

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 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 July 27th 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. Resolution #2010-R-8 to relieve property tax for flood victims
 - 2. Resolution #2010-R-9 to relieve personal property tax for flood victims
 - 3. Gift of property at 310 E Eaton Street from Tom and Barbara Milligan
- 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, Alderman Abbott, Cannon, Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, and Overall. City employees present were Sammy Dickey, Bret Fisher, Will Sanders, Barry Green, Terry Bailey, Terry Brown, Jenny Corbin, and Jeff McCoy. Lanny Poteet, Sonja Dodd, Darryl Word, Donna Jarrett, Justin Penn, Joanne Anderson, and Barbara Anderson were present as visitors.

A motion was made by Alderman Cannon to approve the minutes of the July 13th meeting by Alderman Cannon. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

CITIZEN INPUT

Daryl Word came before council stating that he has heard that someone has looked at the Kellwood building.

SONYA DODD PLAY PROJECT

Sonya Dodd came before council for their support for a play project; she and a committee are planning in an effort to “Take Back Our Community,” or stop the violence in the Lexington Street area. “In the view of the recent tragedies that have occurred there, something must be done.” Sonya stated “I was raised on Lexington Street. It was not the way it is now. There was no congregating on the street and other things that are going on there now.” She said, “Our young people simply are not making sound decisions. They are often a product of kids having kids and we solicit your input and wisdom in attempting to help correct this situation. We want our young men to step up and do what is right.” Sonya said that the committee is writing the script to the play themselves and will have a viewing before showing it to the public. She said that a simulation of some sort is also being discussed and if this materializes they would need the help of the Police Department. Alderman Gibson stated boys think having a child shows manhood. Alderman Overall stated that if the Police Department and schools will be involved they would like to look at the program before it is presented to the public. A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to support the project. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

Sonya also informed council, who is a member of First Baptist Church located at 104 Gibson Road, about an Improvement Summit the church is planning for August 7 and a summer program that has provided free lunches to teach children healthy eating habits.
ATA AUDIT APPROVAL

The Alexander Thompson & Arnold for 2010-2011 budget year is \$32,445.00. It will be halved between the City of Trenton and Trenton Light and Water. Alderman Cannon made a motion to accept the audit. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

PUT LEIGH ANN REYNOLDS ON CITY BANK ACCOUNTS

Alderman Jackson made a motion to add Leigh Ann Reynolds's name on bank accounts so that she could co-sign checks that require two signatures whenever the mayor, city recorder, or city treasurer are not available. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

TERRY BROWN / PARK DEPARTMENT

Terry informed council that the 15 year old Babe Ruth team won the State Championship in Union City and will be playing in the World Series in North Carolina later this summer.

WILL SANDERS / POLICE DEPARTMENT

Will reported to council that Ben Whitehead will graduate from the Police Academy on Friday.

Will informed council that 16 people took the dispatch test and 9 people passed. 19 people took the Police test and 16 passed. He will hire a dispatcher first.

Will also informed council that Samora Hall and Jimmy Turner, along with Peabody High School Principal Tim Haney will be attending a week's School Resource Officers training.

BRET FISHER / LIGHT AND WATER DEPARTMENT

At the last Utility Board meeting Bret made some salary recommendations for some employees with specialized certifications. A motion was made by Alderman Gibson to allow the salary increases. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

Bret presented a list of charge-off amounts. The amount was \$14500.00 down several thousand dollars from last year. They were partially due to lower rates and TVA's fuel cost credits, payment extension plans and increases in deposits for customers. A motion

was made by Alderman Hammonds to allow the charge-offs. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Burriss informed council that Askew, Harcourt, and Hargraves wants write a Park and Recreation grant to help with the Pedestrian Park. It will be a 50/50 match. Mayor Burriss stated the city match would come from in-kind service. It is a \$40,000 - \$60,000 grant. A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to allow A2H to write the grant. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

There will be a groundbreaking ceremony at Peabody High School at 5:30, Thursday, July 29th.

The GED Graduation will be at Trenton Rosenwald Middle School at 2:00, Sunday, August 1st.

A letter was received by Faye Lynn Hartfield showing council how monies were spent during the flood.

With no other business, Alderman Hammonds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.