

Trenton, Missouri
December 22, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, December 22, 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; Interim City Administrator Scot Wrighton; Police Sgt. Jeb Walker; and City Clerk Anita Ewing.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that the minutes of December 8, 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.

PRESENTATION

North 65 Center Administrator Karen Otto and North 65 Center Board President Gary Schuett shared with the council the struggles the North 65 Center is having concerning a 75% cut in funding from the Area Agency on Aging.

REPORTS

Councilmember Ferguson reported that the Convention and Visitors Bureau met on Dec. 10. She said they are getting closer to getting the wayfinding signs to what they need to be and the board is putting up a billboard on Hwy 65 near Chillicothe promoting visiting Trenton. She said they are finalizing information for their mini grant program.

Councilmember Humphreys reported that the Utility Committee met on Dec. 16 and had two recommendations for the council to be discussed under new business.

Interim Administrator Wrighton gave an update on the audit. He said the state had put out a report that mentioned cities that had not filed their audit with the state and Trenton is on that list. He explained that the financials had been filed with the state auditor. He said he had spoken with our auditor, Mark Higgins, who said he was having more trouble with the conversion of software than he had thought he would due to the changing of account names and numbers. Mr. Higgins is working diligently to get the audit completed and to us as soon as possible.

BILL NO. 57

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 57 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI AMENDING THE CITY CODE, SPECIFICALLY TITLE VII - UTILITIES, CHAPTER 705 - WATER GENERALLY, SECTION 705.070 - WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS, OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Bill No. 57 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Discussion was held. Several council members had concerns and requested more information before voting on. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to table Bill No. 57 to the next meeting to gather more information to make a better informed decision. Motion carried 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning asphalt rock bids. Bids received included Norris Quarries at \$29 per ton and Traeger Limestone, LLC at \$22 per ton or \$29.50 per ton delivered. Street Superintendent Gary Dryer said we have done business with Norris Quarries for several years without any problems with the asphalt rock. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the bid from Norris Quarries at \$29 per ton for asphalt rock. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning asphalt sand bids. The lone bid came from Norris Quarries at \$19 per ton. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the bid from Norris Quarries at \$19 per ton for asphalt sand. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning a proposal from RS Electric to upgrade the Headworks DeviceNet buckets to Ethernet for the wastewater plant at a cost of \$48,645. Wastewater Supervisor Bob Hutchinson explained how the upgrade would benefit the wastewater plant. Interim Administrator Wrighton mentioned that, while this upgrade was not budgeted, the money is there and waiting could result in cost increase. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Briggs to approve the proposal from RS Electric of \$48,645 for upgrade of the Headworks DeviceNet buckets to Ethernet at the wastewater plant. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a proposal from RS Electric to replace the frequency drive on #2 raw water pump at the water plant at a cost of \$15,875. Water Plant Supervisor Steve Reid said the pump shut down and upon inspection found the frequency drive went out. He said there is money in capital to cover the expense. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Briggs to approve the proposal from RS Electric of \$15,875 to replace the frequency drive on #2 raw water pump at the water plant. Motion carried.

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Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs to go into closed session for personnel at 8:09 p.m. in accordance with RSMo. 610.021 (3). The following vote was taken. Ayes: Urich, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely and Mlika.

Closed session minutes are on file at City Hall.

Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Mlika meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita Ewing
City Clerk