

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 11, 2014
TRENTON CITY HALL
6:00PM

Mayor Burriss called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Trenton City Council to order. Alderman Gibson led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present for the meeting were Alderman Hammonds, Gibson, Jackson, Wade, Abbott and Overall. City employees present were Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Terry Brown, Barry Green, Will Sanders, Scott Dahlstrom, and Leigh Reynolds. Visitors present were Michael Poteet, Lanny Poteet, Myra Elam, Gary Paschall, Marlene Wilson, Bryan Wilson, and Crystal Burns.

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014 council meeting. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

HOLY DEVINE DELIVERANCE CHURCH (MOVED ON AGENDA)

Gary Paschall came before the council with a request to write a letter to Chancellor George Ellis to correct the appraised amount for the Holy Devine Deliverance Church. The appraised value was \$573,000 but that was incorrect. The appraisal now is \$108,500 and Mr. Paschall can change the tax notices for 2012 and 2013 but cannot change the 2011 without the Chancellor approval. Alderman Jackson made a motion to allow Gary Paschall to write a letter to Chancellor George Ellis to correct city taxes for 2011 on Holy Devine Deliverance Church. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

RECORDER'S REPORT

City Recorder Leigh Reynolds reported the expenditures for the month. Alderman Wade made a motion to pay the expenditures with general fund expenses being

\$58,087.25 and sanitation \$39,352.10. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

CITIZENS INPUT

Marlene Wilson stated that she was disappointed to see the recycling program end; and stated Spruce up the Square will be the first Saturday in April. She was also concerned with the leasing of crop land due to runoff of chemicals getting in the mulch in the playground. Mayor Burriss stated that the field being leased is behind the YMCA and it cannot get to the playground.

OLD BUSINESS

CLOSE DOWN RECYCLING PROGRAM

Alderman Jackson made a motion to stop recycling on March 27, 2014 due to losing money on the program. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

FREED HOUSE DISCUSSION

Mayor Burriss asked the council if he could seek to remove the clause “in perpetuity” from the Freed House contract. The house is costing the city too much money and is being used around six times a year. The council asked him to contact the Freed Family to see if they are interested in the house and if there is no response continue to court for the removal.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE BIDS ON SALE OF PROPERTY GIVEN TO THE CITY

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to accept the 17 bids received on property given to the city by the county for delinquent taxes. (Attached are the bids) Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

RICKY BAILEY/BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Ricky stated that he will be meeting with Richard Hopkins and his engineer on March 17, 2014 to discuss plans on city hall and Hardees will open March 17, 2014.

TERRY BROWN/PARK DEPARTMENT

Terry stated that the ice and snow caused two canopies over the picnic tables to collapse. Terry recommends leaving the canopy off of the table that is not used.

WILL SANDERS/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sanders stated that the reason the new police cars are parked is due to the grant. Once the grant is approved they can start using them. He told the council that with the ice and snow the only vehicle they could get around in was the Hummer and it might be wise to check into getting a couple more.

SCOTT DAHLSTROM/LIGHT AND WATER DEPARTMENT

Scott stated that he contacted the State on design work for Halliburton and Bypass.

ALDERMAN'S REPORT

Alderman Gibson stated he was glad to be back after his surgery and appreciated all the concerns.

Alderman Jackson reminded everyone of budget meeting March 13, 2014.

Alderman Abbott gave an update on Park Committee meeting. There will be a girls softball league and the season starts April 1, 2014. He talked about carpet in the batting cages.

Alderman Overall thanked all the departments for their hard work during the ice and storm. All Aldermen and Mayor thanked the departments also.

MAYOR'S REPORT

March 26, 2014 Utility board meeting

April 12, 2014 several churches are having a community picnic at the park.

March 25, 2014 next council meeting

Alderman Wade made a motion to adjourn at 6:59pm. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tony Burriss, Mayor

Leigh Reynolds, City Recorder