

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010
5:30 P.M.
TRENTON CITY HALL

- A. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome
- B. Invocation / Alderman Jackson
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approve Minutes of the April 13th Meeting
- E. Recorder's Report
- F. Citizen's Input – any citizen will be given up to 3 minutes to address the Mayor on any issue
- G. Old Business
- H. New Business
 - 1. Adopting the Gibson County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Resolution
 - 2. Singleton Letter / City Staff Congratulations
 - 3. Request from Workforce Essentials
 - 4. Employee Recognition
- I. Reports from Department Heads
 - 1. Terry Bailey / Street & Sanitation Department
 - 2. Ricky Bailey / Building & Zoning Department
 - 3. Terry Brown / Park Department
 - 4. Barry Green / Fire Department
 - 5. Will Sanders / Police Department
 - 6. Bret Fisher / Light & Water Department
- J. City Attorney's Report
- K. Alderman's Report
- L. Mayor's Report

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A regular scheduled meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Tony Burriss. The invocation was given by Alderman Hammonds. Mayor Burriss welcomed all in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present for the meeting were elected officials, Aldermen Abbott, Cannon, Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, and Overall. City employees present were Richard Gossum, Sammy Dickey, Will Sanders, Barry Green, Ricky Bailey, Terry Bailey, Terry Brown, Bret Fisher and Jenny Corbin.

A motion was made by Alderman Cannon to approve the minutes of the March 23rd meeting. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

RECORDER'S REPORT

City Recorder, Sammy Dickey, reported to council the 10th of the month bills. They were General Fund \$29,408.54, Sanitation \$24,417.53, Electric Department \$528,026.47, and Water and Sewer \$34,332.18. Alderman Jackson made a motion to pay the 10th of the month bills. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

CITIZEN INPUT

Daryl Word asked when houses were going to start being razed. He said a homeless man was living in one on Lexington Street.

SECOND AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE #265

Alderman Hammonds made a motion to pass the second and final reading on Dog and Cat Ordinance #265. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

ADA COMPLIANCE FOR PARK AND CITY HALL

Alderman Cannon made a motion to pass resolution 2010-R-2 authorizing capital outlay note for ADA Compliance for the Park and City Hall. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

ATA AUDIT REPORT

John Whybrew with Alexander Thompson and Arnold came before council to give the audit report. He stated that there was a clean opinion on finances this year. There were two findings; there were not dual signatures on a few or small number of checks in the general fund. The other finding was the cashing of personal checks out of the drawer at the utility department.

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to accept the audit. Alderman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

ATA CONTRACT FOR 2010-2011

Mayor Burriss asked John Whybrew with ATA if he brought the contract for the budget year 2010-2011. John did not bring the contract but stated the amount would be \$32,900.00. Alderman Hammonds made a motion to accept the contract. The motion died from lack of a 2nd to the motion.

BOB WILSON – PAVERS FOR PEDESTRIAN PARK

AVC President Bob Wilson came before council to donate 100 bricks for the Pedestrian Park. He is going to give away 10 bricks for Mother's Day and 10 bricks for Father's Day. He presented a check for \$2500.00.

REDI PROGRAM FOR GIBSON COUNTY

Mayor Burriss explained new industry now wants employment applications filled on Internet Region Economic Development Initiative has been formed by Joe Barker to 1) to Provide mentors for each senior to help seek scholarships and fill out any forms to apply for scholarships and college. 2) To provide last dollar scholarship to finish out any fund lacking. \$5000 has been donated by Gibson County Utility District to help with the \$15,000 that is needed to start any funds, grants, etc. Education is the key to our workforce. This \$15,000 times 13 counties will hopefully result in some huge monies to help in finding and making a match for grants that are available. In Gibson County the graduation rates are lower than others; we would likely receive the largest portion of the money. Alderman Overall stated that this is something he thinks we would want to be involved with. Alderman Hammonds said the same. Alderman Jackson thinks that we should be involved. A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to become involved and commit. Alderman Cannon seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

RICKY BAILEY / BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ricky informed council that the bid contracts will be awarded this Thursday. They will start tearing houses down next week. Bid winners were Howell Demolition will be awarded 7; Kenny Smith will be awarded 2, and Steve McCartney 2.

TERRY BROWN / PARK DEPARTMENT

Terry informed council that the restrooms will be completed Thursday at the concession stand and work at the pavilion will start next week and will take about a month to be completed.

WILL SANDERS / POLICE DEPARTMENT

Will told council that the Police Facebook has had tips that lead to the arrest of 6 people. He also said that 91% of warrants were served in 2009. The Mock Alcohol Crash Scene will be April 21st at 11:00. Officers have written 112 city sticker tickets.

BRET FISHER / TRENTON LIGHT AND WATER

Bret informed council that there will possibly be a \$2.00 rate increase for the average household on water rates to take care of the \$600,000 loan to rehab the water tanks and a sewer rate of \$1.00 per month per household.

The Industrial Board has a tool called Tax Increment Finance (TIF) that allows the board to freeze tax on real estate for a business to pay tax on undeveloped land after the owner has developed on this land for a certain period of time. Basically the owner pays tax on the land and not the building for 5 – 10 years. This would help a new business off the ground. A Central Business District must be defined. That district has been established by the Grant received for work which is 3rd Street to Court Square. The survey has already been done for this district and is something that must be done.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Hammonds asked about the controller audit.

Alderman Abbott stated that he has T-Pot tickets for sale.

Alderman Overall reminded everyone that there will be a budget meeting after the Prayer Breakfast.

Mayor Burriss reported to council that Work Force Essentials wants paint and white rock. He suggested that if we do this the rent will need to be increased from \$300 a month. Council charged them no rent for 6 months.

Starting Thursday, Doxicom will pick 3 names and go to the first house to see if they are recycling. If they are, they will be given \$100. This will be done on alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Jones Service Center will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary on Saturday, April 17, from 11:00 – 4:00.

There will be a Public Hearing for a Beer Permit for Food Mart on April 22 at 1:00.

Mayor reported to council that the House voted to ok 50% plus 1 vote for the Mayor's Election. The Senate will vote Wednesday.

The fee for TML spouse will be \$135.00.

Alderman Cannon made a motion to suspend the April 27th meeting. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

With no other business, a motion was made by Alderman Cannon to adjourn the meeting at 6:50. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.