

**TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
MAY 14, 2013
TRENTON CITY HALL
6:00PM**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Tony Burriss. The invocation was given by Alderman Wade. Mayor Burriss welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present for the meeting were Alderman Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, Wade, Abbott, and Overall. City employees present were Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Barry Green, Will Sanders, Scott Dahlstrom and Leigh Reynolds. Visitors present were Lanny Poteet, Myra and Haywood Elam and Marcino Jelkes.

Alderman Wade made a motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2013 adding Mayor Burriss was appointed to Utilicor Board. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

RECORDER'S REPORT

City Recorder Leigh Reynolds reported the expenditures for the month. Alderman Jackson made a motion to pay the expenditures with general fund expenses being \$54,972.06, sanitation \$40,344.49, electric \$564,630.91 and water and sewer \$39,960.01. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Recorder Reynolds stated that there were two bids turned in for sidewalk repair on College Street, Martin Paving \$39,725.00 and RH Construction \$44,000.00. Alderman Gibson made a motion to accept Martin Paving Bid for \$39,725.00 for sidewalk repair on College Street. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Recorder Reynolds informed the council that Telecom Audit Group out of Alabama is an audit group that will come in and review your phone bills to see if we are being overcharged or paying excessive rates. The audit group will only charge if they recover money. If they recover money they will charge 50% of what the city receives back. Alderman Wade made a motion to allow The Telecom Audit Group to review the City's phone bills. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

CITIZEN INPUT

Myra Elam who resides at 1122 South High Street stated she had been hearing some negative comments about the City of Trenton from residents in the Lexington Street area. She stated that she has invited them to council meetings but they will not come. She asked that the council try to find a way to make them feel a little better. One issue was why High Street was paved before Lexington. Alderman Gibson stated that recent cuts have been made on Lexington Street and that needed to settle before resurfacing was done. Mayor Burriss stated that we have worked hard to see what needs to be done in every area of this city and a grant to renovate houses for \$600,000 the city received 99% of it was used on Lexington. The city supported Trenton Housing Authority to build and Education Center, \$70,000 used to pave street and have torn down 70 houses that were dilapidated in the Lexington area. Mayor Burriss stated that he did not understand because nothing like this has been done in his neighborhood.

OLD BUSINESS

2ND READING ORDINANCE #282-AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

Alderman Gibson made a motion to pass 2nd reading on Ordinance #282 to amend official zoning map. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

RE-APPOINT MIKE WALLSMITH TO TRENTON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to re-appoint Mike Wallsmith to Trenton Housing Authority Board. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

DEED MAP 107E GROUP G PARCEL 28.01 TO MARY VIRGINIA WILLIAMS

Alderman Wade made a motion to deed Map 107E Group G Parcel 28.01 to Mary Virginia Williams. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

TERRY BAILEY/ STREET AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Terry Bailey stated that paving is still going on in the city and a house on East 3rd is ready to be torn down.

BARRY GREEN/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Green stated that the electronic board on the 1990 fire truck went out so the truck had to be towed to Union City where they had to rebuild the board because the boards are no longer made. The board cost \$1,584.71 and tow bill was \$300.00.

WILL SANDERS/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sanders recognized Officer Williams, Hall and Horne for a promotion. Officers Williams and Hall will be promoted to sergeant and Horne to lieutenant. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to promote Officers Williams and Hall to sergeant and Officer Horne to lieutenant. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Chief Sanders stated that the jail was inspected and they would not recertify and it will be impossible to get certified. If our jail closes we will lose revenue. Chief also stated that the trial for the robber of Regions Bank is set to begin Monday in federal court and is expected to take four or five days.

SCOTT DAHLSTROM/LIGHT AND WATER DEPARTMENT

Scott stated that Hillary Little and Taylor Stovall are due a raise. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to give Little and Stovall their raises. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion of approving a credit card for Scott, Alderman Jackson made a motion to approve a credit card for Scott Dahlstrom not to exceed \$5000.00. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

ALDERMAN'S REPORT

Alderman Jackson stated there will be a budget meeting May 16, 2013 at 8:30am. Alderman Wade asked Aldermen Jackson and Hammonds to look at Batchelor Street for paving.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Burriss told council that he had conference information for TVPPA.

Alderman Wade made a motion to adjourn at 6:50pm. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. Motion carried by everyone standing.

Tony Burriss, Mayor

Leigh Reynolds, City Recorder