

Trenton, Missouri
July 14, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, July 14, 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; City Clerk Cindy Simpson; and Assistant City Clerk Anita Ewing.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that the minutes of June 23, 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

There were several in attendance to express concern for the speed limit on North Oklahoma Ave., between 28th Street and 40th Street. Mary Axtell spoke on their behalf in response to a traffic study conducted by the Trenton Police Department to determine if a change in speed limit to 35 mph on Oklahoma Ave. between 28th Street and 40th Street was warranted. The police department recommendation was to not change the limit and the group was asking that this be reconsidered.

Luke Vale, executive director of Main Street Trenton, was in attendance and introduced himself to the council.

REPORTS

City Attorney Kinney reported on the MML Attorney conference he recently attended at Margaritaville at Lake of the Ozarks.

City Administrator Urton reported on an oil spill that had taken place when an electric pole with a transformer on it broke, causing the oil to spill out when it hit the ground. He said all of the contaminated soil had been excavated and the material was being stored until proper disposal could be secured. He said the area involved was restored to original condition. Urton mentioned that both bucket trucks for the electric department were down and are being looked at. He said the airport hangar project has begun and the street barn wheelloader has been repaired.

Mayor Soptic reported that the CDBG demolition grant application was submitted on July 9. She also thanked the fire department, police department and all other agencies that helped with the fire on Main Street July 1.

BILL NO. 37

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 37 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO MIKE HERROLD TO ALLOW FOR A AIRBNB/SHORT-TERM RENTAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1009 NORMAL STREET, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 37 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 37 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on July 11, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Urich, Thomas and Ferguson. Nays: Mlika. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-37, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

BILL NO. 38

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 38 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. 38 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 38 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on July 11, 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. 2025-38, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning the traffic study done on Oklahoma Ave. between 28th St. and 40th St. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Stevens to lower the speed limit on Oklahoma Ave. between 28th Street and 40th Street to 35 mph and place more signage stating such. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the hazardous materials abatement bids for the 2025/2026 city demolition list. Code Enforcement Officer Wes Barone said only one bid from 24/7 Enviro Solutions had been submitted, which included : 140 E. 5th Street, \$1,000; 305 E. 10th Street, \$500; and 4211 E. 28th Street, \$1875. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the bid from 24/7 Enviro Solutions for hazardous abatement of properties on the 2025/2026 city demolition list. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the 2025/2026 City Demolition List. Code Enforcement Officer Barone said that one house on the list, 1615 Lulu owned by Gradey Raymo, had been sold and would not be part of the list, leaving seven properties for demolition. Those properties include: 305 E. 10th Street; 1710 E. 7th Street; 412 Ridgeway Street; 140 E. 5th Street; 422 W. Crowder Road; 4211 E. 28th Street; and 2401 Webster Street. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Briggs to approve the 2025/2026 city demolition list. Motion carried 7-1, with Humphreys voting no.

Councilmember Humphreys questioned the buying of electricity from MEC and asked about an agreement we may have with them for the credits they offer.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich to adjourn at 7:42 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 Urich meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita J. Ewing
Assistant City Clerk