

Trenton, Missouri
July 13, 2026

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, July 13, 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, David Mlika, Edna Foster and Bart Thomas; City Attorney Kenton Kinney (via zoom); City Administrator Matt Harline; Police Chief Rex Ross; and City Clerk Anita Ewing. Absent: Council member Angela Brill-Ely.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that the minutes of June 8, 2026 be approved. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Police Chief Rex Ross recognized Sgt. Laura Andal for her recent promotion to Sergeant and Sgt. Jeb Walker for the Letter of Commendation he recently received for his efforts to clear the second floor of a building during a fire, saving the lives of two residents and a canine.

BILLS

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

REPORTS

Councilmember Humphreys reported that the planning and zoning commission had met on July 6 and had a recommendation being considered later in the meeting.

Mayor Soptic thanked all those who supported the 4th of July festivities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning bids for boring 2500 feet and pull in a 2" conduit with a 1/0 stranded power cable already in the conduit. Electric Distribution Supervisor Brad Griffin mentioned that after more information was included in the rebidding process, the only bid received came from North Missouri Construction in the amount of \$30,000. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the bid from North Missouri Construction in the amount of \$30,000 for boring. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of engagement with Lauber Municipal Law to serve as special counsel for the City of Trenton.

BILL NO. 15

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 15 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND LAUBER MUNICIPAL LAW FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL – GENERAL MUNICIPAL LEGAL 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. 15 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 15 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on July 9, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Mlika and Foster. Absent: Brill-Ely. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2026-15, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

City Administrator Harline spoke to the council concerning the bids received for diesel fuel for Electric Production. He mentioned he and Electric Production Supervisor Kyle Sharp had spoken with one of the bidders who mentioned they had misunderstood the timing of the delivery for the bids and the cost would not be the same as what they had bid because of the changing prices. It was recommended that the council reject all bids and that the advertisement for bids be rewritten and rebid. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to reject all bids. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the best responsive bid for a truck for the code department. Code Enforcement Officer Wes Barone said that the one bid received was for a 2025 Ford Ranger from Joe Machens Ford at a cost of \$36,259. He said staff isn't sure yet what the vehicle this would be replacing will be used for. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford Ranger from Joe Machens Ford at a cost of \$36,259. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning concrete bids for street repairs on Riverside Drive. Street Department Superintendent Gary Dryer gave a little background on the project. Three bids were received, with 5M Construction submitting the lowest bid at \$20,500. Motion by Councilmember Ferguson second by Councilmember Briggs to accept the bid from 5M Construction at a cost of \$20,500. Motion carried, with Councilmembers Humphreys and Mlika voting no.

Riverside Drive Easement – Sewer Main Relocate

BILL NO. 16

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Ferguson that Bill No. 16 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND ALBERT J. BATSON FOR A TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT EASEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAID EASEMENT BY AND ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 16 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 16 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on July 9, 2026. It was noted during discussion that the name on the ordinance and easement paperwork were not for the Riverside Drive easement. The following vote was taken. Nays: Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Mlika, Foster and Thomas. Absent: Brill-Ely. Said bill failed and was not numbered. Staff will correct the errors and bring the bill back to the council at a later date.

Ordinance addressing Conflict of Interest.

BILL NO. 17

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 17 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE REAFFIRMING CHAPTER 130 ENTITLED CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF TITLE I ENTITLED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRENTON CITY CODE, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 17 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 17 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on July 9, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Mlika, Foster, Thomas and Ferguson. Absent: Brill-Ely. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2026-17, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Ordinance for Conditional Use Permit.

BILL NO. 18

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 18 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO BRENT MITCHELL TO ALLOW FOR A CHANGE TO

THE USE FROM OFFICE SPACES TO THREE (3) INDIVIDUAL APARTMENTS IN A MIXED USE DISTRICT (MU) ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 400 E 9TH STREET, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 18 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 18 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on July 9, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Stevens, Humphreys, Mlika, Foster, Thomas, Ferguson and Briggs. Absent: Brill-Ely. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2026-18, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Resolution authorizing City Administrator to sign agreements and establishing a policy for rental of city-owned equipment.

Resolution No. 5 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, ADOPTING AN EQUIPMENT RENTAL POLICY FOR CITY-OWNED EQUIPMENT TO PROMOTE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND OFFSET SPECIALTY EQUIPMENT COSTS – received no motion to be introduced. City Administrator Harline addressed the council concerning the policy being considered. Discussion was held with no action taken.

Discussion was held concerning requirement for employees to use direct deposit. City Administrator Harline and City Clerk Ewing addressed the issue that brought this before the council. Council gave direction on a possible policy that would require new employees hired after a certain date to use direct deposit only. Staff will be working on a policy to present to the council at a later date.

Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita Ewing
City Clerk