

Trenton, Missouri
August 26, 2024

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, August 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. The following officers and members were present: Mayor Jackie Soptic; Council members Calvin Brown, Marvin Humphreys, Timothy Meinecke, David Mlika, Duane Urich and John Dolan; City Attorney, Kenton Kinney; City Administrator, Ron Urton; Police Chief, Rex Ross; Code Enforcement Officer, Wes Barone; TMU Comptroller, Rosetta Marsh; City Clerk, Cindy Simpson and Asst. City Clerk, Anita Ewing. Absent: Councilmembers William Fisher and Glen Briggs.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Urich second by Councilmember Dolan that the minutes of August 12, 2024, be approved. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

REPORTS

Reports were given. Councilmember Humphreys reported on the Utility Committee meeting held August 20. City Administrator Urton reported that the money has been released by MoDOT for the hangar project and we can begin the next phase of awarding the bid. He said we had received no bids on the Infill Housing Project or the front wall or back door projects at City Hall. He said we could speak to contractors to see if there is any interest and choose one to get the work completed.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to set the 2024 tax levy.

BILL NO. 43

Motion by Councilmember Urich second by Councilmember Dolan that Bill No. 43 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATE OF THE LEVY UPON ALL THE REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI FOR THE YEAR 2024 UPON ALL THE PROPERTY TAXABLE WITHIN SAID CITY, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Urich second by Councilmember Dolan that Bill No. 43 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 43 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on August 23, 2024. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Brown, Humphreys, Meinecke, Mlika, Urich and Dolan. Absent: Fisher and Briggs. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2024-43, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

BILL NO. 44

Motion by Councilmember Urich second by Councilmember Dolan that Bill No. 44 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND POOR BOY TREE SERVICE, INC. FOR AN HOURLY RATE AGREEMENT/SCHEDULE PROPOSAL 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 Urich second by Councilmember Dolan that Bill No. 44 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 44 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on August 23, 2024. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Brown, Humphreys, Meinecke, Mlika, Urich and Dolan. Absent: Fisher and Briggs. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2024-44, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

BILL NO. 45

Motion by Councilmember Urich second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 45 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND ALLSTATE CONSULTANTS, LLC FOR AMENDMENT NO.2 TO THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH ALLSTATE CONSULTANTS, LLC 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 Urich second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 45 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 45 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on August 23, 2024. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Humphreys, Meinecke, Mlika, Urich, Dolan and Brown. Absent: Fisher and Briggs. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2024-45, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

City Administrator Urton went over the material cost for the 2400 volt conversion. He mentioned that he had worked with Electric Dept. Supervisor Brad Griffin and his crew to estimate the cost of materials and that this cost was significantly lower than what was budgeted for the project. Motion by Councilmember Urich second by Councilmember Meinecke to approve the material cost for the 2400 volt conversion. Motion carried.

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Discussion was held on the disposal of surplus 5-inch fire hose at the fire station. City Administrator Urton mentioned that Fire Chief Brandon Gibler had said it wasn't worth anything to sell it and recommended donating the hose to fire departments in Unionville and Princeton. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Urich to give the surplus 5-inch fire hose to Unionville and Princeton. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a possible police officer recruitment incentive. Police Chief Ross said that the department is having trouble recruiting officers from the police academy as most are sponsored by other cities...meaning they are being paid a salary to work for said city while at the academy. Chief Ross said that right now we offer academy cost reimbursement in exchange for a 3 year commitment to the police force. He presented a chart of what some other cities in Missouri are offering as salaries while cadets are going through academy training, as well as a wage reduction percentage chart of what the City could offer as salary for a recruit and asked that we be willing to offer the same form of compensation. Motion by Councilmember Brown second by Councilmember Urich to offer 12% reduced salary compensation to recruits going through the academy. Motion carried, with Humphreys voting no.

Motion by Councilmember Meinecke second by Councilmember Mlika to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. to closed session for legal in accordance with RSMo. 610.021 (1). The following vote was taken. Ayes: Meinecke, Mlika, Urich, Dolan, Brown and Humphreys. Absent: Fisher and Briggs,

Closed session minutes are on file at City Hall

Motion by Councilmember Brown second by Councilmember Dolan meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita J. Ewing
Assistant City Clerk