

CITY OF TRENTON

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Tony Burriss, Mayor

CITY RECORDER
Sammy L. Dickey

CITY JUDGE
J. Mark Johnson

CITY ATTORNEY
Richard B. Gossum

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
TRENTON CITY HALL
May 10, 2011
5:30 P.M.

ALDERMEN
Michael Abbott
Frank Gibson
Joe H. Hammonds
Ricky Jackson
Jim Overall
George Wade

- A. Call Meeting to Order & Welcome
- B. Invocation – Alderman Abbott
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approve Minutes of the April 12, 2011
- E. Recorder’s Report
- F. Citizen’s Input – any citizen will be given up to 3 minutes to address the Mayor on any issue
- G. Old Business
- H. New Business
 - 1. Approve ATA Audit Bid
 - 2. Sanitation
- 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

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 12, 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 Wade. 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, Overall, and Wade. City employees present were Sammy Dickey, Bret Fisher, Will Sanders, Ricky Bailey, Terry Brown, Barry Green, Leigh Ann Reynolds, and Richard Gossum. Present as visitors were Rickey Graves, Danny Jones, Carolyn Wade, Lanny Poteet, Darryl Word, and Quinton Alford.

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

RECORDER'S REPORT

City Recorder, Sammy Dickey, reported the 10th of the month bills. They were General Fund \$31,350.49, Sanitation \$21,296.51, Electric Department \$574,876.67, and Water and Sewer \$28,155.01. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to pay the 10th of the month bills. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

INSURANCE PAYMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT THEFT

Mayor Tony Burriss reported to Council that the city has received \$73,121 in insurance payments for a theft that occurred in the Police Department two and a half years ago. Money was taken on sex offender registrations and bad check payments that were not recorded properly, and after discovery of the stolen funds was made, two employees were dismissed. The investigation was turned over to the Gibson County Sheriff's Department and later the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, with the latter agency not yet determining whether or not they will turn over arrest warrants to the District Attorney.

Mayor Burriss suggested the funds be put into a bank account with \$26,000 going to match the downtown renovation grant, \$14,000 for payment on the scoreboards at Shady Acres Park (that will be repaid) and the remainder to be put into paving money to repair streets. Mayor Burriss stated that both the Municipal Technical Assistance Service (MTAS) and auditors have said using these funds in this manner is permissible. A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to approve the funds being used. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

ATA AUDIT REVIEW

John Wybrew with Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC stated the city has a clean audit as he presented a summary of the year's financial activities. The City has \$21.1 million in assets of which 60 percent is the utility department's, with \$8.2 million in liabilities of which \$5.8 million is long-term notes, etc. The city closed the year with \$12.9 million in equity of which \$9.2 million was on the utility side. Increases in net assets were \$363,000 for the year overall. The city had \$3.8 million in revenues and \$3.7 million in expenses and ended the year with a fund balance of \$1.7 million.

Findings were segregation of duties, plus the utility department needed to have a separate bank account for some grant money received. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to accept the audit. Alderman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION #2011-R-11

Emergency Management Director, Rickey Graves, and Building Inspector, Ricky Bailey, explained the plan that is part of the county's plan has been worked on for quite some time and now must be submitted to FEMA for their approval. Ricky Graves stated that "The plan is a mandate from the federal government. We have submitted the plan to FEMA and it has been approved, now FEMA must approve it." A motion was made by Alderman Wade to approve Resolution #2011-R-11. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

PARKING SIGN ON WEST HUNTINGDON STREET

Mayor Burriss explained to Council that if cars are parked on both sides of the street near the Cageman Gym there is only 1 lane traffic. Alderman Wade made a motion to approve placing "no parking" signs on the south side of West Huntingdon St. near The Cageman Gym and leave parallel parking on the north side, to alleviate some of the problems with traffic flow in that area.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Frank Gibson thanked baseball league treasurer, Sandy Gibson, for providing a financial report.

Alderman Jackson reminded everyone about the budget meeting on April 13th at 9:00.

Alderman Wade thanked everyone for their well wishes during his illness.

Alderman Abbott stated that he would talk to a citizen about a situation that came up today.

Mayor Burriss reported that Chris Bradford has decided not to buy the Phelan Building, but Diana Pittman has inquired about it.

Mayor Burriss also stated that there will be one more sanitation meeting with council on May 4th at 1:00.

With no other business, Alderman Hammonds made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 P.M. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.