

**TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 27, 2017
6:00 PM
TRENTON CITY HALL**

Mayor Jackson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Trenton City Council to order. Alderman Hammonds led the invocation with the Pledge of Allegiance to follow. Those present for the meeting were Mayor Jackson, Aldermen Abbott, Hammonds, Gibson, Graves and Alderperson Leadbetter. City employees were Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Scott Dahlstrom, Jeff McCoy, Chris Bufford, Dwayne Coble, Richard Gossum, John Warmath, Dusty Vickers, Tony Harrison, Eric Horne, Xavier Keys, Henry Cusson, Jim Garofalo and Leigh Reynolds. Visitors present were Shirley and Daron Partee.

CITIZENS INPUT

Jim Garofalo residing at 205 15th Street, Trenton, TN, addressed the council with issues in the police department. He stated that there is too much turn over in the department, the pay and benefits on a national average are too low. His insurance a week cost him \$237.00 for family coverage. With the turnover in the department it is leaving two officers to a shift and with the gang problem going on we need more officers. Keeping the town safe is our priority but two officers cannot do that. To keep officers we need better benefits, more pay and training.

The council stated that with the budget coming up that they would look at pay and benefits but the council was concerned about the gangs.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

SCOTT DAHLSTROM/LIGHT & WATER DEPARTMENT

Scott stated that he and the Mayor have a meeting on March 22, 2017 and would like to change the Utility board meeting to March 29, 2017.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Work session for Mayor and Council March 6, 2017 at 5:00pm
February 28, 2017, last day without penalty for city taxes and city stickers

March 8, 2017 WTIA annual meeting

March 12, 2017 Daylight Savings time begins

March 14, 2017 regular scheduled City Council meeting

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to adjourn at 6:42pm. Alderman Graves seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Ricky Jackson, Mayor

Leigh Reynolds, City Recorder