Trenton, Missouri
November 9, 2026

The Mayor and City Council met in open session, Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:30 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 (via zoom); 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 October 26, 2026 be approved. Motion carried.

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 that Administrator Harline has been with the City for six months now, and, per his employment agreement, he is due for a 6-month evaluation. She said she will have the evaluations ready for the council at the November 23 regularly scheduled meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance amending city code to include language authorizing reimbursement programs for citizens of Trenton concerning sanitary sewer use.

BILL NO. 30

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 30 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI AMENDING THE CITY CODE, SPECIFICALLY TITLE VII - UTILITIES, CHAPTER 710 - SEWER REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I - REGULATION OF SANITARY SEWER USE, SECTION 710.100 - BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS, TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CITIZENS OF TRENTON CONCERNING SANITARY SEWER USE, OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 30 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 30 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on November 5, 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. 2026-30, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Ordinance entering into contract with Burns & McDonnell for on-call engineering.

BILL NO. 31

Being that the contract had not been received from Burns & McDonnell at the time of the council meeting, Administrator Harline requested a motion to postpone any action on this ordinance until the November 23, 2026 regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to postpone any action on Bill No. 31 until the November 23, 2026 regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Ordinance entering into contract with Bartlett & West for on-call engineering.

BILL NO. 32

Being that the contract had not been received from Bartlett & West at the time of the council meeting, Administrator Harline requested a motion to postpone any action on this ordinance until the November 23, 2026 regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to postpone any action on Bill No. 32 until the November 23, 2026 regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Ordinance entering into contract with Allstate Consultants for on-call engineering.

BILL NO. 33

Being that the contract had not been received from Allstate Consultants at the time of the council meeting, Administrator Harline requested a motion to postpone any action on this ordinance until the November 23, 2026 regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to postpone any action on Bill No. 33 until the November 23, 2026 regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Ordinance entering into contract with Howe Company LLC for on-call engineering.

BILL NO. 34

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 34 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND HOWE

COMPANY, LLC FOR A MASTER AGREEMENT FOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING 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. 34 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. Councilmember Humphreys and Councilmember Briggs shared concerns they had with some of the jobs that Howe Company has previously done with the City. Discussion was held. A copy of Bill No. 34 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on November 5, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Thomas, Ferguson, Stevens and Brill-Ely. Nayes: Briggs, Humphreys and Mlika. Abstain: Foster. Said bill failed to pass.

Ordinance entering into contract with Olsson for on-call engineering.

BILL NO. 35

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 35 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND OLSSON, INC. FOR A MASTER AGREEMENT FOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING 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. 35 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 35 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on November 5, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Thomas, Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika and Foster. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2026-35, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Ordinance entering into contract with Benton Engineering for on-call engineering.

BILL NO. 36

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 36 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, AND BENTON ENGINEERING FOR A MASTER AGREEMENT FOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING 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. 36 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 36 was made available for public inspection by being posted

at City Hall on November 5, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Ferguson, Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Foster and Thomas. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2026-36, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Administrator Harline brought before the council a proposal for lawn mowers for the Code and Electric Production departments. At the August 24 meeting of the City Council, all bids for mowers were rejected and the council recommended that new bid specs be drafted. New specifications were drafted, but the bid was dropped unintentionally. He said that staff had spoken with Pettijohn Offroad and they were amenable to selling the City the 2026 Bobcat ZT7072 mowers from the previous bid for the 2025 Bobcat ZT7072 bid price of $14,416 each. These would each include a 3-year warranty. He said Council could vote to purchase these mowers or to wait and rebid the mowers in March of 2027. Discussion was held. Motion by Councilmember Mlika second by Councilmember Stevens to wait until March of 2027 to rebid the mowers for the Code and Electric Production departments. Motion carried, with Councilmember Briggs and Councilmember Brill-Ely voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance calling for the election of a mayor and one council member from each of the four wards during the April 6, 2027, general municipal election.

BILL NO. 37

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 37 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR, AUTHORIZING, ORDERING AND APPROVING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2027, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR FOR A REGULAR TERM OF FOUR YEARS AND ONE CITY COUNCILMAN FROM EACH OF THE FOUR WARDS OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, FOR A REGULAR TERM OF TWO YEARS, DESIGNATING THE TIME OF HOLDING OF SAID ELECTION: AND PROVIDING FOR THE TIME FOR FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 37 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 37 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on November 5, 2026. The following vote was taken. Ayes: Briggs, Stevens, Humphreys, Brill-Ely, Mlika, Foster, Thomas and Ferguson. Said bill was declared duly passed, numbered Ordinance No. 2026-37, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Ordinance approving a Minor Subdivision for David Kramer.

BILL NO. 38

Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 38 be introduced, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING A REQUEST FROM DAVID KRAMER TO ALLOW HIM TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1224 TINSMAN AVENUE INTO THREE (3) PARCELS, which was read. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika that Bill No. 38 be passed to the second reading placed upon final passage and voted on. Motion carried. A copy of Bill No. 38 was made available for public inspection by being posted at City Hall on November 5, 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. 2026-38, signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the city clerk.

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a dump truck for the street department. Jimmy White and John Limkemann were in attendance and said that they were able to find a 2014 International at Fleek Auto Sales in Wathena, KS for $32,500, which is less than the $60,000 budgeted for a dump truck in the capital budget. Staff recommended approving the purchase. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the purchase of a 2014 International dump truck from Fleek Auto Sales for the street department at a cost of $32,500. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the sole-source purchase from Altorfer Power Systems of seven (7) SEL-700G GE engine protection relays at a cost of $25,120 per Caterpillar 3516 unit, for a total cost of $175,840. EP Supervisor Kyle Sharp said that the new relays were budgeted at $161,285, but that the cost had gone up slightly from the original estimate given. It is believed the additional $14,555 will be available in unspent capital funds. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve the purchase of seven (7) SEL-700G GE engine protection relays from Altorfer Power Systems for a total cost of $175,840. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning needed maintenance and restoration on the Trenton Family Aquatic Center slide tower and waterslides. Park Superintendent David Shockley was in attendance and mentioned that the work would need to be done in March, April or May of 2027. The Park Department is seeking support from the Council in case there is the need for a budget adjustment, as any repairs made before the new fiscal year would require an adjustment in budgeted funds. They presented two options for the Council to consider, with Option 2 being the desired option. Motion by Councilmember Briggs second by Councilmember Mlika to approve Option 2 of the Park Department plan for maintenance and restoration of the Trenton Family Aquatic Center slide tower

and waterslides and any budget adjustments necessary to complete that work. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Briggs asked for an update on nuisances. Community Development Director Wes Barone gave an update on the process and what has been done.

Administrator Harline questioned the Council about possible dates for a Strategic Planning retreat to be held in late January or early February.

Administrator Harline mentioned that there has been a request to purchase some city-owned property. He will be working on a policy for selling property to be brought to the Council for approval at a later date.

Councilmember Humphreys asked about the animal control contracts with Affordable Vet Care. Mr. Harline said that those were getting close to being completed and staff hoped to present them at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council.

Motion by Councilmember Stevens second by Councilmember Briggs meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Soptic
Mayor

Anita Ewing
City Clerk