, 2026, MEETING MINUTES WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Mayor Simmonds asked for a motion to approve the May 27, 2026, meeting minutes. COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 27, 2026, MEETING MINUTES WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Mayor Simmonds asked for a motion to approve the June 3, 2026, meeting minutes. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 3, 2026, MEETING MINUTES WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Review and approval of June 2026 checks

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2026 CHECKS WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Public Comment:

Roger Nelson let the Council and public know that the bridge on 1200 North going to Lewiston is closed, and that construction has begun on it.

Agenda items:

Public Hearings

MAYOR SIMMONDS MOVED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:04 P.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

To open and amend the 2026-2026 fiscal year budget.

Clerk Smith gave an overview of the budget amendments for fiscal year 2025-2026. She stated that adjustments were made in the parks budget due to construction of the new restrooms. She shared that the State places high priority on having

both the revenue and expense budgets balance. She asked if the Councilmembers had any changes or if there were any questions from the public. There were no questions at this time. COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO OPEN AND AMEND THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET WITH THE NOTED CHANGES WITH MAYOR SIMMONDS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

To present and approve a resolution to adopt the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget.

Clerk Smith reviewed the 2026-2027 proposed budget. She shared that this is the largest budget that Trenton has had, explaining that this was due to the park restrooms, the cemetery road project and the COG project. Clerk Smith asked if the Council or public had any questions. There were no questions. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

To present and approve a resolution to adopt the 2026-2027 Certified Tax Rate.

Clerk Smith explained that the Council decided to not increase property taxes this year. She read the 2027 Fiscal Year Certified Tax Rate. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO APPROVED RESOLUTION 26-06-02 2027 TAX RATE WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDED THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

To present the proposed 2026 COG project to the public

Mayor Simmonds explained that the Council is proposing a third phase of road work on 800 South. He stated that it would go from 800 South west to the rail road tracks with a 24 foot road. There doesn't seem to need any piping or extra work that will need to be done on this phase of the project. Janet Cottle asked if the road would go over the tracks. Mayor Simmonds stated that this part of the project will be part of phase 4, with plans to start on that in 2028. Tom Griffin asked how long the piping would go with the West Cache project. Mayor Simmonds stated that the pipe would go 66 feet total, so 33 feet from the center of the road.

To hold a public hearing to receive input for the Internal Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance.

Councilmember Kingston explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission has been working on a proposed Internal Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance he explained that they have combined several other communities' ordinances to create one for Trenton. They asked for comments from the public. Sheri Newton shared some notes on the proposed ordinance and shared copies of some suggested changes. She shared that the County is considering an addition that will deal with long term absences- sharing an example of a couple serving a religious mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, explaining that this would allow for up to 36 months of absence.

COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AT 7:23 P.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

To present and approve a resolution to adopt the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget.

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-06-01 2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF TRENTON. WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS VOTING AYE.

Update on Digester project- Tom Griffin

Tom Griffin asked if the Town would be willing to sign off on some fireworks that he would like to do at his house. He would like to shoot some larger fireworks that would require backing from the town, he isn't asking for the town to donate any money just to give backing that would allow him to shoot bigger fireworks. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO GIVE BACKING FROM THE TOWN AS LONG AS TREVOR EGAN, WHO HAS HIS LICENSE, IS IN CHARGE OF THE EVENT. It was noted that the Mayor and Trevor Egan will both have to sign off on the event. MAYOR SIMMONDS SECONDED THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Questions regarding Fireworks- Tom Griffin

The Council asked what Mr. Griffin plans for the digester are. Mr. Griffin requested that the town give him a commercial style water meter, similar to what the town did for the digester plant. Councilmember Nelson asked if Mr. Griffin was the overseer. Mr. Griffin stated that he has signed off on the project. He explained that UDOT road would need to be widened. Mr. Griffin stated that the permit has expired but that it would be simple to renew it. He explained that green energy is as favorable. Councilmember Kingston stated that he would be in favor of the plant but would like the project “shovel ready” before any commitments are given. Councilmember Wangsgard clarified that Mr. Griffin is asking for a new meter. Mr. Griffin recommended that a higher base water rate be charged for the meter. Councilmember Nelson requested that the water usage be available when they come in with the final project.

Questions regarding West Cache Building- Tom Griffin

Tom Griffin presented a proposal for the town to switch property with West cache enabling West Cache to build a new 40 x 30 building on the west side of the park, using a grant that they have obtained. He shared that the grant has to be spent by November and went on to explain that the town would acquire the .11 acres of property where the current West Cache Building is located and that West Cache would demolish the building as part of the project. Councilmember Nelson asked why they don’t use the building in Cornish and Mr. Griffin stated that there is limited parking and UDOT permits could be difficult along with the need for a separate building to house sensitive and historical materials. The Council discussed the idea. They were hesitant to take a large piece of the park out for the building. They discussed different options including the south west corner of the ball field and the piece of property currently platted as 100 South. Councilmember Wangsgard preferred the lot on 50 west, Councilmember Nelson agreed with her. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL THE JULY MEETING WHEN MORE INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND LOOK MORE IN DEPTH INTO PARCEL 19-030-0224 WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery update

Councilmember Wangsgard stated that the 24th is being worked on she has found someone to head up lunch, which will be a nacho bar and shared that the fire department will be helping serve. She is planning hamburgers and hot dogs and a pot luck dinner with the Planning and Zoning Commission helping serve. Mayor Simmonds asked if she had gotten any donations for fireworks, she stated that she has talked with IFA and was going to talk with Rocky Mountain Power. The Council discussed the flag raising ceremony. Councilmember Wangsgard shared that she is still working on the parade. Mayor Simmonds shared that he hopes that the new restrooms will be finished by the 24th.

Roads Update

Nothing in this department.

Planning and Zoning Update

Planning & Zoning -Councilmember Kingston shared that he will take the IADU to Planning and Zoning for further review. He shared that they are still working on the Subdivision Ordinance. Tom Griffin asked about allowing 1 acre lots with the updated ordinance. Janet Cottle asked if the Ordinance could require people to finish the yard within a certain time frame.

Fire- Councilmember Kingston let the Council know that there will be a County fire meeting discussing new ideas for a new County fire program. He will know more after the meeting but shared that there are anticipated changes.

Water Update

Councilmember Nelson shared that a bulk of the meters have been changed out for the new cellular read meters. Councilmember Wangsgard let him know that some of the lids don’t fit and that they are filled with dirt. Councilmember Nelson stated that the Paton water storage tank has been cleaned and should be coming back online. He stated that the leaking problem at the springs will be addressed soon, Councilmember Wangsgard asked when the new meters would be coming online. Councilmember Nelson shared that this should be happening soon and that once they are, the new program will allow customers to view water usage on an app on their phone, he shared that the new meters have a 20-year warranty. He shared that the current flows are an inflow of 370 thousand gallons per day and an outflow of 298 thousand gallons.

Councilmember Nelson wondered if asking people to water on even and odd days would help spread out water usage. The Council discussed having a water party on the 24th, Councilmember Nelson stated that based on current flows he feels comfortable with holding it, but that he would continue to monitor the flows as the day gets closer.

Mayor Update

Mayor Simmonds shared that two new employees have been hired to replace the current clerk. He introduced them, Tauni Fanning sharing that she will be taking care of the financial side of the town and Katie Downs who will be doing all of the meeting needs. He shared that they are hoping to have someone at the town hall 4 days a week.

Tom Griffin thanked the Council for all the work they put in on behalf of the town.

Adjournment

COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:47 P.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.