

Trenton, Missouri
September 23, 2024

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, September 23, 2024, 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 Duane Urich; City Attorney, Kenton Kinney; City Administrator, Ron Urton; Police Chief, Rex Ross; City Clerk, Cindy Simpson and Asst. City Clerk, Anita Ewing. Absent: Councilmember John Dolan.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Fisher that the minutes of September 9, 2024, be approved. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

REPORTS

Reports were given. Councilmember Briggs thanked the community and city departments for help with the emergency exercise held Saturday, September 21. City Administrator Urton mentioned that repairs to truck #4 have been made and it is back in operation. He said there will be three vehicles listed for sale on Purple Wave. Mayor Soptic mentioned that City Attorney Kinney has been coming to City Hall after court dates and meeting with staff. She said there will be no council meeting on October 14 due to the Columbus Day holiday and November 11 due to Veterans Day holiday. She said the Park Board is seeking a third full-time employee that could also serve as pool manager during the summer months. She gave a report on the MML Conference she recently attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DeAnn Witt spoke on MU Recruitment day "Build My Future" to be held Oct. 23 at the Bethany Fairgrounds.

Pam Pickett asked to speak to the council. Mayor Soptic mentioned that Mrs. Pickett's son's property had been in the Building and Nuisance process, but he was not able to upkeep, and Mrs. Pickett had done the cleanup. The problem has been abated and is no longer a problem. Mrs. Pickett mentioned that during the cleanup, the nuisance officer told her that two inoperable cars would need to be towed, and she had them towed. She said she later found out that only one of them would have had to have been towed, and feels that, due to miscommunication, the city owes some reimbursement, especially since the car she would not have had towed was damaged after towing.

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With the nuisance report being in question, Chief Ross read the report submitted by Nuisance Officer Ashley Conwell. Councilmember Brown questioned if the nuisance officer knew the extent to which the car in question was inoperable, to which Mrs. Pickett replied "no". City Attorney Kinney said that the party responsible for the damage is the one Mrs. Pickett should be seeking reimbursement from.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held over the possibility of putting an economic development sales tax on the April 2025 ballot. Travis Elbert, Cathie Smith, Kayla Graham, Lauren Dannar, Bruce Constant, Doug Tye and Scott Sharp came to speak to the council on the matter. The issue was on the April 2024 ballot and failed by nine votes. Discussion was held. Motion by Councilmember Fisher second by Councilmember Briggs to table the discussion until the December 9 council meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Brown second by Councilmember Mlika meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita J. Ewing
Assistant City Clerk