

Trenton, Missouri  
January 12, 2026

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, January 12, 2026, 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; Interim City Administrator Scot Wrighton; Police Lt. Larry Smith; and City Clerk Anita Ewing. Absent: Council member Duane Urich.

### MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that the minutes of December 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.

### PRESENTATION

Police Personnel Board Chairman Gary Schuett brought the recommendation from the board to hire Anthony Hecker as a police officer. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Briggs to approve the recommendation of the police personnel board to hire Anthony Hecker as a police officer. Motion carried.

### REPORTS

May Soptic mentioned there will be a meeting of Main Street Trenton on Wednesday, January 14 at 5 p.m. at The Space. The public is invited to attend.

### RESOLUTION NO. 1

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Resolution No. 1 be introduced, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TRENTON ADOPTING THE GRUNDY COUNTY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Resolution No. 1 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Resolution No. 1 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on January 9, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Ferguson, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika and Thomas. Abstain: Briggs. Absent: Urich. Said resolution was declared duly passed, numbered Resolution No. 2026-1, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens that Resolution No. 2 be introduced, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM FOR LOANS UNDER THE MISSOURI CLEAN WATER LAW (CHAPTER 640, RSMO.), which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens that Resolution No. 2 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Resolution No. 2 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on January 9, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Thomas and Ferguson. Absent: Urich. Said resolution was declared duly passed, numbered Resolution No. 2026-2, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

BILL NO. 1

Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Briggs to take Bill No. 1 off the table, 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. (Tabled from Dec. 22, 2025). Discussion was held. A copy of Bill No. 1 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on January 9, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Thomas, Ferguson and Briggs. Absent: Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2026-1, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

BILL NO. 2

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 2 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 16TH STREET SIDEWALK TAP-9902(606) GRANT 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. 2 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 2 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on January 9, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs and Stevens. Absent: Urich. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2026-2, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

### OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Briggs asked for an update on the hangar project at the airport and the salt shed at the street department. It was reported that the salt shed has been completed and is in use and the hangar project is coming along and almost completed.

Councilmember Mlika asked if there could be a change in policy so that we could be reimbursed for wages paid to a cadet attending the police academy if they choose to seek employment elsewhere once they have graduated. City Attorney Kinney said that he and Police Chief Ross are looking into the matter.

Councilmember Stevens mentioned she had been contacted because someone was issued a nuisance warning in June 2025 and they abated it immediately. Then in January 2026 they received a summons to appear in court on the nuisance warning that was already abated. She questioned the timing of nuisance warnings and summons being issued. City Attorney Kinney said this was part of a back log that was being caught up. He and Mayor Soptic said they are working on putting a plan in place so that this type of back log doesn't happen again.

### NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Humphreys brought up a discrepancy in ordinances referencing farm animals in the city limits. Interim Administrator Wrighton addressed the conflict in codes and said the conflict is accidental. The ordinances were approved at different times and when codified, the codifier did not clean up the language to ensure there were no conflicts in the codes. Wrighton will gather more information for further discussion at a later meeting on how to best handle these discrepancies. Mayor Soptic asked Wrighton to check into codifying companies that would be able to clean up the codification of our code book.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic  
Mayor

Anita Ewing  
City Clerk