Trenton, Missouri April 10, 2023

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, April 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. The following officers and members were present: Mayor Linda Crooks-via audio conferencing; Council members William Fisher, Glen Briggs, Danny Brewer, Marvin Humphreys, Robert Romesburg and David Mlika; City Attorney, Tara Walker; City Administrator, Ron Urton; Police Chief, Rex Ross and City Clerk, Cindy Simpson. Absent: Council members Duane Urich and John Dolan.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A prayer followed the pledge.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Councilmember Brewer second by Councilmember Briggs that the minutes of March 27, 2023, be approved. Motion carried.

# **BILLS**

Motion by Councilmember Brewer second by Councilmember Briggs that all duly obliated bills for the city be paid. Motion carried.

## <u>REPORTS</u>

Councilmember Brewer said the police personnel board met and would like to hire Robert Cox as a police officer. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to hire Robert Cox as a police officer. Motion carried.

Councilmember Briggs thanked everyone involved in the election.

Councilmember Fisher said the park board approved their 2023-2024 budget. They also accepted the pool rates for this year.

City Administrator Urton went over his report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

City Administrator Urton said we received 4 bids for hauling asphalt rock. The low bid was from S & B Hinnen for \$2.30 per ton and this would be staff recommendation. Motion by Councilmember Humphreys second by Councilmember Fisher to accept the bid from S & B Hinnen for \$2.30 per ton. Motion carried.

City Administrator Urton said we have a business that is coming to town and they would like to use the discounted rate incentive program for their electric. The rate is 25%

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discount off of electric rate the 1<sup>st</sup> year; 15% discount off of electric rate the 2<sup>nd</sup> year; and 5% discount off electric rate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. The new business would like those reversed to 5% off 1<sup>st</sup> year; 15% off second year and 25% off the third year. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to give the business their requested rates. Motion carried.

City Administrator Urton said we need to value the pickup that is being transferred from the sewer plant to the street department. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Humphreys to value the pickup at \$1,000. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ross said we only received 1 application for animal control officer/nuisance officer. We interveiwed Ashley Conwell and would recommend hiring her. Mayor Linda Crooks said she would appoint Ashley Conwell as animal control officer. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Brewer to accept the Mayor's appointment of Ashley Conwell as animal control officer. Motion carried.

Councilmember Humphreys said he would like to see all available jobs advertised in the Trenton newspaper. Motion by Councilmember Humphreys second by Councilmember Mlika to have all job openings advertised in the Trenton paper. Motion carried with Councilmember Briggs voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Brewer second by Councilmember Briggs to have the swearing in of the new Mayor and council on April 24 since we do not have the certified election results. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Brewer second by Councilmember Humphreys meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crooks Mayor

Cindy Simpson City Clerk