

Trenton, Missouri  
November 25, 2024

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, November 25, 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, Duane Urich and John Dolan; City Attorney, Kenton Kinney (via zoom); City Administrator, Ron Urton (via zoom); Police Chief, Rex Ross; City Clerk, Cindy Simpson and Asst. City Clerk, Anita Ewing.

### MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Fisher that the minutes of October 28, 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 Humphreys gave a report from the Utility Committee. City Administrator Urton requested a Finance Committee meeting be held to discuss the 6-month budget. A meeting of the finance committee was scheduled for Tuesday, December 3 at 5 p.m. Urton mentioned a watermain break that had occurred west of Nestle Monday, November 25. He said crews learned of it around 8 a.m. and had it fixed at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Soptic introduced Gabe Stark, a college student who is interested in local government and will be attending meetings. She mentioned the police department had several opportunities for grants for safety equipment and vehicles and Chief Ross mentioned what some of those were. Mayor Soptic mentioned that she and City Administrator Urton had attended a meeting at the solid waste office and learned of a grant opportunity to purchase a pod, which is a permanent collection place for recyclables such as electronics, paint, etc. She also mentioned that the community 501(c)(3) she has been working toward has been approved by the state. Now she is working on getting a committee together, along with a business or organization to operate it. She said the Veteran's Day activities that went along with the visit from the Canadian Consul went very well.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Beets, a representative from MIRMA, attended the meeting to present a plaque to the City in recognition of two grants that were recently awarded. The Police Department received a grant for tasers in the amount of \$4500 and the Fire Department received a grant for a new hose roller system in the amount of \$6819.19.

BILL NO. 58

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 58 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, CALLING FOR, AUTHORIZING, ORDERING AND APPROVING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE CITY COUNCILMAN FROM EACH OF THE FOUR WARDS OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, FOR A REGULAR TERM OF 2 YEARS, DESIGNATING THE TIME OF HOLDING OF SAID ELECTION: AND PROVIDING FOR THE TIME FOR FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 58 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 58 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on November 22, 2024. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Brown, Humphreys, Meinecke, Mlika, Urich, Dolan, Fisher and Briggs. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2024-58, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the North Farm Bids. Four bids were received and opened at 2 p.m. on November 7, 2024, including bids from Bunker Farms, \$226.50/acre; Michael Slater, \$125/acre; Landes Farms, \$191/acre; and Lee Ellis, \$188.46/acre. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Brown to accept the bid from Bunker Farms at \$226.50/acre for farming on the North Farm. Motion carried, with Councilmember Dolan abstaining.

Discussion was held on the possibility of a different start time for council meetings. Mayor Soptic mentioned that there are some who have to drive, and with winter coming an earlier start time might be better. She suggested a 6 p.m. start time, with Building and Nuisance Board starting at 5:15 p.m. on the nights that they meet before Council. The council took it under advisement, with no action taken.

Councilmember Humphreys mentioned he had received several calls about tall grass and would like the administrative committee to take a look at the ordinances concerning tall grass and nuisances and see about making some changes. Discussion was held with no action taken.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. to closed session for legal in accordance with RSMo. 610.021 (1). The following vote was taken. Ayes: Humphreys, Meinecke, Mlika, Urich, Dolan, Fisher, Briggs and Brown.

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Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Brown meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic  
Mayor

Anita J. Ewing  
Assistant City Clerk