

# 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  
JUNE 14, 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 Gibson
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approve Minutes of the May 24, 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 Discussion
- H. New Business
  - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of 2011-2012 City Budget
  - 2. Resolution to Accept Water Tank Storage Improvement Bid
  - 3. Special Called Meeting June 30th
- 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 Overall. 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, Will Sanders, Ricky Bailey, Barry Green, Terry Brown, Leigh Ann Reynolds, Richard Gossum, James Frazier and Bret Fisher. Present as visitors were Myra Elam, Rachael Schulze, Paul Schulze, Larry Parks, Moose Grimes, Lanny Poteet, Dona Leadbetter, and Darryl Word.

#### CITIZEN INPUT

Myra Elam came before Council to apologize for scolding the Council at the Town Hall meeting and commended the mayor for the way he handled the meeting. "I went home and prayed for all of you and I know you will make the best decisions for the city," she said, "I appreciate every one of you and ask God to lead you in your decision making."

Larry Parks said that he is not able to roll garbage cans to the street and asked that each alderman comment where they stand on the issue.

#### MAYOR COMMENT ON THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Mayor Burriss stated after the comments from the meeting last night it appears the city wants to keep our garbage pick-up at home. Each councilman had a copy of the figures and how much it would cost to stay in the business. Mayor Burriss explained the rates it would take and the income it would produce. Mayor Burriss explained a rate increase from \$13.50 to \$18.00 for residential, a \$4.50 increase. Dumpsters would increase 20% for one pick-up.

Alderman Gibson stated that he did not know the increase would be so much and that some would have a hard time paying the increase. He also stated that this is not personal its business.

Alderman Overall stated that he agrees and some can't afford the increase.

Alderman Jackson said that he did not realize the increase would be so much. He wants to keep our garbage but concerned about some people having trouble paying.

Alderman Abbott stated that we need to restructure the department.

Alderman Wade said that we didn't gradually raise the rates over the years and now we are forced to make a decision on what's best for the city, whether it is popular or not.

Alderman Hammonds said that he is still in favor of privatizing because the residential rates will stay \$13.50 for the next 5 years and looking at the expense of upkeep and purchasing equipment.

Mayor Burriss stated he would like to vote at a later date and have another work session on Wednesday, June 1 at 10:00.

#### RATIFY NEW CITY CHARTER

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to ratify a new city charter. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

#### WILL SANDERS / POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sanders informed Council that last Thursday 9 of 12 Federal Warrants were served and the others are coming. This investigation has been ongoing for the past year.

#### BRET FISHER / TRENTON LIGHT & WATER

Bret informed Council that he has been working with TVA to offer incentives for Industrial prospects. They will allow Trenton Electric to modify contract for Industrial prospects. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to allow the modification. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Jackson wants to finalize the budget after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Burriss reminded everyone that City Hall will be Memorial Day.

The TML Conference is June 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Governor's Conference is September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Recycling Center will be shredding day from 10:00 – 12:00.

With no other business, Alderman Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

