

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010

5:30 P.M.

TRENTON CITY HALL

- A. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome
- B. Invocation / Alderman Cannon
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approve Minutes of the January 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- E. Recorder's Report
- F. Citizen's Input – any citizen will be given up to 3 minutes to address the Mayor on any issue
- G. Old Business
  - 1. Sale of City Property on GovDeals.com
- H. New Business
  - 1. Dates for Budget Meetings
  - 2. Sign for State Car on Court Square
- I. Reports from Department Heads
  - 1. Terry Bailey / Street & Sanitation Department
  - 2. Ricky Bailey / Building & Zoning Department
  - 3. Terry Brown / Park Department
  - 4. Barry Green / Fire Department
  - 5. Will Sanders / Police Department
  - 6. Bret Fisher / Light & Water Department
- J. City Attorney's Report
- K. Alderman's Report
- L. Mayor's Report

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010  
5:30 P.M.  
TRENTON CITY HALL

A regular scheduled meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Tony Burriss. The invocation was given by Alderman Jackson. Mayor Burriss welcomed all in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were elected officials Aldermen Abbott, Cannon, Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, and Overall. City employees present were Sammy Dickey, Bret Fisher, Will Sanders, Barry Green, Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Terry Brown, and Jenny Corbin. Visitors present were Hank Warren, Lanny Poteet, Michael Poteet, Darryl Word, George Wade, and Danny Jones.

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to approve the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

#### CITIZEN'S INPUT

YMCA Director, Hank Warren, gave an update on the Y stating it is the final phase of a capitol campaign with 34% pledged of a \$550,000 goal.

#### CONSULTANT FOR TDOT DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to hire TLM Associates of Jackson to serve as consultants in the TDOT downtown revitalization grant. The city had advertised for a consultant for the project and TLM, the group that helped write the grant was the only respondent. Alderman Cannon seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

Mayor Burriss stated he had received a letter from TDOT last week informing that since they had experienced so many budget cuts, there would be a stipulation that a schedule of work be filed by February 15. "We could have started on the project by September, 2010, and another plus is that TDOT could consider paying half of the city's \$120,000 match, and we might only have to match \$60,000," the mayor said.

#### MEETING ON PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Burriss recommended a special called meeting to decide what improvements need to be done to the park and how the improvements will be paid. A motion was made by Alderman Cannon to call a special meeting. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all. The special called meeting will be Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall.

#### RESOLUTION #2010-R-1 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Alderman Cannon made a motion to approve Resolution #2010 R-1 dealing with budget amendments to pay for grants the city has received as follows: \$207,900 for School Resource Officers; \$340,649 for Neighborhood Stabilization, to raze houses; \$6000 for the down green area; \$600,000 for downtown revitalization; and \$4800 for cemetery improvements. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

#### WILL SANDERS / POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief, Will Sanders, stated the department has sold a used radar gun on E-Bay and is looking at selling more used equipment via another outlet, on gov.deal.com. Gov.deal.com gets seven and a half percent on everything they sell. If an agreement is reached, every department within city government can use it. The Police Department is looking to sell seized cars, old squad cars, etc. It was noted that 400 cities in Tennessee is registered to do business with gov.deal.com. Only government agencies can sell; however, the general public can buy.

Will also stated that there is a lack of addresses at residences. "It is important to have your address displayed properly, especially in an emergency situation," Will said. Will also added that a public awareness campaign is being planned concerning this matter in the near future.

In other police business, Will recommended to Council, the hiring of Benjamin Whitehead and James Garfolo. There is a hiring freeze; however these two officers will replace Jimmy Turner and Samora Hall who are now the School Resource Officers.

Alderman Gibson made a motion to hire the two officers. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

#### RICKY BAILEY / BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ricky informed council that he would know more about the \$340,000 Neighborhood Stabilization grant after a Planning Committee meeting on Thursday.

#### TERRY BROWN / PARK DEPARTMENT

Terry stated to council that the potential safety hazard with the redwood playground equipment has been corrected by making repairs.

#### BRET FISHER / LIGHT & WATER DEPARTMENT

Bret informed council that he had received notice to proceed with the Sewer Rehab Grant from Economic and Community Development, last Friday. A preconstruction meeting will be held in two weeks and work should begin in March. "The project will take about 90 days to complete," Bret stated. Bret also reported that he and the mayor had met with representatives of the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund concerning the water tank repairs project. He said that things really needing immediate attention, long-range need and combining some smaller notes would add up to \$430,000, too small amount for them to consider. We may need to go with local banks to finance this. Bret also stated that Rural Development has a surplus of stimulus money and a

talk with Brenda Horner revealed tank renovations would fall within the scope of something they could do. "If that materialized, we could finance all \$500,000 with them," he said.

Bret also reported on a rate meeting with TVA that is contemplating their biggest overhaul in 18 years, in both the wholesale and retail level. "Some type of use rate on the wholesale level will be coming this spring," Bret said. He also reminded the council of the WTIA meeting at the Double Tree in Jackson, February 3, and the TVPPA annual meeting May 17-19 in Savannah, GA.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Overall informed council that there will be a Park Board Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at City Hall. The Park Board will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

Mayor Burriss informed council that there will be Utility Board Meetings February 17, May 19, and one in August and November.

Mayor Burriss announced that there will be a Relay for Life community meeting February 8 at 5:30 at City Hall.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 with a motion made by Alderman Cannon. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
CALLED MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010  
9:00 A.M.  
TRENTON CITY HALL

A called meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Tony Burriss. The invocation was given by Mayor Burriss.

Those present for the meeting were Aldermen Abbott, Cannon, Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, and Overall. City employees present were Sammy Dickey and Terry Brown. Danny Jones was present as a visitor.

Mayor Burriss explained to council that the only business that could be discussed is park improvement business.

Aldermen Gibson and Overall discussed that now is the best time for low interest and low construction prices. There was much discussion by all members of council about borrowing the construction money. Alderman Abbott stated if the city can afford the payment, borrow the money and do all of the repairs. Mayor Burriss stated that he had talked to some bankers, if we

borrow the money for 5 years the interest will be 3 ½ to 4%. If we borrow the money for 7-10 years, the interest rate will be 5%.

Mayor Burriss said if reserve money is used, we could use part reserve and part borrowed money. We could possibly raise city sticker prices to \$25.00. This would raise \$10,000. Alderman Gibson asked if all of the council was in favor of upgrades to the park. The consensus of the council was yes.

Alderman Jackson suggested upgrading the restrooms and the pavilion which would be half or \$57,000 - \$58,000 and the other half later. If we only have to spend \$60,000 instead of \$120,000 on the downtown revitalization we could use the other \$60,000 for the park.

A motion was made by Alderman Hammonds to upgrade the pavilion and restrooms the restrooms at the concession stand and borrow the money. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 1 with Alderman Abbott voting no.

With no other business, Alderman Jackson made a motion to adjourn at 10:56. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all