

Trenton, Missouri
November 24, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, November 24, 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, Duane Urich and Bart Thomas; City Attorney Kenton Kinney (via zoom); Police Lt. Larry Smith; and City Clerk Anita Ewing.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that the minutes of November 10, 2025 be approved. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that all duly obligated bills for the city be paid. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Beets, MIRMA representative, was in attendance to present the police department with a risk management grant of \$2,194 for car cameras and body cameras.

REPORTS

Mayor Soptic thanked the park department and the utility departments for helping with the downtown lighting. She mentioned that the sidewalk along Highway 6 to Dollar General is almost completed. She said Police Chief Ross had contacted her to let her know one of the cadets we are sponsoring has accepted a job with Harrison County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Humphreys asked that the council take another look at the wage scale for the new generation employee approved at the October 27, 2025 council meeting. Discussion was held. Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Ferguson to start the generation employee at Grade 50 on the wage scale and after completion of both schoolings move to Grade 55. Motion carried.

Councilmember Humphreys asked why so many of the nuisances still haven't been prosecuted months after their initial ticket. Attorney Kinney said he was backlogged and noted the request to get the cases to court.

Councilmember Urich requested an update on the airport project. Airport Manager Wes Barone said that all concrete is done, except for 2 sidewalks, and the building was scheduled to arrive sometime this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning bids for the roof replacement at the trap and skeet range. A total of 4 bids were received: Aspen Contracting, \$16,132.90; Trusted Roofing, \$17,250; Ropp Roofing, \$7,625; and Jamesport Builders, \$6,575. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Brill-Ely to accept the bid from Jamesport Builders at \$6,575 for the roof replacement at the trap and skeet range. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning possible COLA raises for City and TMU employees. It was decided to let the finance committee review the funds available.

Discussion was held concerning a dump truck for the street department. Street Superintendent Gary Dryer was in attendance and mentioned they have a dump truck with over 300,000 miles that is having some mechanical issues that would cost over \$15,000 to fix. They found a newer dump truck that they would be interested in with approximately 50,000 miles for \$49,500. There are funds in the budget to cover the cost of the dump truck as they came in under budget on a previous dump truck purchase and a chat spreader purchase. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to give permission to the street department to spend up to \$50,000 on a new dump truck. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on health insurance rates. The health insurance rates for the City and TMU are going up 15% in 2026. It was decided to let the finance committee review the funds available before deciding how to proceed.

Motion by Councilmember Ferguson second by Councilmember Briggs meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita Ewing
City Clerk