

Trenton, Missouri
August 10, 2026

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, August 10, 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; City Administrator Matt Harline; Police Chief Rex Ross; and City Clerk Anita Ewing. Absent: Council member Edna Foster.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that the minutes of July 27, 2026 be approved. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Briggs passed on a comment from a resident that lives on Ridgeway Street, praising the Street Department for a job well done on the recent repaving of Ridgeway Street.

PRESENTATION

City Administrator Harline introduced Gunner Golden, who has stepped in as interim supervisor at the Water Treatment Plant.

BILLS

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

REPORTS

Mayor Soptic mentioned the county is holding a joint meeting with the city to discuss data centers on Friday, August 14 at 6 pm in the 3rd floor courtroom at the courthouse.

Mayor Soptic mentioned the residential collection event being held on September 12 from 9 am to 12 noon at the Street Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Stevens asked about the nuisance updates that were requested at the previous meeting.

Councilmember Mlika mentioned that Jacob Webb had requested a meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning bids for hazardous materials inspection for the 2026 city demolition project. Bids were received from Red Rock at a cost of \$699 per structure and 24/7 Enviro Solutions at \$1,100 per structure. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the bid from Red Rock at \$699 per structure for hazardous materials inspection for the 2026 demolition project. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning bids for demolition services for the 2026 city demolition project. Bids were received from Truitt Dirt Work at a total cost of \$48,750, Perkins Dozing at a total cost of \$52,500 and Red Rock at a total cost of \$53,600. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the bid from Truitt Dirt Work at a total cost of \$48,750 for demolition services for the 2026 city demolition project. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning bids for tree trimming at the wastewater treatment plant. Bids were received from Eakins Contracting at a cost of \$99,500 and Diamond Tree Care at a cost of \$29,700. The question was asked as to whether or not the City had received permission from the property owners to have the trees trimmed or removed. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Hutchinson said that verbal permission had been given in the past, but nothing had been put in writing. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to accept the bid from Diamond Tree Care at a cost of \$29,700 for tree trimming at the wastewater plant, pending permission from the property owners to remove the trees. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning bids for a sole source purchase of a heat exchanger for EMD unit 2 at the electric production plant. City Administrator Harline said that this needed to be tabled. He said it was discovered that the heat exchanger bid was for a different size than the one that is actually needed, so the bid process will have to begin again.

Ordinance to Deny a Request from Walter Smth for a Minor Subdivision

BILL NO. 22

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 22 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, DENYING A REQUEST FROM WALTER SMITH TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1804 HILLCREST DR. INTO TWO (2) PARCELS, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 22 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 22 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on August 6, 2026.

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The following vote was taken. Nays: Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely and Mlika. Absent: Foster. Said bill failed to pass.

Discussion was held concerning the 16th Street Sidewalk TAP Grant project. City Administrator Harline mentioned that MoDOT requires two public meetings to allow members of the community to voice their support of or concern for the project. He said an administrative committee meeting and a future council meeting would meet the requirements.

Mr. Harline also discussed topics for an administrative committee meeting. He said the committee needs to review recommendations for the council regarding handling of nuisance violations. He said he would also like to look at possibly changing the title of Code Enforcement Officer/Airport Manager Wes Barone to something that would better describe his duties. The wastewater treatment plant would like to add personnel. Councilmember Briggs mentioned that he would like to revisit the time that council meetings are held. After discussion, an administrative committee meeting was set for Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 pm, or after the Utility Committee Meeting, whichever is later.

Administrator Harline mentioned an event he has been working on called "Trenton at Twilight", which is to be held Thursday, September 10. It will feature local musical talent, along with other family-friendly entertainment.

Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita Ewing
City Clerk