

Trenton, Missouri
August 25, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, August 25, 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/Interim City Administrator Cindy Simpson; and Assistant City Clerk Anita Ewing.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that the minutes of August 11, 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

A public hearing was held for setting of the tax levy. City Clerk Simpson mentioned that the levy had gone down a bit due to an increase in assessed property value. There were no public comments made.

REPORTS

Councilmember Ferguson reported on the August 13th meeting of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. She said they were discussing having Megan Pester take over some of the duties currently contracted out to help conserve costs. She said they were working on a plan to get more of the AirBnBs to comply with the lodging tax ordinance.

Councilmember Humphreys reported on the August 19th meeting of the Utility Committee. He said representatives from MPUA had been there to explain the capacity credits we can earn through generation.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Resolution No. 5 be introduced, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF GRAND RIVER APARTMENTS, LP TO OBTAIN FINANCING THROUGH THE MISSOURI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 40 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by

Councilmember Urich that Resolution No. 5 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Resolution No. 5 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on August 22, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Brill-Ely, Mlika, Urich, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens and Humphreys. Said resolution was declared duly passed, numbered Resolution No. 2025-5, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

BILL NO. 42

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 42 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATE OF THE LEVY UPON ALL THE REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI FOR THE YEAR 2025 UPON ALL THE PROPERTY TAXABLE WITHIN SAID CITY, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 42 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 42 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on August 22, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Mlika, Urich, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys and Brill-Ely. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-42, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

BILL NO. 43

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 43 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND IRVINBILT CONSTRUCTORS, INC. FOR WTP IMPROVEMENTS 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. 43 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 43 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on August 22, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Urich, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely and Mlika. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-43, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the lone bid received for concrete for the salt shed at the street department. Shuler Concrete submitted the only bid, which was \$45,050. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Briggs to accept the bid from

Shuler Concrete of \$45,050 for concrete for the salt shed at the street department.
Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the collection of lodging tax. Councilmember Ferguson said that currently there are nine (9) known AirBnBs within the city limits, but only four (4) have made payments to the city this year. It was suggested that letters could be sent, along with a copy of the ordinance, to let them know it needs to be paid quarterly and what the consequences are if not paid.

Discussion was held on a budget line for wayfinding signs for the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Councilmember Ferguson said that the CVB has the money for the signs, but they neglected to put in a budget line item specifically for them. They are requesting a line item in the amount of \$10,000 be added to the budget for the wayfinding signs. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens to add a line in the budget in the amount of \$10,000 for wayfinding signs. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a lime feeder for the water plant. Water Supervisor Steve Reid said that the lime feeder is a critical piece of equipment. The one they are wanting to purchase will replace the 1995 model and will be auger fed rather than belt fed. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the purchase of the lime feeder. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the old electric service truck. Councilmember Humphreys said the motor went out on it and the utility committee is recommending it be sold as is on Purple Wave. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to sell the old electric service truck as is on Purple Wave. Motion carried.

Mayor Soptic recommended the appointment of Anita Ewing as City Clerk to replace Cindy Simpson, who is retiring August 31, 2025. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the Mayor's recommendation and appointment of Anita Ewing as City Clerk. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the advertisement for the City Administrator position. It was recommended there be a vetting process during a closed session by the administrative committee to decide the best candidates to interview. The ad will run until the position is filled. It was also suggested that the administrative committee look at the residency requirement for city administrator and update the purchasing policy.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita J. Ewing
City Clerk