

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
MAY 24, 2016
6:00PM
TRENTON CITY HALL

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 Abbott, Hammonds, Wade, Gibson, Graves and Alderperson Leadbetter. City employees were Terry Brown, Will Sanders, Ricky Bailey, Scott Dahlstrom, Eric Horne, Terrence Elam, and Leigh Reynolds. Visitors present were Carolyn Little, Peggy Thornton, Glynn Doss, Calvin Johnson, Julia Jones, Herman Jones, Myra Elam, Crystal Burns, and Kevin Allen.

Alderperson Leadbetter made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 council meeting. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by 5 yeas and Alderman Hammonds nay.

RECORDER'S REPORT

Leigh asked the council to approve Resolution 2016-R-4. This resolution is for an internal control policy. Comptrollers are requiring all municipalities to have one. The policy goes step by step on how money is handled from the time it is received until it goes to the bank.

Alderman Abbott made a motion to pass Resolution 2016-R-4 for an internal control policy. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

CITIZENS INPUT

Glynn Doss stated that he has a problem seeing guys walking around with pants sagged down and would like something to be done, like giving them a ticket. Mayor Jackson stated that it is in our City ordinance.

Julia Jones stated that she has rental property on Lexington and 2nd Street and is concerned about the chaos, a lot of people hanging out that do not live there, the cursing and she has heard that in the empty houses they are storing narcotics. She stated that she has good tenants and they are afraid to stay in their homes. She would like to see something done and more police protection.

Ricky Bailey stated that 3 empty houses are ready to be torn down but due to the street department being shorthanded it has not gotten done. Chief Sanders stated that the department does not have enough employees and they have called the sheriff's department to assist 4 times in the last 3 weeks in that area. He said that it is not a law enforcement problem; this is a parenting problem. Kids are running everywhere doing what they want to do. With two officers on the streets, we cannot handle it. Alderman Wade asked for a chance to put something together. Alderperson Leadbetter stated that we need to get those houses torn down as soon as possible, because we do not want to endanger people down there anymore than they are already in. Alderman Graves said we need to take this very seriously because we do not want our town to turn into another Jackson. It could easily go into a downward spiral.

OLD BUSINESS

SALE OF PROPERTY ON CORNER OF LEXINGTON & EATON STREET

Mayor Jackson stated that the property on corner of Lexington & Eaton Street has been sold. The buyer agreed to the price of \$8000.00. He will pay by July 31, 2016.

2ND READING ORDINANCE #304. CHANGE CLASSIFICATION OF 1140 SOUTH HIGH STREET FROM R-2 TO M-1

Alderperson Leadbetter made a motion to pass 2nd reading on Ordinance #304 changing classification of 1140 South High Street from R-2 to M-1. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1ST READING ORDINANCE #305. AMEND TITLE 12 OF MUNICIPAL CODE OF CITY OF TRENTON

Alderman Graves made a motion to pass 1st reading on ordinance #305 amending title 12 of municipal code of the City of Trenton. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

RESOLUTION #2016-R-3, ADOPT THE GIBSON COUNTY ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to pass resolution 2016-R-3 adopting the Gibson County all hazards mitigation plan. Alderperson Leadbetter seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

TERRY BROWN/PARK DEPARTMENT

Terry stated over the weekend at the park all four bathrooms were vandalized. Seats torn off toilets, partition torn off wall, soap dispensers destroyed and trash can urinated in. He would like to start locking bathrooms at night and weekends, if someone needs to use them for picnic on weekends they can get a key from dispatch by signing key out and back in.

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to allow Terry Brown to lock bathrooms at night and on weekends. If someone needs to use them on the weekends they can sign a key out with dispatch and sign back in when returned. Alderman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

WILL SANDERS/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sanders stated that Bret Mullins will be leaving on June 25, 2016.

SCOTT DAHLSTROM/LIGHT AND WATER DEPARTMENT

Scott stated that SRF has finally taken on our financial review and they have started.

ALDERMAN'S REPORT

Alderperson Leadbetter asked when next phase on downtown revitalization will start, because we have to stay on top and make sure they fix Security Lake. Mayor Jackson stated that they should start in July.

MAYOR'S REPORT

May 25, 2016 Utility Board Meeting

June 22, 2016 ECD Meeting from 10:00-12:00 at TL&W

June 6, 2016 GCUD Road Rally 9:00-11:00

May 30, 2016 Memorial Day

June 12th-14th TML Conference

June 14, 2016 next scheduled council meeting. That will be the day we leave TML Conference.

Aldersperson Leadbetter made a motion to move council meeting from June 14, 2016 to June 16, 2016. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. Aldermen Graves, Abbott, Aldersperson Leadbetter yea. Aldermen Gibson, Wade and Hammonds nay. Aldersperson Leadbetter rescinded her motion, stated the meeting stays the same.

Alderman Wade made a motion to adjourn at 6:43pm. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.
