

Trenton, Missouri
October 27, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, October 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. The following officers and members were present: Mayor Jackie Soptic; Council members Anna Ferguson, Glen Briggs, Lindsay Stevens, Marvin Humphreys, Angela Brill-Ely, David Mlika and Bart Thomas; City Attorney Kenton Kinney (via zoom); Police Lt. Larry Smith; Interim City Administrator Cindy Simpson; and City Clerk Anita Ewing. Absent: Council member Duane Urich.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that the minutes of September 22, 2025 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Luke Vale, Main Street Trenton director, spoke with the council about the possibility of expanding the social district to include more businesses during wine and beer walks. Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs to take the proposal to the administrative committee for further discussion. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Council member Ferguson gave a report from the Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting held October 8. She said the wayfinding signs have been delivered, the mini grants are on the website to be more easily accessible, and the lodging tax letters went out to all those with AirBnBs.

Councilmember Humphreys reported on the utility committee meeting held October 21.

Mayor Soptic mentioned that Thursday, October 30 she will be conducting a community meeting in the BTC Bank meeting room from 9-11 a.m. to discuss how the government shutdown is affecting those on the SNAP program and what can be done to make more food available to those who need it. She also thanked all of the departments involved in making the Missouri Day Festival a success.

Lt. Larry Smith reported that the police department is the recipient of a \$50,000 grant through the Blue Shield Program that will be used for computers for the police cars.

BILL NO. 48

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 48 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND EVERGREEN ROOFING FOR ROOF REPAIR ON NO. 3 BASIN 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. 48 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 48 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on October 24, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely and Mlika. Absent: Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-48, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

BILL NO. 49

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 49 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR AMENDMENT #1 TO AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 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. 49 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 49 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on October 24, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika and Thomas. Absent: Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-49, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

BILL NO. 50

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 50 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND HOWE COMPANY, LLC FOR WORK ORDER NO. 24 - 2025 OSP UPDATE 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. 50 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion

carried. A copy of Bill No. 50 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on October 24, 2025. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Thomas and Ferguson. Absent: Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2025-50, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Humphreys asked about nuisance violations that haven't been filed. City Attorney Kinney said there are several scheduled for upcoming court dates.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Soptic said that she would like to recommend the appointment of Scott Sharp to the Building and Nuisance Board. This appointment would fill the vacancy left by the passing of Gloria Anderson. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the appointment of Scott Sharp to the Building and Nuisance Board. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning bids received for the replacement of filter media at the water plant. Water Supervisor Steve Reid was in attendance and said this is something that needs to be done every 10 years and it has been 11 years. The only bid received was from Karbonous, Inc. at a cost of \$72,897, which is under the budgeted amount of \$75,000. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the bid from Karbonous, Inc for \$72,897 for replacement of filter media at the water plant. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning bids received for the reservoir wet well clean out at the water plant. Reid said the only bid received was from Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc. at a cost of \$74,900, which is under the budgeted amount of \$75,000. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Briggs to approve the bid from Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc. for \$74,900 for reservoir wet well clean out at the water plant. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning a recommendation from the Utility Committee to add an employee in the generation department. TMU Finance Director Harry Belvel was in attendance and said the new position would be Electric Generation Operator and be at Grade 55 on the wage scale. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the recommendation of the Utility Committee to add an employee in the generation department. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on occupational licenses. Mayor Soptic mentioned that she is concerned about some of the details in the ordinances. She said that the Missouri

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Municipal League is hosting a webinar on October 31 at 10 a.m. that we have registered for and invited the council members to come and sit in on it.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to go into closed session for real estate at 7:36 p.m. in accordance with RSMo. 610.021 (2). The following vote was taken. Ayes: Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Thomas, Ferguson and Briggs. Absent: Urich.

Closed session minutes are on file at City Hall.

Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita Ewing
City Clerk