

Trenton, Missouri  
June 8, 2026

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, June 8, 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, Edna Foster and Bart Thomas; City Attorney Kenton Kinney; City Administrator Matt Harline; Police Chief Rex Ross; and City Clerk Anita Ewing.

### MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that the minutes of May 11, 2026 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that the minutes of special meeting on May 19, 2026 be approved. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Harry Barnack was in attendance and questioned the service fee for use of a debit/credit card that goes into effect July 1 for utility bills.

### PRESENTATION

Bethany Kottman and Matt Walker with the Grundy County Ambulance Service made a presentation requesting a Safe Haven baby box be placed at the Trenton Fire Station. They stated the funding comes from fundraising and there would be no cost to the City for the safe haven box. Mayor Soptic asked that Administrator Harline speak with all parties involved, along with Chief Gibler, and our insurance company to see what the requirements would be.

### BILLS

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

### NEW BUSINESS

Gary Schuett, representing the Police Personnel Board, was in attendance and recommended Wesley Adam Doss be hired as a cadet to begin at the academy on June 29. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the recommendation of the hiring of Wesley Adam Doss as a cadet to the academy. Motion carried.

Mayor Soptic recommended the following appointments to committees:

Park Board: Les Jackson, John Hamilton and Lynda Lynch.

Building and Nuisance Board: Scott Sharp.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Michael Ormsby and Tom Stickler.

Board of Adjustments: Michael Ormsby and Tom Stickler.

Airport Advisory Board: Sean Smith, Gary Hooyman and Danny Stevens

TIF Commission: Travis Elbert and Cathie Smith

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the Mayor's recommendations for appointments to committees. Motion carried, with Councilmember Stevens recusing herself from the vote.

Ordinance approving a change order concerning the Trenton Municipal Airport Hangar project.

### BILL NO. 13

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 13 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND NAIL EXCAVATING, LLC FOR CHANGE ORDER ONE (1) CONCERNING TRENTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (MODOT NO. 23-011A-1 & OLSSON NO. 023-03545) 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. 13 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 13 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on June 4, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Foster, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs and Stevens. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2026-13, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Discussion was held concerning bids for a 15KV 2000 amp circuit breaker. Electric Distribution Supervisor Brad Griffin was in attendance and said this breaker would replace the one at the south substation. He said three bids were submitted and the staff recommendation was for Wesco/Anixter with the low bid at \$37,000. Motion by

Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the bid from Wesco/Anixter of \$37,000 for a 15KV 2000 amp circuit breaker. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning bids for 1/0 stranded jacketed underground primary cable in 2" conduit. Electric Supervisor Griffin said there were three bids submitted and the staff recommendation was for Wesco/Anixter with the low bid at \$42,750.01. Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs to accept the bid from Wesco/Anixter of \$42,750.01 for 1/0 stranded jacketed underground primary cable in 2" conduit. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning bids for tree trimming services. Electric Supervisor Griffin said there were four bids submitted and the staff recommendation was for Poor Boy Tree Service at \$147.63 per hour. Council members questioned the possibility of extra charges that were listed at the bottom of the bid, including mileage and per diem costs. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to table the bids until the next meeting in order to get more information. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning bids for boring underground cable. Electric Supervisor Griffin said that four bids were submitted, but when they got to looking at the bids more closely, they realized there were some specifications that should have been included that weren't. He said staff is recommending rejecting all bids and bidding it out again with more detailed specifications for the job to be done. Motion by Councilmember Ferguson second by Councilmember Briggs to reject all bids for boring underground cable and rebid the project. Motion carried.

City Administrator Harline presented a request for proposals (RFP) for consulting services to conduct a strategic plan for the City of Trenton. Also discussed was a request for qualifications for general civil engineering.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Stevens said she had a concerned citizen question her about the storm sirens and their inability to hear them when activated for an incoming storm. Thoughts about what could be done to improve placement of storm sirens were discussed.

Councilmember Humphreys mentioned that he had been contacted about a commercial tree trimming company dumping yard waste in the city brush dump. Administrator Harline said that the former operating hours of Monday through Friday, 7 am to 2:30 pm and Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm have been reinstated. The gate will be locked when not in operation.

Councilmember Humphreys requested an update on nuisance cases. City Attorney Kinney said that all cases have been caught up and will be on the docket next week.

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Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Mlika meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic  
Mayor

Anita Ewing  
City Clerk