

## **COUNCIL**

Trenton City Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, February 26, 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 Bret Fisher, Will Sanders, Sammy Dickey, Barry Green, Richard Gossum, Terry Brown, Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Jeff McCoy, Brenda Ward and James Frazier. Visitors were Eric Geater, Darryl Word and Danny Corley.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2008 council meeting as corrected to reflect that J.K. Wong requested to take pictures of teapots and not actual teapots to have reproductions made. This motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson and passed by all.

### **RECORDER'S REPORT**

City Recorder Sammy Dickey requested that council consider taking salary for Terry Bailey and Michael Sanders out of General Fund instead of from the Sanitation Fund. A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to pay them out of the General Fund. This motion was seconded by Alderman Gibson and passed by all.

### **CITIZEN IN PUT**

Danny Corley appeared before council to ask about the audit findings. Mayor Burriss explained that the accounts are balanced, bookkeeping errors have been corrected and audit recommendations have been complied with.

### **TEAPOT PROPOSAL**

Mayor Burriss stated that he has had many comments opposing J.K. Wong's proposal to have teapots duplicated for sale. A motion was made by Alderman Abbott that this proposal be rejected. This motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson and passed by all.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> READING ORDINANCE #252/PARADE REGULATIONS**

A motion was made by Alderman Cannon to pass on first reading Ordinance #252 to regulate parades within the City of Trenton. This motion was seconded by Alderman Abbott and passed by all.

## **FM RADIO PRESENTATION**

Eric Geater appeared before council to explain the requirements for an FM radio station to operate within a 3.7 mile radius of the City of Trenton. His goal is to have any event happening in the city such as sporting events, council meetings, teapot festival festivities, etc. to be broadcast. Also emergency alerts, storm warnings, etc. This radio station would be non profit, commercial free and operate on memberships much as public broadcasting. The web site is [www.trentonradio.org](http://www.trentonradio.org).

## **TERRY BROWN/PARK DEPARTMENT**

Terry reported to council members that State Senator Lowe Finney has contacted the City of Trenton to announce that the City will be awarded \$3,750.00 for Shady Acres Park improvement.

## **WILL SANDERS/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief Will Sanders recommended that the City accept Bill Goodrich's resignation as dispatcher. A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds, seconded by Alderman Jackson and passed by all to accept this resignation. Chief Sanders recommended that council hire Tammie Jones as dispatcher. This motion was made by Alderman Jackson, seconded by Alderman Hammonds and passed by all. Chief Sanders informed council that Calvin Tosh has resigned from the police department. A motion to accept his resignation was made by Alderman Hammonds, seconded by Alderman Gibson and passed by all.

Chief Sanders announced that Governor Bredesen has partnered with local schools to teach a 45 minute class to 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes on internet predators. He informed council that the department needs 30-40 people of all ages to participate in a reenactment emergency program on March 13 at Peabody High School from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

Will is working with Tim Haney to schedule a date to teach a class called "Between the Barrels". This will educate students on driving through construction zones.

## **BRET FISHER/LIGHT & WATER DEPARTMENT**

Bret reported that TVA fuel cost adjustments that happen each quarter will take place in April. The base rate is 7% and he anticipates a 5% increase for a total of 12% fuel cost adjustment increase. He informed council members that Quebecor World has negotiated a favorable deposit and that money has been invested in a certificate of deposit.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Alderman Cannon to change the speed limit on South College Street from Walnut Street to Harlan Morris Drive from 31 m.p.h. back to 45 m.p.h. This motion was seconded by Alderman Gibson and passed 5 to 1 with Alderman Hammonds voting nay.

Alderman Abbott expressed concern about downtown parking and asked about the Steele and Singleton lot. Mayor Burriss stated that he is working to secure the Crim lot for parking. Mr. Abbott then stated that he is knocking on doors asking for money for a batting cage and will soon make a request for City contributions. Alderman Overall stated that there are many items and activities in the park that are worthy of funding.

Mayor Burriss informed council that the 1<sup>st</sup> responder classes are being rescheduled. The planning commission will meet on Thursday, February 28 to discuss Trenton Recycling. He reminded council that State Senator Lowe Finney will hold a Town Hall meeting on March 6, at 5:15 in the Teapot Room.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson and passed by all.

**ADJOURN 7:39 P.M.**