

## **COUNCIL**

Trenton City Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of Trenton City Hall with Mayor Tony Burriss presiding. Those present were Aldermen Abbott, Cannon, Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson and Overall. Also present were City employees Bret Fisher, Richard Gossum, Sammy Dickey, Will Sanders, Ricky Bailey, Terry Bailey, Barry Green, Jeff McCoy, Brenda Ward and Stephen Peay. Visitors were Hank Warren and Darryl Word.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2008 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson and passed by all.

### **TML CONFERENCE**

Mayor Burriss reminded council members of TML conference to be held June 22-24 in Memphis. The elected officials' academy will start on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **LAGOON CLOSING**

Mayor Burriss, Sammy Dickey and Bret Fisher will sign papers to close this project on April 30, 2008.

### **DOWNTOWN RENOVATIONS**

TLM officials from Jackson spent an afternoon with Mayor Burriss and Alderman Gibson walking through the downtown area to assess possible renovations around Court Square. Also discussed was lighting around the square and on College Street to City Hall and repairing sidewalks along several streets. The cost of renovations would be covered by an 80/20 grant in the amount of \$750,000.00. The City match would be \$150,000.00.

## **MAYORAL ELECTION**

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to contact State Senator Lowe Finney to encourage passage of the City of Trenton private act stating that the mayor of Trenton would be elected by a 50% + 1 margin. This motion was seconded by Alderman Gibson and passed by all.

## **RICKY BAILEY/BUILDING & ZONING INSPECTOR**

Ricky Bailey reported to council that he has worked with Mayor Burriss and Alderman Gibson to contact 25 residents by letter to encourage them to maintain and clean their property. The response has been good.

## **WILL SANDERS/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Overall to approve Police Chief Sander's recommendation to hire Samora Hall for new hire as patrolman with the department. This motion was seconded by Alderman Cannon and passed by all.

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

Bret reported that the signal light on the West By Pass and Highway 54 has been finished. He informed council that Melvin and Mildred Pittman will retire from the department on October 1, 2008. The Tennessee Economic Development Council will meet in Memphis on April 23. Bret will attend the seminar on Work Force. Consensus of council was for Bret to get bids regarding the purchase of a Ford Explorer to replace his existing vehicle.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Alderman Gibson reported that islands in the City have been adopted to landscape by Jim and Diane Overall, Sandy Gibson and the Ladies Auxiliary, Walter Lockhart, Priscilla Poteet and Amy Greer. Frank and Priscilla will do some of the other areas that are not assigned. Alderman Abbott reported working with State officials and that the cemetery grant was not awarded to work on the gazebo. The thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Burriss reported that a \$500.00 donation has been made to MAAD in honor of Dave Brown.

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 7:22 P.M.**