

CITY OF TRENTON

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Tony Burriss, Mayor

CITY RECORDER
Sammy L. Dickey

CITY JUDGE
J. Mark Johnson

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TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
TRENTON CITY HALL
JUNE 28, 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 Hammonds
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approve Minutes of the June 14, 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. 1st Reading Ordinance #270 – Sanitation Rate Increase
 - 2. 2nd Reading Ordinance #269- Cemetery
 - 3. 2nd Reading Ordinance #268 – 2011-12 City of Trenton Budget
- H. New Business
 - 1. Approval of Sale of Land on Central Street
 - 2. Smoking Policy at Shady Acres Park
- 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 Gibson. 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 Sammy Dickey, Terry Bailey, Will Sanders, Ricky Bailey, Barry Green, Terry Brown, Leigh Ann Reynolds, and Richard Gossum. Present as visitors were Lanny Poteet, Haywood Elam, Myra Elam, Kathi Burriss, Joey Talley, and Darryl Word.

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2011 council minutes. 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 to council. They were General Fund \$63,217.63, Sanitation \$27,929.00, Electric Department \$591,820.44, and Water and Sewer \$31,220.07. Alderman Wade made a motion to pay the 10th of the month bills. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

CITIZEN INPUT

Myra Elam came before council stating that Memphis is in the same dilemma regarding privatization. She is fearful that after the five-year guaranteed period, rates will double and asked if leaders have consulted other cities that have privatized. Mayor Burriss informed her that city leaders had met with other mayors and boards. "We have researched this matter to the max," he said. "If we decided to privatize at the end of five years, the city would put the service out for bids again. Every mayor and councilman we have talked with at the recent Tennessee Municipal League Conference said privatization is the way to go. It can save the city money," he said.

Joey Talley told Council he is having problems with a house that partially burned next door to his 13 Gibson Road address. Building Inspector, Ricky Bailey, informed him that something is being done about this, it just takes a while. Joey also requested that the ditches along 6th Street be cleaned out.

SANITATION

Mayor Burriss opened the discussion stating it is time to make a decision. Alderman Wade stated that we must do what is best for the city. Alderman Gibson said that this is one of his hardest decisions since he has been on council. Alderman Abbott said that his stance has not changed. He is for the people and will side with them. Alderman Hammonds said that we all want to do what is best for all citizens and thinks the right decision will be made.

Alderman Jackson made a motion to raise the residential rates from \$13.50 to \$17.50 a month, commercial \$30.00, and dumpster hikes according to size. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. Alderman Gibson stated that is not enough of an increase to make budget. Alderman Gibson also stated that if we are to keep sanitation we must bring in some excess. Alderman Wade agreed with Alderman Gibson. Mayor Burriss asked for a show hands. Aldermen Abbott and Jackson voted yes. Aldermen Gibson, Hammonds, Overall, and Wade voted against. Alderman Gibson made a motion to raise the residential to \$18.00 and \$30.00 for commercial and dumpster according to size. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion passed with Aldermen Abbott and Jackson voting no.

1ST READING OF BUDGET ORDINANCE 268

Alderman Jackson, Budget Chairman, presented the 2011-2012 city budget. Broken down, general government is \$1,198,000 down \$52,000; police department \$968,915, down \$214,000 from last year; courts, \$150,000, up \$32,000 from last year; fire department \$471,000, up \$5000; building inspector, \$72,950, up \$350; highway and street \$398,192, down \$10,000; cemetery is \$5,550 down \$650. The sanitation budget will be \$635,076, with fee hikes passed by the council. Alderman Jackson thanked everyone who worked on the budget.

The budget reflects a \$500 across-the-board pay raise for all city employees and will require no property tax to fund it with the rate remaining at \$1.53 per \$100 off assessed valuation. A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to accept the budget. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all. The second reading on the budget is slated for June 28.

RESOLUTION 2011-R-12 WATER TANK STORAGE IMPROVEMENT BID

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to accept a water tank storage improvement bid from Preferred Sandblasting & Painting for \$388,655. It was \$100,000 below the funds allocated to do the job. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

CEMETERY ORDINANCE CHANGE

Mayor Burriss asked for permission to present an ordinance change for the cemetery committee. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to give permission. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

The changes state that no permanent trees, flowers, bushes, and the like may be planted at gravesites. No permanent items of ornamentation, including shepherd's hooks may be placed on gravesites except a headstone and/or footstone. No fences, walls, or the like may be erected around gravesites without prior approval from the City Council. No breakable containers or novelty items may be placed on gravesites. A motion was made by Alderman Abbott to adopt the new Cemetery Ordinance #269. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

TERRY BROWN / PARK DEPARTMENT

The park will be busy for the next three weekends with tournaments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Wade commended Myra Elam for voicing her opinion

Alderman Overall stated his no vote on Sanitation was because he thought the bill was already high enough.

He also asked that police patrol the park especially during the scheduled tournament play.

Alderman Overall also found out about an opportunity for the city to win \$100,000 in playground equipment and \$50,000 in project development or design services. It is called Together We Play and they are conducting a national contest to award this to six cities or schools. To enter the contest a citizen must write a 1000 word essay. The equipment not only includes standard equipment but also equipment for handicapped youth.

Mayor Burriss asked that the Council start thinking about having the park a "Smoke Free" facility.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 28, a second reading on the 2011-2012 budget including garbage pick-up rate hike and changes to the cemetery ordinance will be held.

A called meeting is set for noon June 30 the last day of the fiscal year to amend the city's old budget.

With no other business, Alderman Hammonds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 P.M. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.