

BEER HEARING
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009
5:30 P.M.
TRENTON CITY HALL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

- A. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome
- B. Invocation / Alderman Cannon
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approve Minutes of July 28th 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. Utility Board Meeting September 9th
 - 2. Governor's Conference September 14-15
- H. New Business
 - 1. Doxicom Recycling Coming to August 25th Meeting
 - 2. Approval of Support to TSSD for Qualified School Construction Bonds
- 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

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Mayor Burriss opened the beer hearing at 5:30. Mayor Burriss informed council that Brandy Keeling has applied to sell beer at Maxwell's Place which is located at 411 North College. Mayor Burriss asked for any comments pro or con. With no comments, the hearing was closed at 5:32.

TRENTON 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 Jackson. Mayor Burriss welcomed all in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were elected officials, Alderman Abbott, Cannon, Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, and Overall. City employees present were Sammy Dickey, Will Sanders, Barry Green, Bret Fisher, Jenny Corbin, Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, and Terry Brown. Visitors present were Danny Jones, Jeff Smith, George Wade and Brandy Keeling.

Alderman Cannon made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14th council meeting. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

CITIZENS INPUT

Attorney, Jeff Smith, came before council with concerns of the conditions of the Court Square. He presented pictures of his concerns to Mayor Burriss and Council.

George Wade came before council to ask them to reconsider their decision to allow gun permit holders to carry concealed weapons at the park.

Council Abbott read a letter from Franky and Sandy Hodges about guns in the park. The letter stated "It's not a matter of if, but when an innocent child is shot if guns are allowed there. Trenton is a great place to live. Let's keep it that way."

BEER HEARING

Alderman Jackson made a motion to allow Brandy Keeling to sell beer at Maxwell's Place which is located at 411 North College Street. Alderman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a vote of 4 to 2 with Aldermen Hammonds and Overall voting no.

TERRY BROWN / PARK DEPARTMENT

Terry echoed the opinion of George Wade and the letter that was written by Franky and Sandy Hodges. Terry stated that he thinks the council should rescind their vote and opt out of guns in the park.

WILL SANDERS / POLICE DEPARTMENT

Will informed council that Anthony Robertiello had replaced Shawn Evans on the Drug Task Force.

Will also stated that Jimmy Wilson has started his 3rd week in the FBI Academy in Virginia. He is scheduled to graduate September 18th.

Will also commented that he is against guns in the park. He stated that “liquor and guns don’t mix, neither do children and guns.” Will said, “I’m an avid supporter of the 2nd Amendment, but there is a time and place to carry them and the park is no place to have a weapon.”

Will also informed council that Assistant Chief Jeff McCoy has had gall bladder surgery and Vanessa Barron’s husband has been hospitalized with no definite prognosis.

BRET FISHER / LIGHT AND WATER DEPARTMENT

Bret reminded council of the WTIA at Cajun Cookers July 29 at Three Way.

Bret informed council that the recent \$500,000 grant from stimulus money, for sewer improvement the department is getting will bring the total of grant money the department has received since he has been over the department to \$4.3 million. Bret also stated that with the department’s match of \$82,000 from the last grant, coupled with water tank painting costs, a meeting will be held soon to discuss how to fund the projects.

He also stated that TVA will likely have a rate increase in October. There will also be a wholesale rate change in April.

Bret reminded council that there will be a Utility Board Meeting, September 9th, at 12:00.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Hammonds questioned what was happening with the lot on Church Street where the house burned.

Alderman Abbott, who was on vacation when the Council failed to opt out of resolution 2009-R-7 which allows municipalities to prohibit handguns within a public park owned or operated by a city, said he was shocked when he saw the The Gazette what had taken place. He stated “I couldn’t believe we had voted to allow guns at Shady Acres Park and

I was disappointed with the action.” “I am not bashing anybody, but I don’t believe we should have done that. Schools use the park for sports events and I have not found a sole supporting guns at the park.” Alderman Abbott made a motion to put the resolution back on the agenda. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion.

Alderman Cannon stated “I don’t want to be chastised by another alderman because of the way I voted, especially when he wasn’t at the meeting.”

Alderman Overall said that he respected everyone’s vote. He cited figures showing more fatalities from drunk drivers than by handguns, yet we vote to allow beer sales on a regular basis.

Alderman Jackson made a motion to opt out of resolution 2009-R-7. Alderman Gibson seconded the motion. Alderman Hammonds stated people at Columbine High School would have loved to have a gun. Citizen George Wade asked not to compare us with those troubled areas.

Alderman Jackson stated his motion stands. Alderman Gibson seconded the motion. The vote was a tie 3 to 3. Aldermen Cannon, Hammonds, and Overall voted no. Mayor Burriss had to break the tie and he voted to pass Resolution 2009-R-7.

Mayor Burriss reminded council to be at the Fair Grounds Monday night. Trenton is the honoring city.

The Governor’s Conference is September 14th -15th at the Opryland Hotel.

Mayor Burriss informed council that 5-M apparel has lost their largest contract. The company will downsize and shut down for 2 weeks but will not close.

Mayor Burriss stated recycling is a must and would like to schedule a meeting for September or October.

The next council meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2009.

With no other business a motion was made by Alderman Cannon to adjourn at 6:24. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.