

Trenton, Missouri
September 14, 2026

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. The following officers and members were present: Council members Anna Ferguson, Glen Briggs, Lindsay Stevens, Marvin Humphreys, David Mlika and Bart Thomas; City Attorney Kenton Kinney; Police Chief Rex Ross; and City Clerk Anita Ewing. Absent: Council members Angela Brill-Ely and Edna Foster; Mayor Jackie Soptic; and City Administrator Matt Harline. Councilmember David Mlika served as President Pro Tem and Community Development Director Wes Barone sat in for Mr. Harline.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens that the minutes of August 24, 2026 be approved. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Neff spoke to the council about the boat dock at the lake that is on city property near his house. He mentioned that people were driving through his yard to get down to the dock and he wanted to know what could be done. There was some confusion as to where the property lines were and it was suggested Mr. Neff could have the property surveyed to make the determination. Two ladies also attended the meeting and said it is a swimming dock, not a boat dock. They said they fixed the dock when it was in disrepair to ensure no one would be injured when using it. They said they did not go through Mr. Neff's yard. Mr. Neff also asked if the police department would do something about the loud music and partying that has been going on. Chief Ross told him to call the station when something was happening and they would come out to see about it. The council determined this to be a neighbor dispute and not something for the City to decide.

BILLS

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

REPORTS

Councilmember Briggs reported on the "Twilight in Trenton" event held Thursday, September 10. He also commended the electric department for taking care of the power outage on Monday, September 14 quickly and the water/wastewater crew for handling the water leaks over the weekend.

Councilmember Stevens reported on the waste collection event held Saturday, September 12 at the Street Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning the naming of Gunner Golden as the new Superintendent at the Water Treatment Plant. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens to name Gunner Golden as Superintendent of the Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning bids for the 2026 sewer main replacement project. Water/Wastewater Supervisor Adam Snuffer said that three bids were received and staff is recommending the bid from Freedom Excavating at a cost of \$240,467.00. Motion by Councilmember Ferguson second by Councilmember Stevens to accept the bid from Freedom Excavating at a cost of \$240,467.00 for the sewer main replacement project. Motion carried, with Councilmember Humphreys voting no.

Discussion was held concerning bids for the 2026 water main replacement project. Snuffer said that three bids were received and staff is recommending the bid from M&M Utilities at a cost of \$357,090.00. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens to accept the bid from M&M Utilities at a cost of \$357,090.00 for the water main replacement project. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning bids for the purchase and installation of a permanganate feed system at the water treatment plant. Water Plant Superintendent Gunner Golden explained how this would help with the water quality for the city. He said two bids were received and staff is recommending the bid from Irvinbilt Constructors at a cost of \$118,600.00. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens to accept the bid from Irvinbilt Constructors at a cost of \$118,600 for the purchase and installation of a permanganate feed system at the water treatment plant. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning a sole source bid from R&S Electric to upgrade the filter equipment for the SCADA system at the water treatment plant. Golden explained the issue at the water treatment plant with the outdated technology and requested that all three filter systems be replaced to save money and allow the system to run fully on updated equipment. Staff recommends the bid from R&S Electric of \$82,900 to replace all three filter systems. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens to accept the bid from R&S Electric at a cost of \$82,900 to upgrade the SCADA system at the water treatment plant. Motion carried.

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Ordinance amending and replacing Chapter 220 of the Municipal Code to align with state statute.

BILL NO. 24

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens that Bill No. 24 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI AMENDING THE CITY CODE, SPECIFICALLY TITLE II – PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND SAFETY, CHAPTER 220 - NUISANCES, TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE ALIGNING WITH STATE STATUTE & NEW ENFORCEMENT OF NUISANCES OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens that Bill No. 24 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 24 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on September 10, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Mlika, Thomas and Ferguson. Absent: Brill-Ely and Foster. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2026-24, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

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