

**TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 28, 2014  
TRENTON CITY HALL  
6:00PM**

**BEER HEARING**

On October 28, 2014 Mayor Burriss opened a Beer Hearing recommending to amend two ordinances. Those present for the meeting were Mayor Burriss, Aldermen Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, Wade, Abbott and Overall. City employees were Richard Gossum, Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Terry Brown, Terrence Elam, Will Sanders, Scott Dahlstrom and Leigh Reynolds. Visitors present were Crystal Burns, Lanny Poteet, Michael Poteet, Doug Lockard, Sam Doaks, Bob Wilson, Bryan Wilson, Dona Leadbetter, Britney Singleton, Myra Elam and Cleo Turner.

The Beer hearing was to recommend changing Section 8-208 of the Trenton Municipal Code saying that a restaurant must have at least 50% of its sales income from food in order to sell beer. The ordinance now states that 75% of a restaurant's sales must come from food. Also amending Section 8-209 of the Trenton Municipal Code to amend beer code to delete parts 5 and 6 from this section. Part 6 is covered in part 4 and is redundant. Part 5 prohibits beer to be sold on the Court Square and 1 block any way off the square. This would allow for a restaurant on Court Square to serve beer if 50% of their sales were from food. This works in tandem with the change to Section 8-208. Both recommendations were from the Trenton Planning board.

Mayor Burriss asked if anyone would like to make a comment pro or con.

Beer Hearing adjourned at 6:02pm

**COUNCIL MEETING**

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

Alderman Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2014 council meeting. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

### **RECORDER'S REPORT**

Leigh Reynolds stated that the sale of scrap and old furnishings that have been sold from renovation total \$1351.49.

### **CITIZEN'S INPUT**

Myra Elam residing at 1122 South High Street stated that Nite Light Theater will be having a fund raiser on November 15, 2014 at the Presbyterian Church on High Street with tickets \$20.00 each.

Bob Wilson residing in Trenton stated with the election coming up the Mayor and Council will change and he wanted to thank them for the time and interest they have had to his efforts.

Sam Doaks stated that he was concerned about the family on 314 1<sup>st</sup> Street because he understood the house was going to be torn down and will there be provisions made for the family.

Mayor Burriss stated that the house was taken for back taxes and the condition of the house is not livable. The residents came in and he gave them names and numbers of people that could help them. Ricky Bailey stated that they have a place to move to on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Cleo Turner residing at 702 George Street stated that letters are being sent to residents about purchasing insurance for water lines and she would like to know more about it. Scott Dahlstrom with TL&W stated that the letters are not coming from them it is a private company sending them and it is insurance to cover pipes and lines of the homeowner.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **DISCUSSION OF FIRE DISPATCH TO CENTRAL CONTROL**

Chief Elam stated that he is trying to get ISO rating down and one of the steps to lower the rating would be paying Central Control (911) for our fire dispatch. With much discussion the council agreed to look into the matter further.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RE-APPOINT MEMEBERS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSON AND BOARD OF ZONING AND APPEALS**

Alderman Jackson made a motion to re-appoint Jimmy Williams, Sammy Dickey and Frank Gibson to the Board of Zoning and Appeals with members serving until October 2016. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Alderman Gibson made a motion to re-appoint Tony Burriss to the Trenton City Planning Board serving until October 2016. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

#### **ORDINANCE #295 ELECTRONIC CITATION REGULATION AND FEES**

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading on Ordinance #295 electronic citation regulation and fees. This will add an additional fee of \$5.00 to a citation with \$4.00 going to Police Department to be used for purchase and maintenance to electronic citation writers and software. With the other \$1.00 going to the Court Department for maintenance and purchase of computers and software.

#### **ORDINANCE #296 AMEND SECTION 8-208 TRENTON MUNICIPAL CODE**

Alderman Abbott made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading on Ordinance #296 amending our beer code in section 8-208 part 3 of the Trenton Municipal Code to say that a restaurant must have at least 50% of its sales come from food in order to sell beer. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried by 4 yeas and Alderman Hammonds and Overall nay.

#### **ORDINANCE #297 AMEND SECTION 8-209 TRENTON MUNICIPAL CODE**

Alderman Gibson made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading on Ordinance #297 amending our beer code to delete parts 5 and 6 from this section. Part 6 is covered in Part 4 and Part 5 prohibits beer to be sold on the Court Square and 1 block any way off

the square. The change would allow a restaurant on Court Square to serve beer if 50% of their sales were from food. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by 4 yeas and Alderman Hammonds and Overall nay.

### **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

#### **TERRY BROWN/PARK DEPARTMENT**

Terry stated that over the weekend someone broke the deadbolt lock on the men's restroom. He has ordered a new deadbolt.

#### **TERRENCE ELAM/FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Elam stated that 6 of his firemen are attending arson classes for the next 2 weeks.

#### **WILL SANDERS/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Sanders reminded everyone to be off the streets by 10:00pm on Halloween Night.

#### **SCOTT DAHLSTORM/LIGHT AND WATER DEPARTMENT**

Scott stated that he applied for a CDBG disaster grant after the 2010 flood. The grant is for a new well and he needs approval for the bid from Quinn on construction. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to approve the bid from Quinn for the construction of the new well. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

#### **ALDERMAN'S REPORT**

Alderman Wade stated that he would like to recognize William Hardin with a certificate for going inside a house on fire to save a child.

Alderman Abbott stated that Terry Brown had brought up at the last council meeting about removing swings that were dangerous and he wanted to replace the playground equipment.

Alderman Abbott made a motion to use TML money to replace playground equipment at City Park. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. With much discussion and questions as to how much it would cost the motion failed with

Alderman Abbott yea and Alderman Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, Wade and Overall nay.

The council decided a committee needed to be formed to gather prices and what equipment will be bought. The Committee will be Terry Brown, Alderman Abbott and Alderman Hammonds.

Alderman Abbott stated that some residents are concerned about the chemicals being used on crops near the walking track and playground at the city park. He stated that the round up used could wash into the playground area and kids could put their hands in their mouth. He stated that this would not be good for a city park.

With much discussion Alderman Abbott was asked what kind of chemicals were being used. Terry Brown stated he has used round up in the city park for years.

Alderman Abbott made a motion to let the city ground lay with no crops after the soybeans are harvest. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Mayor Burriss stated that we have a contract with the farmer for 3 years and if we break the contract we will have to pay what the farmer would make off of the crops.

Alderman Abbott stated that the renovations that are being made at City Hall that the contractors should be told to purchase supplies in Trenton. Attorney Richard Gossum stated that this should have been stated in the contract.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

October 30, 2014 Utility Board Meeting at TL&W 8:30am

November 1, 2014 Trenton Healthcare Boo Run at Pedestrian Park registration at 7:00am

November 10, 2014 next City council meeting at Phelan Education Center

Mayor Burriss wished everyone good luck on the upcoming election.

Alderman Overall made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

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Tony Burriss, Mayor

Leigh Reynolds, City Recorder

