

**TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 13, 2024
6:00 PM
TRENTON CITY HALL**

Mayor Burriss called the regular scheduled meeting to order. Those present were: Aldermen Graves, Wade, Harper, Alderwomen Holt and Jones. Alderwoman Elam was absent. City employees were; Ricky Bailey, Phil Hickerson, Chief Michael Estes, Terry Brown, Chief Bill Cusson, Jeff Mueller, Wyatt Butler, Eric Horne, Wilson Chute and City Recorder Leigh Reynolds. Visitors present were: Cynthia Jarrett, Chelsey Elliott, Nancy Orgain, Virginia Long Browning, Michael Bubba Abbott and Daryl Word.

Alderwoman Jones led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderwoman Holt made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13th, 2024 council meeting. Alderman Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

RECORDER'S REPORT

City Recorder, Leigh Reynolds, reported General Fund expenditures were \$47,928.71 and Sanitation was 55,647.66. Alderman Graves made the motion to pay our bills and Alderwoman Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed. Recorder Reynolds also reported that the city had received 50.4% of property taxes and 53.5% of city sticker taxes.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one presented.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF TRENTON PARK BOARD BY ALDERWOMAN JONES

Alderwoman Cece Jones, chairman of the Trenton Park board, introduced the board. The board consists of Blake Elliott, Bubba Abbott, Cynthia Jarrett, Jeff Mueller, and Nancy Orgain. The Board presented a document of support to the City

Council for their work through the use of city monies and grants to do improvements on Shady Acres Park in the future.

ORDINANCE #348 TO AMEND THE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CODE

Alderman Graves made a motion to pass on 1st reading on Ordinance #348 requiring the minimum amount of insulation required in a new construction. Alderman Harper seconded the motion. Motion passed on 1st reading.

UPDATE ON A PLAN TO COMBINE ARPA AND RESERVE MONIES TO REPLACE THE FENCING AND SCOREBOARDS AT SHADY ACRES PARK

Mayor Burriss proposed a plan to use \$159,000 of ARPA funds and \$200,000 of city reserve funds to replace all ballfield fencing and scoreboards at Shady Acres Park. If the city receives the Local Parks and Recreation Grant in the fall, then the city will continue with renovations to the park. He stated that this gesture will look good on our application for the LPRG. He stated the cost to replace the fencing with Wes Tenn Fence company would be \$283,585.00 and the cost to replace the scoreboards with Varsity Scoreboards would cost \$27,855.00.

Alderwoman Jones made a motion to use ARPA funds combined with city reserves to fund the project. Alderwoman Holt seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was held. Alderman Graves, yes, Alderwoman Holt, yes, Alderman Wade, yes, Alderwoman Jones, yes, Alderman Harper, yes. The motion passed.

REPORT ON BOND FROM BASS, BERRY AND SIMS AND USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUED ON THE TRENTON LIGHT AND WATER BUILDING

Trenton Light and Water Manager Joe Wamble presented to the City Council the report from the Comptroller of the Treasury on debt obligation in the amount of \$5,000,000 with the interest rate of 2.125% for a term of 40 years. The loan is from USDA Rural Development and Bass, Berry and Sims to be used for construction and equipping of the Trenton Light and Water building. No action needed to be taken.

REPORT ON THE LOAN FROM THE TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL BOND FUND

Trenton Light and Water Manager Joe Wamble presented to the City Council the report from the Comptroller of the Treasury on debt obligation in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund. The money is to be used like a

construction loan to finish the construction and outfitting of the Trenton Light and Water building. The interest on the loan is 5.39% for a term of 20 years. No action needed to be taken.

UPDATE ON THE FLOOD MITIGATION GRANT FOR NORTH TRENTON

The mayor said that the city would put off applying for the Mitigation Grant until next year in order to get all the paperwork in order. No action needed to be taken.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Counselor Mueller reported that District Attorney General Agee has appealed the court decision concerning the Trenton General Sessions Court which the city won in December. He informed the Council it could take up to a year for the appeal to be heard.

TRENTON LIGHT AND WATER REPORT

Utility Manager Joe Wamble informed the Council that he would give an up-to-date report on Trenton Light and Water after the monthly meeting on February 26th, 2024.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works manager Terry Brown stated that the Girl Scout sign had arrived and had been put up at Shady Acres Park. No further reports were given.

ALDERPERSON REPORTS

The Alderpersons thanked the Park Committee for attending the meeting and also thanked them for their service to the city.

MAYOR'S REPORT


There will be a picture made with the Girl Scout littering sign on Saturday the 17th. City Offices will be closed for President's Day on Monday.

Utility Board Meeting on February 26th at 8:30 am.


Asked the Council to read the article in the newspaper concerning school voucher legislation.

Next Council meeting on February 27th at 6:00 pm.

Alderman Graves made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. and Alderwoman Holt seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.



Tony Burriss, Mayor



Leigh Reynolds, City Recorder