

Trenton, Missouri
March 24, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, March 24, 2025, 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, David Mlika, Duane Urich and John Dolan (via zoom); City Attorney Kenton Kinney; City Administrator Ron Urton; Police Chief Rex Ross; City Clerk Cindy Simpson and Assistant City Clerk Anita Ewing.

Angela Brill-Ely was sworn in as third ward city council member.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that the minutes of March 10, 2025, be approved. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

REPORTS

City Administrator Urton reported that the roof repair at the airport office was almost complete. He also gave an update on the hangar project at the airport and mentioned the new back door for City Hall had been installed. Mayor Soptic reminded everyone of the Meet the Candidates night to be held at the Trenton Performing Arts Center on March 25 at 6 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Police Chief Ross recognized Officer Brian Anderson with the Preservation of Life Award for his quick action in saving the life of an infant.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Resolution No. 1 be introduced, A RESOLUTION TO DEMONSTRATE THE CITY OF TRENTON'S COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIME REDUCTION, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Resolution No. 1 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Chief Ross mentioned that this is the first step in Missouri Blue Shield Program, which will help with more access to state grants for equipment and training. Motion carried. A copy of Resolution No. 1 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on March 21, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Fisher, Briggs,

Brown, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Urich and Dolan. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Resolution No. 2025-1, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

BILL NO. 13

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 13 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND AMERIFENCE CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF WAREHOUSE FENCING 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 Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 13 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 13 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on March 21, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Briggs, Brown, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Urich, Dolan and Fisher. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-13, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

BILL NO. 14

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 14 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND FOLEY EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 CAT MINI EXCAVATOR 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 Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 14 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 14 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on March 21, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Brown, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Urich, Dolan, Fisher and Briggs. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-14, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

BILL NO. 15

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 15 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI AMENDING THE CITY CODE, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 220. NUISANCES, ARTICLE II. WEEDS, HIGH GRASS OR OTHER VEGETATION, SECTION 220.020. DEBRIS ON PROPERTY — EFFECT OF FAILURE TO REMOVE NUISANCE — PENALTIES.,

SECTION 220.025. POLLINATOR PLOTS, WILDFLOWER POTS, FLOWER GARDENS., & SECTION 220.030. HAY PERMITS., TO AMEND EXISTING LANGUAGE AND TO INCLUDE NEW ORDINANCE SECTION 220.025. POLLINATOR PLOTS, WILDFLOWER POTS, FLOWER GARDENS OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 15 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Fisher to table Bill No. 15 to the next meeting to correct wording in the ordinance. Motion carried 7-1, with Councilmember Briggs voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

City Administrator Urton led discussion on the budget review. He recommended the hiring of an assistant code enforcement officer and separating the city administrator and utility director position into two positions and showed how those positions would affect the budget. Discussion was held. Motion by Councilmember Humphreys second by Councilmember Fisher to table the discussion. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. to closed session for real estate in accordance with RSMo. 610.021 (2). The following vote was taken. Ayes: Brill-Ely, Mlika, Urich, Dolan, Fisher, Briggs, Brown and Humphreys.

Closed session minutes are on file at City Hall

Council reconvened in open session at 8:03 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Brown meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita J. Ewing
Assistant City Clerk