

Trenton, Missouri  
May 12, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. The following officers and members were present: Mayor Jackie Soptic; Council members Anna Ferguson, Glen Briggs, Lindsay Stevens, Marvin Humphreys, Angela Brill-Ely, David Mlika, Duane Urich and Bart Thomas; City Attorney Kenton Kinney; City Administrator Ron Urton; Police Chief Rex Ross; City Clerk Cindy Simpson and Assistant City Clerk Anita Ewing.

### MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that the minutes of April 28, 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

Councilmember Briggs reported that the administrative committee met and recommends the City split the cost of a sidewalk on the west side of the Grundy County Museum with the museum and North Central Missouri College. The sidewalk will address a water flow issue that will help control the flow of water to the storm drain on Mable Street, with cost to the City being \$4,100.

Mayor Soptic mentioned there will be no council meeting on Monday, May 26 due to the Memorial Day holiday. She said there will be a Building and Nuisance Board meeting on Tuesday, May 27 at 6 p.m. She reported that the community is raising funds for a Fourth of July celebration to be held July 3, 2025. She mentioned good things are happening in downtown Trenton.

City Administrator Urton reported that all operations were running smoothly. He said RS Electric has started the conversion in Area 1. He mentioned the sidewalk tap grant bid opening was postponed to May 21 at 11 a.m. He reported that Gabe Stark, the new intern for the City, began work on May 7 and is doing well.

### BILL NO. 27

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 27 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 WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS (PROJECT NO. 20177.01) 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. 27 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 27 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on May 9, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Urich, Thomas, Ferguson and Briggs. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-27, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

#### BILL NO. 28

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 28 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT 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. 28 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich to table Bill No. 28 to the next meeting to invite the state head of fluoridation to come and give more information. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Humphreys second by Councilmember Urich to begin the process to end the fluoridation of City water. Motion carried 7-1, with Councilmember Briggs voting no.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning the 2025 asbestos inspection bids. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Stevens to accept the bid from Red Rock for \$350 per structure and \$4.50 per sample (layer). Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the 2025 demolition bids. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Ferguson to accept the bid from Truitt's Dirtworks for \$43,690 for six structures. Motion carried.

City Attorney Kinney explained the new tall grass and weeds nuisance abatement process to the council.

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Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. to closed session for real estate in accordance with RSMO. 610.021 (2). The following vote was taken. Ayes: Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Urich and Thomas.

Closed session minutes are on file at City Hall.

Motion by Councilmember Ferguson second by Councilmember Briggs meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic  
Mayor

Anita J. Ewing  
Assistant City Clerk