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Present:	Mayor:	Erick Simmonds
	Councilmember:	Kyle Kingston
		Stacey Wangsgard
		John Nelson 7:17 p.m.
		Donny Merrill
	Recorder	Katie Downs

Guests: Janet Cottle, Cleone Allsop, Tawni Fanning, Tom Griffin, Dale Buxton, Kacey John, Daniel Seneta.

MAYOR SIMMONDS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Simmonds asked for a motion to approve the June 16, 2026, meeting minutes. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 16, 2026, MEETING MINUTES WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Mayor Simmonds asked for a motion to approve the June 29, 2026, meeting minutes. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 29, 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 KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Public Comment:

Councilmember Kingston mentioned that Cleone Allsop asked Justin Adams to use one of the town trailers for the DUP float for the July 24th celebration.

Agenda items:

West Cache Building Project

Phase 3 of the 800 South Road Project

Daniel Seneta, the engineer on the project discussed the continuation of the project from 400 E to just West of the tracks. He is hopeful that they will not have to deal with the drainage ditch too much with that. He will submit the application to the COG committee, which is due on August 15th. He thinks it has a excellent chance of being funded for the rural projects, Councilmember Merrill asked how much they have set aside for the rural projects and Mr. Seneta said 15%, and thought the total was about \$6,000,000 / year set aside for rural project. Councilmember Merrill asked if the town should add across the railroad tracks for this year, since there is only one other project. Mayor Simmons asked COG funding helps to cover the engineering costs and Mr. Seneta said yes. Mr. Seneta's concern was getting around the letter of intent for adding the project this year. Councilmember Merrill suggested applying across the railroad now even though it would come from 2029 funding. Mayor Simmons will sign off for Phase 2 of the project. Councilmember Merrill asked about the

drainage ditch.

Questions regarding West Cache Building- Tom Griffin

Tom Griffin came back to see what the Town Council was thinking for the proposal for the West Cache building. Councilmember Merrill asked to be informed on this. 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 must 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. West Cache discussed the options, and the West Cache board likes the South Center location the best. Councilmember Merrill was concerned about the 50 W location due to parking. Mr. Griffin stated that he liked an option of putting it south of the blue shed in the park. The Council proposed moving the sand volleyball pit and putting the new West Cache Building there and moving the volleyball pit, so they could use the parking lot from the park. Councilmember Wangsgard voted for the volleyball pit location COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL THE JULY PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE. Tom Griffin came back at 7:48 PM and proposed the possibility of combining the Town Hall and West Cache Building.

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery update

Councilmember Wangsgard stated that the 24th is being worked on and she has not found anyone to oversee the parade, she said that her daughter Erin said she will help with that. She stated that Lee's donated \$500 to help with the costs for the town dinner and Mayor Simmons approved the \$500 be used for dinner. Lunch will be a nacho bar and will be \$5 per person. Dinner will be hamburgers and hotdogs \$8 per person and will have a side of Dutch oven potatoes and baked beans, as well as a pot luck to celebrate the nation's 250th celebration and water to drink. In the past for the town breakfast, they served around 200 people. Mayor Simmons stated that there will be pancakes and sausage for breakfast. Councilmember Wangsgard said she will get a hold of Katie Simmons about breakfast. The Fire department will be serving lunch, as well as help in the kitchen. Planning and Zoning will serve the dinner for the 24th celebration. Councilmember Wangsgard stated she will call Bear Lake ice to get the ice for the celebration. They discussed the parade order being, town council, citizen of the year, maybe the graduating class of 2026. The sheriff's office will be coming. Kacey John will be carrying the flag and will bring the 4H with their horses. They discussed the flags being first, pooper scoopers, citizen of the year, children decorating their bikes after the horses and everything else as they show up with the fire department at the end. Someone will also come out handing out declaration of independence copies. Brad Hanson called Councilmember Wangsgard stating he will be here for the parade. Mayor Simmons asked Councilmember Kingston if he could get some of the marching band to come. Councilmember Nelson will talk to Seth Buttars to find someone to raise the flag and Sidney Nelson will sing the national anthem. Mayor Simmons mentioned that the new bathrooms may not be finished by the 24th of July Celebration. Councilmember Wangsgard spoke with someone with the State Cemetery and mentioned that the record could be digitized and there could be a GIS system put into place. The State Cemetery mentioned that for burials for the out of town people the town could be charging more. Councilmember Nelson mentioned he would like to see the use of secondary water for the cemetery as well as seeing the water fountains working in the cemetery and parks.

Opening of Bids for Cemetery Road Project

Mayor Simmons opened the bid from Staker Parsons that was a total of \$41,972.00. Councilmember Merrill asked what this is all including, Mayor Simmons stated that it will be digging out the south road and digging up the roots and putting a pipe down then paving and moving out 30 yards out pave out by the gates so we have future expansion and for parking. Councilmember Wangsgard mentioned putting in a new meter so if we need water in the future we can use it. Mayor Simmons then opened the bid from Legrand Johnson for \$49,046.00.

Roads Update

Councilmember Merrill stated that the 1600 S hole is fixed and the water department will take care of the funding for that. Shad Staker from Parsons will get Councilmember Merrill a bid to haul in more dirt for the bridge project in order to raise the bridge 5' for safety. Councilmember Merrill and Mayor Simmons talked about getting with Dan to get the drawn up plans for the rest of the 800 S project. Councilmember Merrill mentioned that the green waste is being abused and is overflowing and mentioned possibly getting rid of it.

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Planning and Zoning Update

Planning & Zoning -Councilmember Kingston stated there was nothing new for planning and zoning.

Fire- Councilmember Kingston let the Council know that George Daines is proposing to get the fire district to stand on its own to do a Truth in Taxation.

Water Update

Councilmember Nelson shared that the watermeters have been installed, but there are about 9 meters that are having problems that they need to look at. Councilmember Wangsgard let him know that some of the lids don't fit and that they are filled with dirt and will need to be looked at. Councilmember Nelson is still trying to get ahold of IFA to get theirs installed.

Mayor Update

Mayor Simmons stated that Wallace Todd reached out and mentioned that he builds support groups for veterans. Mayor Simmons said that he may ask him to come out for the next meeting. Mayor Simmons administered an oath of office for Katie Downs as the Trenton Town Clerk/Recorder and Tawni Fanning as the Town Clerk for Trenton Town.

RESOLUTION NO 2026-07-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF TRENTON TOWN CORPORATION TAWNI FANNING TO SIGN FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-07-01 AND COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDED THE MOTION, WITH EVERYONE VOTING AYE.

Adjournment

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:51 P.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Executive Session - Started at 8:52 PM

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO OPEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDED THE MOTION.

The council spoke to determine the 2026 Trenton Town Citizen of the Year. The council voted unanimously to have Laura Brough as the 2026 Trenton Town Citizen of the Year.

COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:08PM WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.