

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2011
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 Jackson. Mayor Burriss welcomed all in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present for the meeting were elected officials, Alderman Abbott, Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, and Overall. Alderman Wade was absent from the meeting. City employees present were Sammy Dickey, Bret Fisher, Will Sanders, Barry Green, Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, and Richard Gossum. Present as visitors were Danny Jones, Marlene Wilson, Sandra Gibson, Eileen Elliott, Bob Wilson, Myra Elam, Haywood Elam, and Lanny Poteet.

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2011 meeting. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

CITIZENS INPUT

Marlene Wilson addressed Council regarding two projects. Mrs. Wilson, representing Trenton Master Gardeners, wants to get Shady Acres Park designated an arboretum and wildlife habitat haven.

Mrs. Wilson also wants to have a workday on Saturday, April 9 to beautify the outer court square flower beds. She is asking for help from any church, civic organizations, school students, fire, police, and street departments. She asked that everyone interesting in helping to meet on the Court Square at 8:00 a.m. and bring tools to rake and bag leaves in the flower beds, prune shrubs and do what ever is necessary to beautify the area in preparation of the Teapot Festival.

Mayor Burriss informed Council that the TML Conference will be June 12-14 in Murfreesboro and who wants to go to let the girls in the office know so that they can make reservations. The fee for the spouse to attend will be \$135.00.

There will be a City Council Goals Workshop on March 23rd at 9:00 at City Hall.

The April 26th City Council Meeting falls on the night on Music Feast during Teapot Festival week. A motion was made by Alderman Abbott to cancel the April 26th meeting. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. Alderman Gibson voted no. The motion passed 4 to 1.

TERRY BROWN / PARK DEPARTMENT

Mayor Burriss updated Council on Terry's condition.

BARRY GREEN / FIRE CHIEF

Chief Green informed Council that 18 firefighters are now certified to use the vehicle extrication equipment that the department received through grant funding.

WILL SANDERS / POLICE CHIEF

Chief Sanders reported to Council that he has just returned from a state methamphetamine task force meeting. He stated that all citizens need to ask State Senator Lowe Finney and State Representative Curtis Halford to help get bills passed to stop the sell of bath salts and incense.

BRET FISHER / TRENTON LIGHT AND WATER

Bret recommended to Council that the City have the utility fee waived for the new industry Van Can. Alderman Hammonds voted to waive the fee. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

Bret also reported to Council that he and Tara Bradford with the Chamber of Commerce will be traveling to Atlanta to make a presentation to a German factory.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Gibson stated that he thinks Marlene Wilson's challenge was to council.

Alderman Abbott stated that the Feed Store on the By Pass needs a street light. Bret will look into this.

Mayor Burriss reported that the Police Department has received a \$73,121 insurance check for reimbursement of losses in a theft.

Deborah Hundley has been hired on a part time basis to help at the park until Terry Brown can return.

Mayor Burriss asked Council to read an article about how the City of Oak Ridge handles run down rental property.

The next Council meeting will be held April 12 at 6:30 p.m.

With no other business, Alderman Hammonds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

