

Trenton, Missouri
December 9, 2024

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, December 9, 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 John Dolan; City Attorney, Kenton Kinney; City Administrator, Ron Urton; Police Chief, Rex Ross; City Clerk, Cindy Simpson and Asst. City Clerk, Anita Ewing. Absent was Councilmember Duane Urich.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Dolan that the minutes of November 25, 2024, be approved. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

REPORTS

Reports were given. Councilmember Meinecke gave a report from the Finance Committee. City Administrator Urton said the sewer line contractor is in town working and work should be finished next week. He said the Poplar Grade lift station is functional. Mayor Soptic recognized the Main Street Trenton and Five Points Alive groups for the Christmas decorations in the downtown area. She mentioned that the Amazon pods are up and running. Her contact said that there are approximately 25 flex driver positions available and they are delivering packages. Mayor Soptic said that City Hall will close at noon on December 24.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Humphreys asked about the time change for meetings, as nothing had been decided at the last meeting. A 6 p.m. start time is being considered, especially during the winter months. It was decided to contact the Building and Nuisance Board members to see if they are amenable to meet at 5:15 p.m.; then make a decision on the time change for council meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Several members from the North Central Missouri Development Alliance, Main Street Trenton and the North Central Missouri Fair Board were in attendance to present information on a 0.5% Economic Development sales tax they would like to have on the April 8, 2025 ballot. Lauren Dannar made the presentation to the council, providing information that had been previously requested. Discussion was held. Motion by

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Councilmember Briggs, second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the placement of the 0.5% Economic Development sales tax on the April 8, 2025 ballot. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Fisher, Briggs, Humphreys, Mlika and Dolan. Nays: Brown and Meinecke. Absent: Urich. Motion Carried 5-2.

Discussion was held regarding Cost of Living Adjustments for all employees of the City of Trenton and Trenton Municipal Utilities. City Administrator Urton presented information showing that a 2.6% increase would be within reason. Motion by Councilmember Meinecke second by Councilmember Dolan to give all City of Trenton and Trenton Municipal Utilities employees a 2.6% Cost of Living Adjustment effective immediately. Motion carried, with Councilmember Brown voting no.

Discussion was held concerning the December 23 Council meeting. Mayor Soptic mentioned that if there was nothing that needed to be discussed at that time, she would like to cancel that meeting, being that it would be so close to the holidays. It was agreed upon by the council that if there were no pressing issues, the meeting would be cancelled.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Brown to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. to closed session for legal in accordance with RSMo. 610.021 (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 Dolan second by Councilmember Mlika meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita J. Ewing
Assistant City Clerk