

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 11, 2015
TRENTON CITY HALL
6:00PM

Mayor Jackson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Trenton City Council to order. Those present for the meeting were Mayor Jackson, Aldermen Abbott, Hammonds, Wade, Gibson, and Alderperson Leadbetter. City employees were Richard Gossum, Terry Brown, Will Sanders, Ricky Bailey, Terry Bailey, Scott Dahlstrom, Phillip Anglin, Eric Horne and Leigh Reynolds. Visitors present were Teri Bolden, Lanny Poteet, Michael Poteet, Gattie Welch, and Myra Elam.

Alderman Wade led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 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 \$52,365.64 and sanitation \$39,735.30. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

CITIZENS' INPUT

Gattie Welch residing at 327 Hayes Avenue stated that her daughter's house was broken into but they have not received any news on how the case is going. Chief Will Sanders stated that the police department is doing everything to solve these burglaries. One of the major problems we have is people not cooperating with us. Ms. Welch was not pleased with the rezoning of property on Paradise Alley for a towing service. She stated that it was easy to sneak stuff through real quick and not let them know. Mayor Jackson stated that there was a notice in the paper for a public hearing and the process of the re-zoning took six to seven weeks.

Teri Bolden stated that she was upset about the rezoning and wished they had been informed through letters. She stated that everyone does not take the paper and if they had of known they would have attended the meeting. She and Ms. Gattie are upset for the safety of the children with the daycare being so close.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2015-R-7. RESOLUTION TO HIRE ADMINISTRATOR FOR 2011 CDBG GRANT FOR TL&W.

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to pass resolution 2015-R-7 to hire administrator for 2011 CDGB grant for TL&W. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 2015-R-8. RESOLUTION TO HIRE ENGINEER FOR 2011 CDGB GRANT FOR TL&W.

Aldersperson Leadbetter made a motion to pass resolution 2015-R-8 to hire engineer for 2011 CDBG grant for TL&W. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

LAND SWAP/ACQUISITION FROM ERIC PARTEE FOR WATER PLANT

Alderman Gibson made a motion to give approval for the land swap between Eric Partee and Trenton Water Plant. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

RE-APPOINT DANNY JONES TO TRENTON CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE –TO EXPIRE AUGUST 2018

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to re-appoint Danny Jones to the Trenton City Planning Committee with the term to expire August 2018. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

RE-APPOINT JERRY MAITLAND AND GEORGE WADE TO TRENTON BZA- TO EXPIRE AUGUST 2018

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to re-appoint Jerry Maitland and George Wade to Trenton Board of Zoning and Appeals with the term to expire August 2018. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

TERRY BROWN/PARK DEPARTMENT

Terry stated that there was a tournament at the park over the weekend and no one knew about it. He wanted people to know that there is a process to rent pavilions or schedule ball fields and the first thing to do is to call City Hall.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Assistant Chief Anglin stated that July was a record month for the department with 65 to 70 calls. Over the weekend Chief Elam, Assistant Chief Anglin, Alexander, and Bufford attended the State Fire Chief Training in Jackson. While they were eating lunch on Sunday a man had a heart attack and they were able to get a pulse before the ambulance arrived.

WILL SANDERS/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sanders stated that he wished the Aldermen would come to the police department for a week to see how the officers pound the streets daily. There have been 2 officers involved in accidents and we have had one officer to leave, another resigned and are expecting another one to leave. The department recently interviewed eight people but could not hire any of them. We will be taking applications for about four weeks and we are concerned because all police departments are hurting for officers and it is going to get tougher and tougher to find good quality officers.

SCOTT DAHLSTROM/LIGHT & WATER DEPARTMENT

Scott stated that he had received the order from TDEC to make correction to water and wastewater plant. Once the Mayor signs the order the clock starts ticking.

ALDERMAN'S REPORT

Alderman Abbott stated that the park board has decided they need to get professional and they have a plan. The past few years we have only been thinking about baseball, softball and t-ball, but there are other things out there. So we are going to meet 3rd Thursday of the month with an agenda and citizens input plus we are revising our board.

Alderman Abbott stated that he is upset because he has received pictures of people abusing the tennis courts. They are taking nets down and playing soccer on the courts and another group practiced dancing on the courts. I want the people prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Alderpersion Leadbetter asked if anyone knew of an empty garage, or barn that the Teapot Committee could store their float in.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Governor Conference Oct. 13th and 14th in Nashville

August 25, 2015 next council meeting

Sept. 1, 2015 Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing and Banquet

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to adjourn at 6:56pm. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Ricky Jackson, Mayor

Leigh Reynolds, City Recorder