

Trenton, Missouri
February 9, 2026

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, February 9, 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, Duane Urich and Bart Thomas; City Attorney Kenton Kinney (via zoom); Interim City Administrator Scot Wrighton; Police Lt. Larry Smith; and City Clerk Anita Ewing.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that the minutes of January 26, 2026 be approved. Motion carried.

REPORTS

BILLS

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich to receive and file the bills of the City of Trenton. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning city council policies. Interim Administrator Wrighton proposed the compiling of City Council Policies in a separate notebook that would be provided to governing body members and updated periodically by the City Clerk. He presented a partially completed compilation to the council, mentioning that most of the policies had already been approved by the council. He requested the council approve the three (3) policies not yet adopted by the city council, including Section 1 C: Enterprise/Proprietary Funds Policy; Section 1 D: Separation of Duties Policy; and Section 3 D: Customer Assistance for Lead Water Lateral Replacement. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich to approve city council policies Section 1 C, Section 1 D, and Section 3 D. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning farm animal enclosures and the keeping of farm animals. Interim Administrator Wrighton presented the council with three (3) possible options for correcting the conflict in the city code concerning farm animals. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Ferguson to approve Option #1. Motion carried with Councilmember Urich and Councilmember Humphreys voting no. After further discussion, council instructed Interim Administrator Wrighton to draft an ordinance in accordance with Option #1 but to include changes for tighter restrictions on the keeping of farm animals.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution appointing Harry Belvel as Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller and creating the position of CFO/Comptroller.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Resolution No. 3 be introduced, A RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/COMPTROLLER FOR THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Urich that Resolution No. 3 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Resolution No. 3 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on February 6, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Brill-Ely, Mlika and Urich. Nays: Humphreys. Said resolution was declared duly passed, numbered Resolution No. 2026-3, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Mayor Soptic recommended the appointment of Anna Persell to the Convention and Visitors Bureau for a 3-year term ending January 2029. She will be replacing David Shockley, who has decided to step away from the board. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the Mayor's appointment of Anna Persell to the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the two portable restrooms owned by the City of Trenton. The Fair Board has agreed to take over responsibility of these portable restrooms. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Briggs to approve the transfer of responsibility for the portable restrooms to the Fair Board. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the HyperReach Mass Notification Intergovernmental Agreement. This agreement is between the City of Trenton, Grundy County, Grundy County Health Department, Grundy County Public Water Supply District No. 1 and the City of Laredo. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Urich to approve the HyperReach Mass Notification Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion carried.

Mayor Soptic reported that she had contacted Senator Black about the senior center and their struggles with funding. She said the community has made donations and the center is very grateful for those.

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Motion by Councilmember Ferguson second by Councilmember Briggs meeting
adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita Ewing
City Clerk