

Trenton, Missouri
September 22, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, September 22, 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, David Mlika and Bart Thomas; City Attorney Kenton Kinney; Police Lt. Larry Smith; Interim City Administrator Cindy Simpson; and City Clerk Anita Ewing. Absent: Council members Angela Brill-Ely and Duane Urich.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that the minutes of August 25, 2025, be approved. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that the minutes of September 8, 2025 be approved. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that all duly obligated bills for the city be paid. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Police Lt. Larry Smith said that the police personnel board met and is recommending the hiring of Bryce Sinclair as a police officer, pending the passage of a drug screening. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Briggs to approve Bryce Sinclair for hire pending passage of a drug screening. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Lt. Smith reported on a grant the police department received for the purchase of an LED speed limit sign. The sign will be able to be moved from location to location and the department will be able to pull traffic data from the sign.

Councilmember Briggs mentioned the 16th Street Sidewalk TAP Grant award the city recently received.

Councilmember Humphreys reported on the Utility Committee meeting held September 16, 2025.

Mayor Soptic mentioned the Trenton R-9 School District praised the police department for their help in a recent situation they were called to handle. She said the Building and Nuisance board is in need of one more member to sit on the board. She announced there will be no meeting on October 13 as that is Columbus Day and the City of Trenton

and Trenton Municipal Utilities offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. The next meeting will be October 27 unless a special meeting needs to be called to handle business.

BILL NO. 46

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 46 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. 23 – SEWER LINING 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 Mlika that Bill No. 46 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 46 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on September 19, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Humphreys, Mlika, Thomas, Ferguson and Stevens. Nays: Briggs. Absent: Brill-Ely and Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-46, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

BILL NO. 47

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 47 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND CONSUMERS OIL & SUPPLY CO. FOR A LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT 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 Mlika that Bill No. 47 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 47 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on September 19, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Mlika, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens and Humphreys. Absent: Brill-Ely and Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-47, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Briggs asked for clarification on zooming the meetings. Interim City Administrator Cindy Simpson said there had been a misunderstanding on her part and that was why there was no zoom meeting this evening. Mayor Soptic said there would be one scheduled for all council meetings going forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a new pump #4 for the sewer plant. Wastewater Supervisor Bob Hutchinson said that the one they are wanting to replace is completely worn out. The parts to fix it would cost more than a new one, which is why they would like to purchase a new one from JCI Industries at a cost of \$31,026. Councilmember Humphreys said the utility committee would recommend approving the purchase. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens to accept the recommendation of the utility committee to approve the purchase of a new pump for the sewer plant. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the street department bid for a salt barn roof. The only bid submitted was from County Line Tarps in Jamesport at a cost of \$14,750. Street Dept. Asst. Supervisor John Limkemann was in attendance to answer questions about the tarp to be used. Interim City Administrator Simpson said that with the bid, the total cost of the salt barn is coming in under budget. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the bid from County Line Tarps of \$14,750 for the salt barn tarp roof. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning wages of employees at the sewer plant. Supervisor Hutchinson said that he would like to see the wages of Dustin Gott and John Simpson brought up to match the wage of Jeff Bowden. He said they all have the same certifications and licenses and he would like to see them make the same wage. Councilmembers questioned the years of service each one had at the sewer plant, stating that the wage scale takes years of service into account. Being that Gott and Simpson hadn't been with the company as long as Bowden, the council felt they were being paid according to the scale and the years of service they have put in. No further decision was made.

Discussion was held concerning the water/wastewater department truck #19, which was recently replaced with a new truck. Water/wastewater Supervisor Adam Snuffer was in attendance and he said he would like to sell the truck on Purple Wave. He said it is a 2010 flat bed with 77,000 miles on it. The utility committee approved sending this to the council for a decision. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve putting the old truck #19 on Purple Wave pending no other departments within the city want it. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs to go into closed session for legal and personnel at 7:38 p.m. in accordance with RSMo. 610.021 (1)(3). The following vote was taken. Ayes: Mlika, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Humphreys and Stevens. Absent: Brill-Ely and Urich.

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Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs meeting
adjourned at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita Ewing
City Clerk