

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010
5:30 P.M.
TRENTON CITY HALL

- A. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome
- B. Invocation / Alderman Cannon
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approve Minutes of the May 11th Meeting
- 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. 50% + 1 Resolution
- H. New Business
 - 1. Lease agreement with Green Plains Grain Company
- J. 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 Jackson. Mayor Burriss welcomed all in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present for the meeting were elected officials, Aldermen Abbott, Cannon, Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, and Overall. City employees present were Sammy Dickey, Will Sanders, Richard Gossum, Barry Green, Ricky Bailey, and Terry Brown.

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to approve the meeting of the April 13th council meeting. Alderman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

RECORDER'S REPORT

City Recorder, Sammy Dickey, reported to council the 10th of the month bills. They were General Fund \$43,935.09, Sanitation Department \$18,006.65, Electric Department \$543,915.19 and Water and Sewer \$38,816.41. A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve the 10th of the month bills. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Lanny Poteet came before council to thank the Police Department for their help during the flood with recovering.

ADOPTING THE GIBSON COUNTY ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to adopt Resolution #2010-R-3. The Gibson County All Hazards Mitigation Plan resolution, the city has in conjunction with nine other county cities. The city is required to re-adopt the plan every five years, Ricky Bailey stated.

SINGLETON LETTER / CITY STAFF CONGRATULATIONS

Mayor Burriss read a letter from C.B. Singleton. Mr. Singleton thanked both Police and Fire Department personnel who assisted following a fall at his home. Especially thanking Odell Coleman and Herman Williams noting their professionalism and courtesy.

REQUEST FROM WORKFORCE ESSENTIALS

Workforce Essentials requested the city paint the inside and put white rock outside. They pay \$300.00 a month rent and had no rent for 6 months to do updates and repairs. Attorney Gossum stated if we spend the money change the contract to re-coop the investment. Alderman Cannon made a motion to raise the rent over a period of 1 or 2 years to get a return on the expense. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Burriss praised the city employees in all departments over the past 10 days for going above and beyond the call of duty. Mayor Burriss stated that he could not say thank you enough. The Aldermen echoed his statement.

RICKY BAILEY / BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ricky informed council that 9 of the first 11 houses have been torn down in the NSP grant. There are 17 more houses to go.

Ricky also cautioned the victims of the flood to be cautious when hiring someone to make repairs.

BARRY GREEN / FIRE DEPARTMENT

Barry told council that the Fire Department received the Extrication Grant.

WILL SANDERS / POLICE CHIEF

Will informed council that Sergeant Rachel Freeman has turned in her resignation. Will asked council to hire someone in her place. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to allow the hire. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. Alderman Jackson stated he wished it was discussed before the vote. Alderman Overall also stated that he would like to talk about it before voting. All in favor of allowing Will to hire 1 person was Aldermen Hammonds, Abbott, and Cannon. Aldermen Overall, Jackson, and Gibson voted no. With a tied vote Mayor Burriss must cast the tie breaker vote. Will stated that he did not expect a vote tonight. Mayor Burriss abstained and a tie vote failed. Mayor Burriss stated this will be discussed at another time.

BRET FISHER / LIGHT AND WATER DEPARTMENT

Bret recommended to council to hire Hilary Doyle Little to fill the vacancy in the office. A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to allow the hire. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

Bret showed pictures of the flood and gave a report on repairs the department has made over the past few days. Bret stated “the insurance adjustor has stated they’ll look at \$1000 deductible if the property is not in the flood zone; \$500,000 if it is in the flood zone. We’ll have a couple of lift stations that got wiped out that will not be covered by insurance. Property coverage (Water Treatment Plant and Waste Water Plant) that doesn’t fall under insurance, we will look for FEMA to cover 75%.” He also reported that rehab contractors have begun work on Lexington Street.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Burriss explained the situation with the levy north of the Court House. The recent flooding resulted in breaching the levy on North College Street must be repaired or a three to four inch rain will flood the area again. Working with Shawn Wortman, he had found out that Environmental Watershed Protect (EWP) will fund 75% of the cost to fix the levy. Mayor Burriss hoped the Federal Emergency Management Agency would put up the other 25% but was told two federal agencies cannot fund the same project. Mayor Burriss stated hopefully, the city can make some in-kind contribution for the other 25%.

Mayor Burriss informed council about the TEMA and FEMA meeting at City Hall on Wednesday at 5:30.

There will be a Utility Board meeting on June 2nd at 12:00, Wednesday.

The TIF meeting will be Thursday, May 20th at 5:30 at City Hall.

There will be a budget meeting at 9:00 May 24th at City Hall.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. with a motion made by Alderman Jackson. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

BEER HEARING
APRIL 22, 2010
1:00 P.M.
TRENTON CITY HALL

On Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., City Recorder, Sammy Dickey opened a Beer Hearing for Kabiraddin Gilani operating Trenton Food Mart at 400 E Eaton for the purpose of selling packaged beer only. Those present for the meeting were Sammy Dickey, Jim Overall, and Kabiraddin Gilani. The recorder asked for any comments pro or con and there were none. The hearing was closed at 1:03 p.m. Police Chief Will Sanders found no reason not to allow the permit.

A phone vote was taken from council members with Alderman Cannon making the motion to allow the sell of beer. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. Alderman Overall and Hammonds voted no. Alderman Overall's vote was in person. The motion was passed 4 – 2 to allow the sell.

A motion was made by Alderman Cannon to approve the sell of beer. Alderman Jackson seconded the vote. The motion passed.