

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008
6:30 P.M.
TRENTON CITY HALL

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER & WELCOME
- B. INVOCATION/ALDERMAN GIBSON
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- D. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTMEBER 9th MEETING
- E. RECORDER'S REPORT
- F. CITIZENS' INPUT-ANY CITIZEN WILL BE GIVEN UP TO 3 MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR ON ANY ISSUE
- G. OLD BUSINESS
- H. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. LEASE ON 1ST AND COLLEGE ST. GREEN AREA PROPERTY
 - 2. OLD TRENTON CITY SIGNS
 - 3. POSSIBLE SENIOR CENTER MOVE TO TRENTON
 - 4. PACKAGE STORE ORDINANCES
- I. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS
 - 1. TERRY BAILEY/STREET & SANITATION DEPARTMENT
 - 2. RICKY BAILEY/BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT
 - 3. TERRY BROWN/PARK DEPARTMENT
 - 4. BARRY GREEN/FIRE DEPARTMENT
 - 5. WILL SANDERS/POLICE DEPARTMENT
 - 6. BRET FISHER/LIGHT & WATER DEPARTMENT
- J. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT
- K. ALDERMAN'S REPORT
- L. MAYOR'S REPORT

City Council
9-9-2008
Trenton City Hall
6:30 p.m.

A regular scheduled meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Tony Burriss. The invocation was given by Alderman Overall. Mayor Burriss welcomed all in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were elected officials, Mayor Burriss, Aldermen Abbott, Cannon, Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, and Overall. City employees present were Sammy Dickey, Will Sanders, Barry Green, Ricky Bailey, Terry Brown, Jeff McCoy, Bret Fisher, Jenny Corbin, Richard Gossum, James Frazier, and Brenda Ward. Visitors present were Jamie Frakes, Bobby G. Moore, Ruby Ganaway, Darryl Word, and Jay Dunagan.

A motion was made by Alderman Cannon to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2008 council meeting. Alderman Hammonds gave a second motion. The motion was passed by all.

Sammy Dickey reported the amounts of the 10th of the month bills. The General Fund was \$30,505.82, Sanitation was \$24,002.08, Electric was \$775,079.40, and Water and Sewer was \$26,937.86. A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to pay the 10th of the month bills. Alderman Abbott gave a 2nd motion. The motion was passed by all.

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to raise jail inmates' fee from \$11.00 a day to \$15.00. Alderman Jackson gave a 2nd motion. The motion was passed by all.

Dr. James T. Frakes, director of Small Business Development at Dyersburg State Community College, addressed the council. The Department of Economic and Community Development works to assist small businesses and entrepreneurs who want to start a business and help existing businesses. The services are free.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Hank Warren asked the city to put up a sign that would slow traffic coming into the YMCA. Mayor Burriss and council stated that there is a sign in place.

Jay Dunagan stated that there had been some miscommunication between the city and the baseball leagues. He would like some clarification on what the city and leagues are responsible for.

FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to pass the 2nd and final reading of Ordinance #261, to be in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program. Alderman Gibson made a second motion. The motion was passed by all.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT PROPOSAL

Alderman Abbott made a motion to purchase 33 snowflake lights. Alderman Hammonds made the 2nd motion. The council voted unanimously to fund \$8500.00 for the purchase of the lights. \$1000.00 was already budgeted for decorations. These lights will be placed on College Street, Court Square, High Street, Armory Street, and the 45 By-Pass.

RICKY BAILEY/ BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ricky reported that there were no violations found in a recent TOSHA inspection.

TERRY BROWN / PARK DEPARTMENT

Terry reported that the Tennessee Municipal League is concerned about liability at the park. TML wants to be sure the city is covered on any liability. During tournaments, the leagues are required to purchase a \$700,000 liability policy and sign a waiver relieving the city of liability. Terry stated the Park Board agreed that batting cages would be beneficial. The leagues will be responsible for scheduling use of batting cages, and with the leagues' contributions, two or three batting cages may be purchased. Terry also stated that the leagues have some repairs that they would like to have done, he said that the repairs are cosmetic and the park is not responsible for the repairs. The leagues want a sod cutter and other equipment and that is not the kind of repair the city normally does at the park.

RICHARD GOSSUM / CITY ATTORNEY

Richard informed council that the Harold Gunn versus the Trenton Electric Department is now over. Harold Gunn did not appeal the decision.

BRET FISHER / LIGHT & WATER DEPT

Bret informed council that there will be a retirement reception for Mildred and Melvin Pittman on September 26th between 2:00 – 4:00.

Bret also stated that the South College Street waterline project will start Monday, September 15th.

Bret asked the council to keep in mind the expense of Christmas lights. The electric department hangs the lights and they lose this money.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Abbott commended the Park Board for a good job.

Mayor Burriss announced that the ribbon cutting for Bad Bob's Bar-be-Que will be September 17th at 9:30.

With no other business, Alderman Cannon made a motion to adjourn at 7:30. Alderman Hammonds made a second motion. The motion was passed by all.