

Trenton, Missouri
September 28, 2026

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, September 28, 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 September 14, 2026 be approved. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Josh Lambeth and Shannon Howe of Howe Company presented plans for a sidewalk to be built on 16th Street between Lord Street and Oklahoma Avenue. The Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) will provide 80% of the funding, with the City of Trenton providing the remaining 20%. Mr. Lambeth explained two options for the sidewalk for feedback on which would be the best possible option for the City. The general consensus from the council was to go with Option 1.

BILLS

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

REPORTS

Councilmember Ferguson reported on the Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting held September 16. She mentioned the board would like to have the code changed as far as the number of meetings they are required to have in a year. Code says they must meet at least ten (10) times per year, but many times they are meeting for the sake of having a meeting to follow code. They are requesting to have the code changed to require six (6) meetings per year. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Humphreys to draft an ordinance to change the code concerning the number of meetings required per year to six (6) for the Convention and Visitors Bureau as requested. Motion carried.

Councilmember Humphreys reported on the Utility Committee Meeting held September 22 and mentioned the committee recommendations were to be addressed later in the meeting.

Mayor Soptic thanked all those who helped with the recycling event on September 12.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance changing meeting time for City Council meetings.

BILL NO. 25

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 25 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI AMENDING THE CITY CODE, SPECIFICALLY TITLE I – GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 105 – CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR, ARTICLE I – CITY COUNCIL, SECTION 105.050 MEETINGS – TIME, TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE TO SET A NEW STANDARD TIME FOR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 25 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 25 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on September 24, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Foster, Thomas, Ferguson and Briggs. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2026-25, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Ordinance Establishing Special Purchasing Rules for Purchase of Fuel in Quantity for Electric Production.

BILL NO. 26

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 26 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI AMENDING THE CITY CODE, SPECIFICALLY TITLE I – GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 155 – PURCHASING POLICY, SECTION 155.020 – PURCHASING RULES BE AMENDED, TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE TO ESTABLISH RULES FOR THE PURCHASE OF FUEL IN QUANTITY FOR ELECTRIC PRODUCTION FOR THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 26 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 26 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on September 24, 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. 2026-26, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Mayor Soptic mentioned nuisances and requested an update from City Attorney Kinney on the status of court cases. Mr. Kinney provided an update, along with information about the new abatement process being put into place.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning proposed properties and houses on the 2026 city demolition list. Community Development Director Wes Barone gave the list of properties and the progress being made to assure they will be able to be included in the project. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens to approve the list as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of police equipment with grant funds. Chief Ross mentioned that the police department had been notified of grant funds available through the Blue Shield program in the amount of \$28,985.50. They requested and were approved for three Digital Ally Evo HD in-car video systems for \$25,740. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Stevens to approve the purchase of three Digital Ally Evo HD in-car video systems for \$25,740 with grant funds from the Blue Shield Program. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning an additional employee at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Wastewater Plant Supervisor Bob Hutchinson is requesting another employee in order to have them trained in preparation for his retirement. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Ferguson to approve an additional employee for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilmember Briggs called for a roll call vote, with the following vote taken: Ayes: Mlika, Foster and Thomas. Nays: Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys and Brill-Ely. Abstain: Ferguson. Motion failed.

Ordinance for Change Order for Sewer Lining Project.

BILL NO. 27

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 27 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER 2 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND SAK CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE 2026 SANITARY SEWER REHAB PROJECT 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. 27 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 27 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on September 24, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Brill-Ely, Mlika, Foster, Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens and Humphreys. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2026-27, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Discussion was held concerning a recommendation for strategic planning. Administrator Harline mentioned there were fourteen (14) responses to the Request for Proposals for Strategic Planning. Harline, Mayor Soptic, CFO/Comptroller Harry Belvel and City Clerk Ewing read and graded each one. The recommendation from staff is to hire CP2 Consulting, LLC to provide the City of Trenton with a Strategic Plan. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to hire CP2 Consulting, LLC to provide the City of Trenton with a Strategic Plan. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the first meeting in October. The second Monday in October is Columbus Day. City offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. In past years, council has not met due to the holiday. Administrator Harline mentioned there were some topics of discussion that were time sensitive and needed to be taken care of earlier in the month. He asked the council when would be a good time to hold the first meeting of the month. General consensus was to hold the meeting on Monday, October 12 at 6:30 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Milka mentioned he had been contacted about the condition of the road at 19th Street and Harris Avenue. He showed pictures of the condition of the street. Administrator Harline said he would talk with Street Department Supervisor Gary Dryer about the overlay process.

Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita Ewing
City Clerk