

**TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 9, 2016  
6:00PM  
TRENTON CITY HALL**

Mayor Jackson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Trenton City Council to order. Alderman Gibson led the invocation with the Pledge of Allegiance to follow. Those present for the meeting were Mayor Jackson, Alderman Abbott, Gibson, Graves, and Alderperson Leadbetter. City employees were Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Terry Brown, Terrence Elam, Will Sanders, Scott Dahlstrom, Richard Gossum, Xavier Keys, Bill Cusson, and Leigh Reynolds. Visitors present were Carolyn Little, Peggy Thornton, Calvin Johnson, Crystal Burns, Kevin Allen and Julia Jones.

Alderman Graves made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2016 council meeting. Alderman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

**RECORDER'S REPORT**

City Recorder Leigh Reynolds reported the expenditures for the month. Alderman Abbott made a motion to approve the expenditures with the general fund being \$50,533.92 and sanitation \$38,360.35. Alderman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

**CITIZENS' INPUT**

Calvin Johnson is concerned about the property at 402 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street because the owner is not taking care of the property. He stated that people are using that property and doing things that are illegal. Ricky Bailey stated that the owner has been contacted and he has plans to repair the house.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Alderman Leadbetter made a motion to remove from table the second reading on ordinance #307. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Alderman Gibson made a motion to not adopt second reading on ordinance #307 increasing water/waste water rates. Discussion: Alderman Leadbetter stated that just because the second reading did not pass the next ordinance rates may not be any lower but will look over the new ordinance when it comes back to the council. Alderman Graves seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2016-R-6: TML SAFETY GRANT/FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Alderman Graves made a motion to pass Resolution 2016-R-6 TML Safety Grant. Alderman Leadbetter seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

**SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Jackson stated that he would be attending Gibson County Leadership Class on September 13, 2016. He asked the council would they want to move the meeting to September 15, 2016 or have someone preside over the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Graves made a motion to move the September 13, 2016 council meeting to September 15, 2016. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion carried by 3 yeas and Alderman Gibson nay.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**TERRY BROWN/ PARK DEPARTMENT**

Terry reminded the council that the 3 year lease will end on the farm land leased to Mr. Joyce. He thanked Melvin Wade for taking care of the park while he was out for knee surgery.

**WILL SANDERS/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Sanders introduced the new officer Bill Cusson to the council.

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

Scott stated that he is trying to get new rates for water/waste water to the council by October 1, 2016.

### **ALDERMAN'S REPORT**

Aldersperson Leadbetter asked Chief Sanders if he could get his officers to check for city stickers because she saw two vehicles ahead of her at TL&W that did not have one.

Alderman Graves stated that he feels someone should be accountable for the water treatment plant when it went wrong years ago.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

August 10: WTIA mid-year meeting @ Crenshaw's 5:30pm

August 15: Bid opening Phase II Downtown Revitalization @ City Hall 1:00pm

August 23: Next Regular scheduled council meeting

August 31: Next Utility Board Meeting

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Ricky Jackson, Mayor

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Leigh Reynolds, City Recorder