

CITY OF TRENTON

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CITY RECORDER

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TRENTON CITY COUNCIL

TRENTON CITY HALL

JULY 26, 2011

6:30 P.M.

ALDERMEN

Michael Abbott

Frank Gibson

Joe H. Hammonds

Ricky Jackson

Jim Overall

George Wade

- A. Call Meeting to Order & Welcome
- B. Invocation – Alderman Wade
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approve Minutes of the July 12, 2011
- 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
 - 1. Recycling to Be Picked Up on Thursdays starting August 1
 - 2. Levee Project Completed
- H. New Business
 - 1. Resolution #2011-R-14 - To adopt policies and procedures for the THDA home housing rehabilitation program – Karen Holder from Nelson/Thornton
- 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

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
JULY 12, 2011
TRENTON CITY HALL
6:30 P.M.

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

Those present for the meeting were elected officials Abbott, Gibson, Jackson, and Overall. Aldermen Hammonds and Wade were absent from the meeting. City employees present were Bret Fisher, Will Sanders, Barry Green, Sammy Dickey, Ricky Bailey, Terry Brown, and Richard Gossum. Present as visitors were Darrell Westbrook, CeCe Jones, Haywood Elam, Myra Elam, Darryl Word, Lanny Poteet, and Danny Jones.

A motion was made by Alderman Overall to approve the June 28, 2011 council meeting. Alderman Overall 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 \$65,998.38, Sanitation \$17,447.66, Electric Department \$702,634.45, Water and Sewer \$33,823.75. A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to pay the 10th of the month bills. Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

CITIZENS INPUT

CeCe Jones, a resident of Meadow Crest Subdivision, addressed the Council on issues in that area, dealing primarily with tall weeds and grass not being mowed. "Two other residents and myself are mowing six vacant lots adjoining us, but conditions that exist are both disheartening and discouraging to us." They have made numerous calls to the property owner, asking that mowing be done, to no avail. Another matter dealt with the hauling of dirt from the area to be used at the elementary school renovation. "Our streets are not made for heavy trucks and asphalt is cracking and is buckling up." She also said "dirt is eroding and is running into the city's storm drains." Another resident, Darrell Westbrook stated that the grown up lots and fields are a haven for snakes.

EXISTING BUILDING CODE INSPECTION

Building Inspector, Ricky Bailey, reported to Council that the existing building code inspection will begin August 1. "Three years ago we adopted the code for safety and the general welfare of our citizens. We have had a public meeting with property owners and for the most part, everyone is very much in favor of it," he said. "This is a win, win for everyone. It is good for property owners and renters as well, the mayor said. Basically,

the inspection is done on rental property before a renter moves in and again when he leaves, before another one rents the property.

STREET LITTERING

Mayor Burriss stated that littering is at an all time high. "Motorists are throwing trash out of cars, not only here but in other towns as well, it has been observed," Mayor Burriss said. I have asked our city personnel if they witness such action to get the license number on the vehicle and report it and we'll get this stopped. The public needs to turn in violators, too," he said.

RECYCLE PICK UP ONCE A WEEK STARTING AUGUST 1ST

Mayor Burriss informed council that starting August 1st, recycling will be picked up once a week instead of twice. The pickup will be on Thursday.

RICKY BAILEY / BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ricky informed Council that there is a lot of construction going on in Trenton and Gibson County.

BRET FISHER / TRENTON LIGHT AND WATER

Bret stated that there needs to be a utility board meeting scheduled soon.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Gibson said that a group from First Presbyterian Church wants to bring string trimmers, lawn mowers, and other tools to have a work day at Oakland Cemetery on July 23rd.

Alderman Overall gave a report from the Park Committee, said that everything is in good shape and lauded everyone who has worked so hard during regular season and tournament play. Alderman Overall stated that the board has discussed no smoking in the bleachers and concessions areas and wants to have designated smoking areas. Council will wait to vote on this matter until next the meeting since two aldermen are absent.

Mayor Burriss explained to Council that the June 30th called meeting needed to have the minutes approved. A motion was made by Alderman Abbott to approve the minutes. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

The City in conjunction with Doxicom will hold a reception on Wednesday, July 20 to acknowledge the city moving to another level of garbage pickup and will hang up the second Greengaroo indicating the city is now recycling 30% of its garbage.

The GED graduation is scheduled for 2:00 on July 31st at Peabody.

The mid-year WTIA meeting is scheduled for July 27th at Crenshaw's.

The next council meeting is scheduled for July 26th at 6:30.

With no other business, Alderman Overall made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.
Alderman Abbott seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.