

Trenton, Missouri
July 28, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, July 28, 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; Police Lt. Larry Smith; City Clerk Cindy Simpson; and Assistant City Clerk Anita Ewing.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Humphreys second by Councilmember Briggs that the minutes of July 14, 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 Brown spoke to the council about a flooding issue she has at her home at 10th and Normal. She brought pictures to show the flooding the recent rains had caused. She mentioned City Code section 400.813.1, which addresses floodplains and thought something might be done based on those guidelines. Councilmember Briggs, who is also the Grundy County Emergency Management Services manager, said that the area her home is in is not in a designated floodplain area, therefore, the code would not apply to her situation. Street Dept. Supervisor Gary Dryer mentioned that there wasn't much that could be done as far as changing the tubing around the area. There is a tube in the alley owned by Burkeybile that is angled toward Mrs. Brown's property. Dryer is going to contact Burkeybile to see about the possibility of redirecting the tube.

REPORTS

Councilmember Humphreys reported on the Utility Committee meeting held July 22.

City Clerk Cindy Simpson reported that she, along with Asst. City Clerk Anita Ewing and Office Manager/Billing Clerk Tracy Maberry, had attended the MIRMA conference at Margaritaville July 22-25. She also said Howe Company is coming Wednesday, July 30 to discuss upcoming projects.

Lt. Larry Smith reported on the LETSAC conference he recently attended in Columbia.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Resolution No. 3 be introduced, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE MISSOURI JOINT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION DBA: MISSOURI ELECTRIC COMMISSION, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Resolution No. 3 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Resolution No. 3 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on July 25, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Urich, Thomas, Ferguson and Briggs. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Resolution No. 2025-3, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on a request from Tri-County Cemetery Preservation & Restoration for a donation to help with the cleanup and repair on headstones at the City Cemetery. It was mentioned that we have no funds budgeted for this. It was recommended we take bids for cleanup to see what an appropriate amount to budget for next year would be.

Discussion was held concerning generation credits the city receives through Trenton Municipal Utilities. It was mentioned that Rebecca Atkins with MPUA will be at the August 19 Utility committee meeting to discuss generation credits.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. to closed session for personnel in accordance with RSMO. 610.021 (3). The following vote was taken. Ayes: Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Urich, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs and Stevens.

Closed session minutes are on file at City Hall.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita J. Ewing
Assistant City Clerk