

Trenton, Missouri
August 12, 2024

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, August 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. The following officers and members were present: Mayor Jackie Soptic; Council members William Fisher, Glen Briggs, Calvin Brown, Marvin Humphreys, Timothy Meinecke, David Mlika and John Dolan (via zoom); City Attorney, Kenton Kinney; City Administrator, Ron Urton; Police Chief, Rex Ross, City Clerk, Cindy Simpon and Asst. City Clerk, Anita Ewing. Absent: Councilmember Duane Urich.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that the minutes of July 22, 2024, 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.

REPORTS

Reports were given by City Administrator Urton and Mayor Soptic. City Administrator Urton mentioned RICE testing had been done and all had passed except one unit at the south substation, which started heating due to a coolant leak. Discussions for repair are ongoing. Mayor Soptic mentioned that City Attorney Kinney will have office hours at City Hall on days he has municipal court to make himself available for any issues that may arise. She also mentioned she will be attending the MML Conference in September and was able to receive a scholarship for the cost, so the city will not have to pay for her attendance.

BILL NO. 38

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 38 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A REQUEST FROM LYNN DAVENPORT FOR A MINOR SUBDIVISION TO ALLOW HER TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY TO BE SPLIT INTO THREE (3) PARCELS LOCATED AT 1823 EAST 9TH STREET, TRENTON, MISSOURI, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 38 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 38 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on August 9, 2024. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Humphreys, Meinecke, Mlika, Dolan, Fisher, Briggs and Brown. Absent: Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2024-38, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

BILL NO. 39

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 39 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE REAFFIRMING CHAPTER 130 ENTITLED CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF TITLE I ENTITLED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRENTON CITY CODE, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 39 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 39 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on August 9, 2024. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Meinecke, Mlika, Dolan, Fisher, Briggs, Brown and Humphreys,. Absent: Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2024-39, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

BILL NO. 40

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 40 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL/WORK ORDER BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND HOWE COMPANY, LLC FOR 13TH AND MAIN STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS 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. 40 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 40 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on August 9, 2024. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Mlika, Dolan, Fisher, Briggs, Brown, Humphreys and Meinecke. Absent: Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2024-40, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

BILL NO. 41

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 41 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL/WORK ORDER BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND HOWE COMPANY, LLC FOR CITY HALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS 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. 41 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 41 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on August 9, 2024. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Dolan, Fisher, Briggs, Brown, Humphreys, Meinecke

and Mlika. Absent: Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2024-41, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

BILL NO. 42

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 42 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL/WORK ORDER BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND GREEN HILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR PROFESSIONAL GRANT WRITING & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES 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. 42 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 42 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on August 9, 2024. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Dolan, Fisher, Briggs, Brown, Humphreys, Meinecke and Mlika. Absent: Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2024-42, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the assistant city clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

City Administrator Urton stated the City had put out bids for tree trimming. The lone bid came from Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc. Urton said that we have used them before and were satisfied with their quality of work. We have \$25,000 budgeted for this. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Fisher to approve Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc. for tree trimming. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2024 CDBG Demo Grant. City Administrator Urton explained how he came to the cash match amount of \$25,000. Property owners will be paying \$47,000, with in-kind labor totaling \$145,069. Council Member Briggs recommended the cash match for the City of \$25,000 come from the Demolition Account. Cash and In-Kind total is \$217,069. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Briggs to approve the 2024 CDBG Demo Grant Cash and In-Kind Labor Cost Estimate. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the proposed Electric Rate Adjustment. City Administrator Urton mentioned he had spoken to Toth about changing the 5-yr plan to a 4-yr plan and presented the rates to the council. The first year will be a 2.7% increase, second year 2.6%, third year 2.6% and fourth year 2.5%. Motion by Councilmember Brown second by Councilmember Briggs to accept the rates as proposed by Toth. The following vote was taken: Ayes: Briggs, Brown, Humphreys and Dolan. Nays: Fisher, Meinecke and Mlika. Absent: Urich. Motion carried.

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Discussion was held concerning fireworks contributions, along with contributions to other organizations. City Attorney Kinney quoted some state statutes and made the recommendation based on these statutes that the City not make contributions to such activities. Councilmember Briggs mentioned he would like to see a policy written up that clarifies what can and cannot be contributed to on the part of the City and would like the same policy guidelines to be set for Trenton Municipal Utilities. Mayor Soptic asked City Attorney Kinney to write a policy for the council to review in the near future.

Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Humphreys meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita J. Ewing
Assistant City Clerk