

**TRENTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**JULY 26, 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 Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Terrence Elam, Jimmy Wilson, Scott Dahlstrom, Richard Gossum, and Leigh Reynolds. Visitors present were Carolyn Little, Peggy Thornton, Kevin Allen, Crystal Burns, Bryan Wilson, Danny and Dinah Corley, Penny Richardson, Jenny Corbin, Marlene and Bob Wilson, Hugh McClanahan, Jimmy Anderson, Julia Jones, and Angela Ward.

Alderperson Leadbetter made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 council meeting. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING ORDINANCE #307: INCREASE IN WATER/WASTE WATER RATES**

Scott Dahlstrom asked the council to table the second reading on ordinance #307 because it has been a while since we looked at this and we need to make sure this is what we want to do.

**CITIZENS' INPUT**

Bob Wilson thanked the council for taking another look at the water and waste water rates. He stated that his interest was in the good of the city and hopefully things could be looked at equally between businesses and residents. It just seems that we need businesses as much as we need residents in this town.

Danny Corley stated that he looked at the rates posted in the newspaper and businesses are already paying more than residents and he would like an answer as to why.

Penny Richardson asked why should a business be singled out at a 20% increase, we are trying to keep business in Trenton.

Kevin Allen stated being a business man there is not much you can tell me about business but as far as a solution to the problem I do not have one. He suggested letting the State of TN take over or he recommended a petition for referendum allowing the taxpayers to decide.

Jimmy Anderson stated that he loves the town of Trenton and he does not use a lot of water at his business but I wish you would reconsider the rates on businesses.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **LT. WILSON-RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE POLICE OFFICER**

Lt. Wilson made a recommendation to hire Alex Capps as police officer. He is 24 years old and lives in Trimble.

Alderman Wade made a motion to hire Alex Capps as police officer. Alderman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

### **ALDERMAN'S REPORT**

The council thanked the citizens for attending the meeting and sharing their thoughts. They stated that they are all willing to look again at the rates. Several stated that they did not want the State of TN to take over.

Scott Dahlstrom stated that he appreciated the council for working with him and that he appreciated strong leadership. The wastewater plant does not work and environmental restrictions are getting tighter so we need a new plant. As painful as this is for the future of Trenton, we have got to work together.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Jackson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Utility meeting tomorrow at 8:30am.

August 3, 2016 School begins.

August 9, 2016 next council meeting.

August 15, 2016 Bid opening for phase II Downtown Revitalization 1:00pm at City Hall.

Alderman Wade made a motion to adjourn at 6:29pm. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

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Ricky Jackson, Mayor

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Leigh Reynolds, City Recorder