

COUNCIL

Trenton City Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of Trenton City Hall with Mayor Tony Burriss presiding. Those present were council members Abbott, Cannon, Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson and Overall. Also present were City employees Richard Gossum, Sammy Dickey, Bret Fisher, Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Terry Brown, Will Sanders, Jeff McCoy, Jimmy Wilson, Brenda Ward and Jenny Corbin. Also present were visitors Kathi Burriss, Dianne Combs, Jim Horne and Danny Corley.

Mayor Burriss welcomed everyone and asked Alderman Cannon to give the invocation. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all.

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2008 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson and passed by all.

RECORDER'S REPORT

City Recorder Sammy Dickey reported 10th of month bills as follows:

Electric Department	\$600,161.28
Water & Sewer Department	\$ 17,677.89
General Government	\$ 44,033.16
Sanitation Department	\$ 24,767.23

A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to pay these bills as presented. This motion was seconded by Alderman Cannon and passed by all.

COUNCIL RETREAT

Council retreat is scheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2008, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Gibson County Utility District office. A facilitator will be attending from Nashville.

JIM HORNE AUDIT REPORT

Jim Horne presented the City of Trenton audit of the 2006/2007 fiscal year. His audit findings included a deficit of \$51,000 in place of the \$250,000.00 deficit that was budgeted for the general fund. Both utility funds showed a profit. Jobs were not segregated and no accounts were reconciled in a timely manner. Forty eight journal entries were found to correct book keeping. It was also disclosed that 5 credit card transactions had no invoice. A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to accept this audit. This motion was seconded by Alderman Overall and passed by all.

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to accept the audit contract with for fiscal year 2007-2008 not to exceed \$30,000.00. This motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson and passed by all.

TRENTON GARDEN CLUB

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to support Garden Club representative Diane Comb's request for \$150.00 for a full page ad to promote the Teapot Collection during and April 26-28 convention to be held in Memphis. This motion was seconded by Alderman Cannon and passed by all.

SOCCER LEAGUE

Tony Moore appeared before council with Coach Melvin Belong of Bethel College. These men would like to start a competitive soccer team in Trenton and become a member of the Tennessee Soccer League at a cost of \$200.00. The team would allow any child to participate regardless of what other sports they are involved in at a cost of \$20.00 per child. Consensus of council was to talk to Hank Warren at the YMCA made a recommendation at a later date.

J.K.WONG/TEAPOT PROPOSAL

Mr. Wong has proposed to take pictures of 4 or 5 teapots from the collection to China to have an artisan make a smaller duplicate that could be sold for \$15.00-\$20.00 each. Mayor Burriss stated that a lot of study and discussion should be done before any action would be taken. Consensus of council was for Mayor Burriss to get more information and continue discussions.

BRET FISHER/LIGHT & WATER DEPARTMENT

Bret reported to council that WTIA will be held on February 20, 2008. TVPPA will be in Orange Beach, Florida on May 19-20, 2008. Bret told council that he needs to replace 2 pickup trucks for the water and sewer department. A motion was made by Alderman Cannon to accept the low bid of \$12,901.95 from Moss Miller for 2 new trucks. This motion was seconded by Alderman Hammonds and passed by all. He informed council that the water line on South College needs to be replaced at a cost of about \$100,000.00. He may need to pay out of reserves because this is something that needs to be done soon. He informed council that Quebecor World has filed for bankruptcy and he has joined with several utility companies to hire an attorney in an attempt to collect their bill. Bret will apply the deposit to their bill but will lose about \$8,000.00. The attorney has filed for adequate assurance which will increase the deposit required and minimize losses. A new rate will be announced by TVA on Friday, February 15th and it is expected to be 6% to 9% wholesale.

RICHARD GOSSUM/CITY ATTORNEY

Mr. Gossum reported that depositions have been taken and the City can proceed with summary judgment in the Gunn lawsuit.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Burriss thanked all departments for the hard work they had done during the recent storm. He thanked the utility department for sending assistance to Jackson. The mayor has offered help from the Street and Sanitation department to Jackson and was thanked by Mayor Gist. He thanked Chief Green and the fire department for the good job they did during the fire at the Crim building.

A motion was made by Alderman Cannon to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson and passed by all.

ADJOURN 8:47 P.M.