

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008  
6:30 P.M.  
TRENTON CITY HALL

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER & WELCOME
  
- B. INVOCATION/ALDERMAN OVERALL
  
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  
- D. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 26TH 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
  - 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE
  
- H. NEW BUSINESS
  - 1. CHRISTMAS LIGHT PROPOSAL

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

Public Hearing

8-26-2008

Trenton City Hall

6:30 p.m.

Mayor Burriss asked if there were any comments for or against the Flood Plan Zoning Ordinance #261. With there being no comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:31.

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to approve the first reading of the Flood Plan Ordinance #261 in order to be in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program.

### City Council

A regular scheduled meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Tony Burriss. The invocation was given by Alderman Abbott. 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 Bailey, Terry Brown, Bret Fisher, Jenny Corbin, Odell Coleman, and Richard Gossum. Ruby Ganaway, Katie Nance, and Toni Brown were present as visitors.

A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2008 meeting. Alderman Abbott gave a second motion. The motion was passed by all.

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of Building Code Ordinances #256, #257, #258, #259, and #260. Alderman Gibson gave a second motion. The motion was passed by all.

Alderman Cannon made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Flood Plan Ordinance #261. Alderman Jackson gave a second motion. The motion was passed by all.

### OLD FIRE TRUCK

The City of Dyer has made a \$15,000.00 offer on the old Fire Department tanker. Mayor Burriss recommended advertising the tanker in First Responders magazine with an asking price of \$25,000.00. The decision was made to table the offer.

### STREET PATCHING

Pavement Restoration, Inc. of Milan suggested using the infra-red method to repair streets. Mayor Burriss recommended repairing cuts in the streets with \$75,000 we have budgeted for black topping. Pavement Restoration has given a price of \$15,000 for repairs from 3<sup>rd</sup> St to 8<sup>th</sup> St on Church Street.

## PER DIEM POLICY

Mayor Burriss suggested raising the per diem allowance for meals to \$33.00 a day from \$26.00. Alderman Cannon gave a motion to raise the per diem. Alderman Overall gave a second motion. The vote was 5 yes and 1 no. Alderman Hammonds voted no.

## TERRY BROWN / PARK DEPARTMENT

Terry would like to padlock the electric boxes for lights at the park. Terry thinks that June and July electric bills were paid in August. The new budget started in July 2008, and 24% has already been used of the 2008-2009 budget.

## WILL SANDERS / POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sanders talked to Sherry Scruggs at Gibson General Hospital about the bills for prisoners. The county jail pays ½ price. Sherry talked to Jackson General and the same will apply to the City of Trenton.

Halloween will fall on Friday this year. Will asked permission to celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> because of the home football game. Some churches will also be having some events. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to celebrate Halloween on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Jackson gave a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. The motion was passed by all.

Will also stated that a new finger printing machine will be installed in about 60 days. The cost of the machine will be about \$30,000.

## BRET FISHER / LIGHT AND WATER DEPARTMENT

Bret recommends the hiring of Stacey Rice to fill an opening in the Water Department. Alderman Hammonds gave a motion to hire Stacey. Alderman Jackson gave a second motion. The motion was passed by all.

Bret also asked council to remember the Tim Rogers family. Tim's son has cancer. One of the tumors hemorrhaged, he is very ill.

Bret stated that electric rates have been raised about 20%.

Tank inspections were done this summer; Bret has not received the result of the test yet.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Richard Gossum, city attorney, stated that the deadline for an appeal is August 27<sup>th</sup> in the Harold Gunn lawsuit against the Trenton Electric Department.

Alderman Hammonds suggested that citizens remove their yard sale signs when the sale is over.

Alderman Jackson stated that Saturday Night on the Square went well.

Alderman Cannon reminded everyone of Trade Day in Trenton. It will be Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Alderman Abbott commended Lieutenant Jimmy Wilson for help in an investigation. Alderman Abbott also stated that we need new Christmas lights. He stated that \$25,000 would be needed to start replacing Christmas lights.

Alderman Abbott also stated that the city park needs a lot of updates. He would like to take \$150,000 from the reserves and spend on the park. He also questioned grants and reserves.

Mayor Burriss explained the grant process. Mayor Burriss stated that just because Trenton did not get a grant, does not mean we have not applied. There is a lot of competition in securing grants.

Mayor Burriss also explained that the City of Trenton has 1.2 million in reserves. Mayor Burriss stated we could spend \$200,000 if it is necessary, but the reserves should never go under \$1,000,000.

Mayor Burriss stated that Dr. Jonathan Franks with DSCC would like to speak at the next council meeting.

The next Planning and Zoning Meeting will be at 11:00 on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor and Department Heads will go thru the Policy and Procedures Manual section by section.

The next council meeting is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45, with a motion made by Alderman Hammonds. Alderman Gibson gave a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Passed by all.

