

Trenton, Missouri
November 13, 2023

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. The following officers and members were present: Mayor Jackie Soptic; Council members William Fisher, Glen Briggs, Calvin Brown, Marvin Humphreys, Timothy Meinecke, David Mlika and John Dolan; City Attorney Tara Walker; City Administrator Ron Urton; Police Chief Rex Ross and City Clerk Cindy Simpson. Absent: Councilmember Duane Urich.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Dolan that the minutes of October 23, 2023, be approved. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

REPORTS

Councilmember Briggs reported there was a disaster exercise held last Thursday.

Councilmember Humphreys reported on the administrative committee. There were no changes to the demo program and other items on the agenda.

Councilmember Humphreys said he does not see why we are authorizing bills when they have already been paid. City Attorney Walker said you are ratifying the bills which your auditor wants to see that you have looked the bills over.

Councilmember Dolan reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting for the proposed Economic Development Sales Tax.

City Administrator Urton said the city was approved for the TAP grant and this will be brought to the next council meeting. This grant would allow us to build a sidewalk from 4th street down to Dollar General. The city match for this is \$35,000.00.

BILL NO. 53

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Dolan that Bill No. 53 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI AND RAPID REMOVAL DISPOSAL, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE THE SAME BY AND ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY, which was

read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Dolan that Bill No. 53 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 53 was made available for public inspection prior to this meeting by being posted at city hall on November 9, 2023. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Meinecke, Mlika, Dolan, Fisher, Briggs, Brown, and Humphreys. Absent: Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2023-53, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 54

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Dolan that Bill No. 54 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE HANGAR REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE THE SAME BY AND ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 54 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 54 was made available for public inspection prior to this meeting by being posted at city hall on November 9, 2023. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Mlika Dolan, Fisher, Briggs, Brown, Humphreys and Meinecke. Absent: Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2023-54, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Electric rate increase was discussed. Councilmember Briggs felt like we were well over the maximum reserve for the electric fund. Several thought we should hold off on raising rates. Motion by Councilmember Dolan second by Councilmember Briggs to increase the electric rates according to Toths recommendation over the next 5 years. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Dolan. Nays: Fisher, Briggs, Brown, Humphreys, Meinecke, Mlika. Absent: Urich. Motion failed to pass.

The Economic Development sales tax was discussed. Councilmember Briggs does not want 25% used for administrative services. He feels the number should be lower. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to have City Attorney Walker draw up the ordinance for this to be placed on the April ballot. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning semitruck parking on Shanklin Ave. They are blocking a driveway, and the lady has a special needs child that she needs to get out of

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her drive. City Administrator Urton just wanted to update the council that we will be putting up no semi parking on the eastside of Shanklin.

City Administrator Urton said he put an ad in the paper for asphalt rock and sand. We need about 35,000 ton of rock and 15,000 ton of sand. This will make about 45,000 tons of asphalt. He also put in the specs that we need 5,000 ton ready by April 1, 2024.

Mayor Soptic said Debbie Carmen is retiring January 1, 2024, and would like to be replaced on the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mayor Soptic would like to appoint Lauren Dannar.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the Mayor's recommendation for the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. to closed session for legal in accordance with RSMo. 610.01 (1). The following vote was taken. Ayes: Dolan, Fisher, Briggs, Brown, Humphreys, Meinecke, and Mlika. Absent: Urich.

Closed session minutes are on file at City Hall.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Fisher meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Cindy Simpson
City Clerk