Trenton, Missouri December 11, 2023

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. The following officers and members were present: Mayor Jackie Soptic; Council members William Fisher, Calvin Brown, Marvin Humphreys, Timothy Meinecke, David Mlika and John Dolan-via audio conferencing; City Attorney, Tara Walker, City Administrator, Ron Urton; Police Chief, Rex Ross and City Clerk, Cindy Simpson. Absent: Council member Glen Briggs and Duane Urich.

### MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Fisher that the minutes of November 27, 2023, be approved. Motion carried.

## **BILLS**

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

# **REPORTS**

Councilmember Brown reported that the park board did not have a quorum but they did discuss hiring a new pool manager.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Soptic recognized volunteers for decorating the downtown area, planter boxes and the welcome to Trenton signs. She presented medals to Cole Soptic, Mary Peterson and Venna Hicks. Kathy Brewer was also recognized but could not be present.

## **BILL NO. 58**

Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Meinecke that Bill No. 58 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TABLE VIII-A ENTITLED "PHYSICALLY DISABLED PARKING SPACES" OF SCHEDULE VIII ENTITLED "RESERVED PARKING SPACES" OF TITLE III ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CODE" OF THE TRENTON CITY CODE, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Meinecke that Bill No. 58 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 58 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on December 8, 2023. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Dolan, Fisher, Brown, Humphreys, Meinecke and Mlika. Absent: Briggs and Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2023-58, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Soptic said after reviewing the ordinance for the Economic Development board of the city council it states that 2 from the finance and 2 from the administrative committee need to be appointed. Mayor Soptic would like to remove Dave Mlika and put William Fisher on the ED board. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Meinecke to approve the Mayor's appointment. Motion carried.

Mayor Soptic said Derek Gott is moving from Trenton to Texas. He is currently a member of the planning and zoning board and the board of adjustment. She would like to appoint Don Altes to replace Derek. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Meinecke to accept the Mayor's appointment of Don Altes to the planning and zoning board and the board of adjustment. Motion carried.

City Administrator Urton said we received one bid each for rock and sand. Motion by Councilmember Fisher second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the bids from Norris Quarries for sand \$11.50 per ton and rock for \$21.50 per ton. Motion carried. The bid was for 35,000 ton of rock and 15,000 ton of sand.

Mayor Soptic said we are trying to get someone for the city attorney and city prosecutor. We do have 1 bid for each, and this proposal has not been opened. Kenton Kinney is getting a proposal together. It was decided to have a special meeting on December 19 at 5:30 p.m. following the utility meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Discussion was held concerning separating the city administrator and the utility director positions. Councilmember Dolan said the finance committee has met 2 times and decided we can afford this.

Councilmember Fisher said he suggested hiring an assistant city administrator for much less.

Councilmember Mlika suggested to leave them the way they are and make double payments on the asphalt plant.

Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Brown to leave the position as it is. Motion carried with Dolan voting no.

Councilmember Humphreys said we need to look at the raises for water/sewer distribution crew. The motion was only for the new hires.

Mayor Soptic said we need to visit the personnel policy concerning wages. It was decided that we will discuss this at the special council meeting on December 29 at 5:30 p.m.

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Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Brown meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic Mayor

Cindy Simpson City Clerk