

Trenton, Missouri
April 27, 2026

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, April 27, 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; New City Administrator Matt Harline; Police Chief Rex Ross; and City Clerk Anita Ewing. Absent: Council member Duane Urich.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that the minutes of April 13, 2026 be approved. Motion carried.

BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Soptic opened the budget hearing at 7:01 p.m. City Clerk Ewing acknowledged that the hearing had been advertised in accordance with legal requirements, and that the city clerk had been in possession of a preliminary copy of the budget since hearing publication, in the event any member of the public wanted to examine it. With no public comments made, Mayor Soptic closed the budget hearing at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rocky Dunkin, who had requested to speak to the council about fireworks, was not in attendance at the meeting.

BILLS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance adopting a Fiscal Year 2026-27 City Budget.

BILL NO. 10

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 10 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2026 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027 WITH SAID BUDGET FIXING EMPLOYEE AND OFFICER POSITIONS AND COMPENSATION FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR THE SAME AND AUTHORIZING EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, UTILITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs

second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 10 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 10 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on April 24, 2026. 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. 2026-10, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Discussion was held concerning a a water rate increase. Interim Administrator Wrighton spoke to the council in regard to the reasoning for the request. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to increase water rates by 2 percent beginning May 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning a policy on insurance coverage for events on city property. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to adopt the policy for insurance coverage for events on city property. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning a policy on personnel matters and employee manual. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the updates to the employee manual and adopt the policy on personnel matters. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning a policy on police signing bonuses. Motion by Councilmember Ferguson second by Councilmember Stevens to adopt the policy on police signing bonuses. Motion carried.

Ordinance Transferring Legal Services.

BILL NO. 11

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 11 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND KINNEY TRIAL LAW, LLC FOR CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY PROSECUTOR SERVICES 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. 11 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 11 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on April 24, 2026. 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. 2026-11, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Ordinance Affirming Results of the April 7, 2026 Election.

BILL NO. 12

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 12 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, ON APRIL 7, 2026, FOR THE ELECTION OF ONE CITY COUNCILMAN FROM EACH OF THE FOUR WARDS OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, FOR A REGULAR TERM OF TWO YEARS AND FOR THE ELECTION OF ONE CITY COUNCILMAN FROM THE SECOND WARD OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF ONE YEAR, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 12 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 12 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on April 24, 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. 2026-12, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs meeting adjourned sine die at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk Anita Ewing gave the oath of office to Glen Briggs, Marvin Humphreys, Lindsay Stevens, David Mlika and Edna Foster.

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, April 27, 2026, at 7:39 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, Edna Foster and Bart Thomas; City Attorney, Kenton Kinney; Interim City Administrator Scot Wrighton; New City Administrator Matt Harline; Police Chief, Rex Ross; and City Clerk Anita Ewing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Humphreys to appoint Councilmember Mlika as president pro-tem. Motion carried.

Mayor Soptic mentioned that she would be speaking with council members to get their input about the committees on which they would like to serve, with appointments to be made at the May 11, 2026 meeting of the city council.

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Councilmember Ferguson mentioned concern over the tall grass at the former Hardee's location on 9th Street. Mayor Soptic said someone had been contacted and it was scheduled to be taken care of.

Councilmember Mlika mentioned he had been contacted to see if there was anything the council could do about the big trucks that travel Kitty Street. Mayor Soptic recommended having Street Superintendent Gary Dryer and Police Chief Rex Ross look into the concern to see what could be done.

Mayor Soptic thanked Interim Administrator Wrighton for all he had done to help the City through the transition of finding a new permanent administrator.

Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita Ewing
City Clerk