

Trenton, Missouri
June 23, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, June 23, 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 Lt. Larry Smith; and Assistant City Clerk Anita Ewing. Absent: City Clerk Cindy Simpson.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that the minutes of June 9, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Axtell was in attendance representing the residents of North Oklahoma Ave. She presented a petition signed by the majority of residents on North Oklahoma Ave. requesting the speed limit on Oklahoma Ave. be lowered to 35 mph between 28th Street and 40th Street. Mayor Soptic thanked her for coming to address the council and asked her to leave the petition so that it may be given to the proper department to look into it.

REPORTS

Councilmember Ferguson gave a report on the Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting held June 11.

Councilmember Humphreys gave a report on the Utility Committee meeting held June 17.

City Administrator Urton reported that the preconstruction meeting for the hangar project has been postponed until July 2. He said the sidewalk grant information has been sent to MoDOT; now we are waiting on their approval to award the contract.

Mayor Soptic mentioned issues with vendors going door to door to solicit work and said some have reported work not completed or done well. She requested KTTN help get the word out to caution the public.

BILL NO. 35

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Ulrich that Bill No. 35 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND NEW HORIZONS ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR ASBESTOS INSPECTION SERVICES 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 Ulrich that Bill No. 35 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 35 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on June 20, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Brill-Ely, Mlika, Ulrich, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens and Humphreys. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-35, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

BILL NO. 36

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Ulrich that Bill No. 36 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND HOWE COMPANY, LLC FOR WORK ORDER NO. 21 OF THE TAP GRANT APPLICATION 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 Ulrich that Bill No. 36 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 36 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on June 20, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Mlika, Ulrich, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys and Brill-Ely. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-36, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Ulrich that Resolution No. 2 be introduced, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, STATING THE INTENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING, IN THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR, FOR 20% MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THE "16TH STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT" UNDER THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S "TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM" (TAP) GRANT PROGRAM, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Ulrich that Resolution No. 2 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Resolution No. 2 was made

available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on June 20, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Urich, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely and Mlika. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Resolution No. 2025-2, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Soptic recommended the appointment of Wade Peters to the TIF Commission. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Briggs to accept the appointment of Wade Peters to the TIF Commission. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the addition of fluoride in the water system. Those in attendance speaking in favor of the continuance of adding fluoride to the water were Elizabeth Gibson, Administrator, Grundy County Health Department; Dr. Paul Cox, Cox Family Dentistry; and Courtney Bunnell, dental hygienist with Cox Family Dentistry. Luanne Oneal was in attendance and spoke in opposition of the continuance of adding fluoride to the water. Councilmember Stevens spoke in opposition as well.

Motion by Councilmember Ferguson second by Councilmember Briggs to rescind the original motion to begin the process to end the fluoridation of City water made by Councilmember Humphreys at the May 12 council meeting. The following vote was taken: Ayes: Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Brill-Ely, Mlika and Urich. Nays: Humphreys. Motion carried 7-1

Motion by Councilmember Ferguson second by Councilmember Briggs to continue the addition of fluoride in the City water as we do now. The following vote was taken: Ayes: Ferguson, Briggs, Brill-Ely, Mlika and Urich. Nays: Stevens, Humphreys and Thomas. Motion carried 5-3

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the emergency nuisance abatement bids received for the 2025 year. Code Enforcement Officer Barone said there was one additional bid received from Shaun McCullough at \$125 per hour per person. Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs to accept the bid of Shaun McCullough at \$125 per hour per person for emergency nuisance abatement. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on lime sludge removal bids. Four bids were received: Henke Applications, LLC, \$52.50/dry ton; Midwest Injections, Inc, \$53.50/dry ton; Nutri-Ject Systems, Inc., \$76.50/dry ton; and DRT Biosolids, Inc., \$140.00/dry ton. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich to accept the bid from Henke Applications, LLC at \$52.50 per dry ton for lime sludge removal. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on tree trimming bids. Two bids were received: Asplundh at \$143.67 per hour with no per diem; and Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc. at \$198.48 plus \$1020 per week per diem. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the bid from Asplundh at \$143.67 per hour with no per diem for tree trimming services. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning a house owned by David Lamb that the Grundy County Museum is interested in acquiring. Code Enforcement Officer Wes Barone said that the museum is requesting that the structure be placed on the 2026 demolition list if they are able to take possession. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Humphreys to allow the Grundy County Museum to place the Lamb property on the 2026 demolition list if they are able to take possession of it. Motion carried, with Councilmember Briggs voting no.

Discussion was held concerning a new truck for the underground crew. City Administrator Urton said that the funds for the truck have been budgeted and the total cost of \$74,220 would be under budget. He said it would need to be ordered now in order to receive it in a timely manner. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to order the truck for the underground crew. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a request for the city to mow five properties that have been abandoned/orphaned. The nuisance officer either has no contact for the owners or the owners are deceased. It was suggested to have the cost of the mowing be put on the property's tax bill. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens to have the city mow the properties and seek reimbursement in whatever way possible. Motion carried.

Councilmember Humphreys spoke on behalf of the utility committee and made the recommendation to have Irvinbilt make a water leak repair at the water plant. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the recommendation of the utility committee to have Irvinbilt repair the water leak at the water plant. Motion carried.

Councilmember Humphreys spoke on behalf of the utility committee and made the recommendation to hire a utility line worker. City Administrator Urton said there is a journeyman that will be retiring in 2026 and it takes four years to become a journeyman. The recommendation would be to hire a utility worker now so they can begin school and have one year in before the journeyman retires. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the recommendation of the utility committee to hire a utility line worker. Motion carried.

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Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita J. Ewing
Assistant City Clerk