

**TRENTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 14, 2015**  
**6:00PM**  
**TRENTON CITY HALL**

Mayor Jackson asked for a motion to amend the agenda adding to pass a debt policy under New Business. Alderperson Leadbetter made a motion to amend the agenda adding under New Business to pass a debt policy. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Jackson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Trenton City Council to order. Alderman Graves led the invocation with the Pledge of Allegiance to follow. Those present for the meeting were Mayor Jackson, Aldermen and Alderperson Abbott, Leadbetter, Hammonds Wade, Gibson, and Graves. City employees were Terry Brown, Terrence Elam, Will Sanders, Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Eric Horne, Phillip Anglin, Brenda Ward, Richard Gossum and Leigh Reynolds. Visitors present were Crystal Burns, Bobby Moore, Dent Partee, Gloria Jones, Marilyn Holder, Dot Kilzer, Betty Poteet, Pat Riley, and Myra Elam.

Mayor Jackson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Alderman Graves made a motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2015 council meeting. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote

**RECORDER'S REPORT**

City Recorder Leigh Reynolds reported the expenditures for the month. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to approve the expenditures with the general fund being \$124,080.10 and sanitation \$41,685.16. Alderman Graves seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PAT RILEY-GCUD GRAND OPENING/CNG REFUELING STATION**

Pat Riley with GCUD stated that the grand opening of CNG refueling station will be May 19, 2015 at 1:00pm. He has sent out hundreds of invitation and wants something big for Trenton.

**TRENTON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD: APPOINT MARY HOOKER-UNEXPIRED TERM OF ROBERT S PHELAN ENDING MARCH 24, 2016; REAPPOINT SHIRLEY HAYES-5 YEAR TERM THROUGH MARCH 24, 2020**

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to appoint Mary Hooker to the unexpired term of Robert S. Phelan ending March 24, 2016 and reappoint Shirley Hayes to the Trenton Housing Authority Board for a 5 year term through March 24, 2020. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

**DENT PARTEE-TEAPOT/TEAPOT ROOM**

Dent Partee came before the Mayor and Council to give them a pep talk about the teapots. She asked that they promote the museum because a lot of people do not know the teapots are here. She stated that with the renovations they appreciated the new lighting and painting of the walls but the new paint on the doors have to go. Her other suggestions were large sign for museum, not enough restrooms available and hard to sale materials when city offices are on other side of building. She stated that the College Street entrance has no one in the lobby to greet people and that is not very hospitable.

**MICAH PIERCE-ACCOMMODATION**

Will do at the next council meeting.

**APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Jackson asked the council what they would like to do about the council meeting April 28, 2015. That is the week of Teapot festival and we can have the meeting at lunch, have it at the regular time or cancel the meeting. Alderman Abbott made a motion not to have a meeting on April 28, 2015. Alderperson Leadbetter seconded the motion. The motion carried by Aldermen and Alderperson, Abbott, Leadbetter, Hammonds and Wade voting yea. Alderman Gibson and Graves voted nay.

**DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY REQUIRED BY STATE LAW**

Mayor Jackson stated that we need to pass a Debt Management Policy that is required by the state. There was much discussion on not passing until they could review it.

There was a five minute recess to review the policy.

Back to order at 6:44pm

Alderman Wade made a motion to adopt the Debt Management Policy. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

### **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

#### **RICKY BAILEY/BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

Ricky Bailey stated that Wisper is going to put a 180 foot tower on school property and he would like for the council to waive plan review requirements so they can get started. Alderman Graves made a motion to wave plan review requirements for Wisper. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

Chief Elam stated that Drew Norvell resigned April 1, 2015 and he ran an ad in the newspaper for 2 weeks to fill the position. Chief Elam made a recommendation to hire Zachary Marbrey from Dyer to the position. He has advanced EMT and firefighter. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to hire Zachary Marbrey to the Fire Department. Alderman Graves seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

Chief Sanders stated that the number of citations are down because the e-citation machine puts citations on one ticket even if you give the same person more than one. He informed the council of jail inspection that was done on April 9, 2015.

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

Alderman Abbott asked if the city will be responsible for the building on the corner of Eaton and Court Square if it were to fall in. Bob Wilson owns the building but it is tied up in a lawsuit. Ricky Bailey stated that the court date is set for May 1, 2015. Alderman Abbott stated that the culvert on property on Taylor Street is caving in all the way to the ditch. Terry Bailey and Mayor stated that

they would check in to see who is responsible or it could be something we want the Basin Authority to look into.

Alderson Leadbetter reminded everyone of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Teapot Festival with opening ceremonies at 4:30pm at the Pedestrian Park. She also thanked the departments for putting up banners and flags.

Alderman Graves stated that Taylor Street and on down has a drainage problem. Water is on the road instead of the ditches and the ditch on Walnut Street has trees growing in it.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

April 26<sup>th</sup> thru May 3<sup>rd</sup> Teapot Festival

May 3, 2015 GCVAA reception 4:00pm to 6:00pm

No council meeting April 28, 2015

Community Breakfast April 15, 2015 at TSU TN Cares Early Head Start 8:00am to 9:00am

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to adjourn at 6:59pm. Alderman Graves seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

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Ricky Jackson, Mayor

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Leigh Reynolds, City Recorder