

# 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 24, 2011  
6:30 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 May 10, 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
  - 1. Sanitation
- H. New Business
  - 1. Ratify New City Charter
- 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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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 for the meeting were elected officials, Alderman Abbott, Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, Overall, and Wade. City employees present were Sammy Dickey, Leigh Ann Reynolds, Bret Fisher, Will Sanders, Barry Green, Ricky Bailey, and Richard Gossum. Danny Jones was present as a visitor.

A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 council meeting. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

#### RECORDER'S REPORT

City Recorder, Sammy Dickey, reported the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month bills to council. They were General Fund \$49,895.48, Sanitation \$10,265.47, Electric \$560,263.97, and Water and Sewer \$25,228.14. A motion was made by Alderman Wade to pay the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month bills. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

#### APPROVE ATA AUDIT BID

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to approve Alexander, Thompson, Arnold, PLLC's bid of \$33,095 for the city's audit with the cost to be equally shared by the City and Trenton Light and Water. The bid also included \$3000 for the Industrial Board audit, which will be paid by that board. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

#### HEALTH INSURANCE

Alderman Overall made a motion to suspend the rules and add health insurance to the agenda. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to approve Phelan-Estes Insurance Agency for the city's group health insurance amounting to \$387.97 monthly premium per employee or only a 2.9 percent increase over last year's \$377.87 figure. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

## SANITATION

Mayor Burriss opened the floor for discussion about privatizing sanitation. He stated that if we keep garbage pickup as it currently is, the city is losing money and a rate hike will be required. If we privatize, residential rates will remain the same for at least two years, but we need to hear what citizens have to say. The last increase in sanitation rates took place some 10 years ago.

Alderman Wade stated that since he was not able to attend the first meeting, stated that we need to get an opinion from the public.

Alderman Overall stated that privatizing gives the city a viable option not to raise sanitation rates.

Alderman Abbott's reasons for opposing privatization included alleged loss of jobs, elderly would have difficulty getting garbage cans to the curb, and the city would have no control over the sanitation matter.

Alderman Gibson stated that maybe we need to have a public meeting to get the facts on the table. He said that whoever gets the contract, if we privatize, they will go behind three percent of the citizen's houses that are not able to take garbage to the street.

Alderman Wade suggested having a town hall meeting and only addressing this issue.

Mayor Burriss suggested advertise in tidbits. Danny Jones said this will be a front page story. Mayor Burriss suggested meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 at City Hall. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to have a town hall meeting on this day. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

## SAMMY DICKEY / STREET AND SANITATION

City Recorder, Sammy Dickey, who is supervising the Street & Sanitation Department while Terry Bailey is with the National Guard for the next few weeks before being deployed to Kuwait later this year said there has been much goings on in this department since the storms. We are wrapped up with downed trees, limbs and bushes and people don't understand why we haven't picked up on their street. The most dangerous areas are where we are picking up first. We have three men in the cemetery picking up debris, three backhoes and trucks with crews picking up elsewhere.

## WILL SANDERS / POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sanders informed Council that Kyle Beauchamp will be graduating from the Academy on May 20 and with this graduation all officers in the department will be certified.

## BRET FISHER / LIGHT AND WATER DEPARTMENT

Bret informed Council that the two recent storms have cost the department an estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000 that is covered by insurance, less the deductible. Lightning struck a computer at the water plant and some sewer manholes suffered damage due to flooding.

Bret recommended to Council a raise for Hillary Doyle who just finished her first year of employment. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to approve the raise. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

Bret also reported to Council that the department will be receiving money from Rural Development for the water tank project. Tank bid opening is scheduled for June 8.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Gibson told the Council that Kathryn Taylor can get volunteers to help with debris pickup at Oakland Cemetery on the weekends. The city will provide a truck and appreciates all volunteers.

Alderman Overall stated that the score boards are up at the park.

Mayor Burriss informed Council that the annual Spring Art Show of the Gibson County Visual Arts Association reception will be Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in the Teapot Room at 2:00.

The Presbyterian Church contractors want to start work Wednesday, May 11 between 5 and 6 in the morning.

Mayor Burriss informed Council that Trenton Elementary School's Destination Imagination team will be going to the globals in Knoxville and suggested council members might want to make individual donations to help with the expenses.

The city has received a clear environmental impact statement for the downtown renovation project so the project can now begin.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

With no other business, Alderman Wade made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 P.M. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.