

**TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 8, 2016  
6:00 PM  
TRENTON CITY HALL**

Mayor Jackson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Trenton City Council to order. Alderman Wade led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present for the meeting were Mayor Jackson, Aldermen Abbott, Hammonds, Wade, Gibson, Graves and Alderperson Leadbetter. City employees were Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Terry Brown, Terrence Elam, Will Sanders, Scott Dahlstrom, Richard Gossum, Eric Horne, Xavier Keys, and Leigh Reynolds. Visitors present were Crystal Burns and Kevin Allen.

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 council meeting. Alderman Abbott 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 \$18,610.41 and sanitation \$43,418.79. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. Leigh stated that we have collected 95.7% on property tax and 80% on city stickers.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

Kevin Allen residing at 110 Lombardy Street and owner of Trenton Laundry Mat stated his concerns on sewer and water problem. He stated he knows that they are working hard to find a solution, but with the increase in water and sewer it will hurt his business. The biggest part of his business is poor people and with the increases it will make everything go up. He asked that the increase be as economical as possible. He stated that Scott Dahlstrom needed help because he could not do it by himself. He thinks that the City needs to sell TL&W.

The council stated that they are TL&W utility board and cannot see selling because it is an asset for the city. If we sell off assets we have no control over the rates. The board will try to keep rates as low as possible.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **TRAP AND RELEASE STRAY CAT PROGRAM-JERRY HUMPHREY**

Mayor Jackson stated that the best thing is for Mr. Humphrey and our Attorney to get together and discuss some of the circumstances that could happen.

#### **FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH MTAS MARCH 10TH**

The follow-up planning session will be March 10, 2016 at 5:00 pm with Dana Deem.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE MARCH 14-15, NASHVILLE**

Legislative Conference will be March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree in Nashville. Alderman Graves and Wade will be attending.

#### **YMCA MEETINGS: MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TRENTON, TN @ 6:30 PM --- MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> - DYER MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY, DYER, TN @ 6:30 PM**

There are 2 scheduled meetings to get the word out about the YMCA and all citizens are encouraged to attend one of the meetings.

### **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

#### **TERRY BAILEY/STREET & SANITATION DEPARTMENT**

Terry stated that this is the last week for leaf machine the employees will go back to work at the cemetery.

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

Ricky informed the council of OSHA's four findings. There was an electrical problem at the park, and fire department need medical evaluation to use respirators.

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

Chief Elam wanted to thank the T-Pot committee for honoring them in the festival. He and the fireman are really excited.

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

Chief Sanders also wanted to thank the T-Pot committee for honoring the police department and being behind the department.

### **SCOTT DAHLSTROM/LIGHT & WATER DEPARTMENT**

Scott stated that all of the lights have been fixed on Welcome to Trenton signs except for one.

### **ALDERMAN'S REPORT**

Alderman Abbott has had calls on Glendale Street about a dog that is tied to a tree with no shelter. He also wanted to know about the house on Bypass. Ricky Bailey stated that the street department has carried a truck there and they filled it half way. They are still getting fined daily.

Alderman Leadbetter stated that we needed to check and see if we have an ordinance on tying dogs to a tree and if not we should look into changing it. The Welcome to Trenton signs should be ready before T-Pot festival.

Alderman Graves stated that on March 24, 2016 at 6:00pm there will be a Storm Spotter class at EMA.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

March 10, 2016 at 5:00pm follow up meeting with Dana Deem  
March 14, & 15, 2016 Legislative Conference in Nashville, TN  
March 14, & 15, 2016 YMCA Town hall meetings in Trenton & Dyer  
March 22, 2016 next Council meeting.  
March 23, 2016 Utility Board Meeting at 8:30am at TL&W

Mervin Anderson won the Best of Best City Worker.

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

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Ricky Jackson, Mayor

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Leigh Reynolds, City Recorder