

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2010
5:30 P.M.
TRENTON CITY HALL

- A. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome
- B. Invocation / Alderman Overall
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approve Minutes of the June 8th 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. 2nd Reading of 2010-11 Budget
- H. New Business
- 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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A regular scheduled meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Tony Burriss. The invocation was given by Alderman Abbott. Mayor Burriss welcomed all in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present for the meeting were elected officials, Aldermen Abbott, Cannon, Gibson, Hammonds, Jackson, and Overall. City employees present were Sammy Dickey, Terry Bailey, Ricky Bailey, Will Sanders, Barry Green, Bret Fisher, Richard Gossum, Jenny Corbin, Ron Bennett, Stephen Peay, Terry Brown, and Brenda Ward. Visitors present were Lanny Poteet, Michael Poteet, Danny Jones, and Darryl Word.

A motion was made by Alderman Cannon to approve the minutes of the May 25th council meeting. Ricky Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

SAMMY DICKEY / CITY RECORDER

City Recorder, Sammy Dickey, reported to council the 10th of the month bills. They were General Fund \$94,574.35, Sanitation \$22,611.46, Electric \$506,553.50, and Water and Sewer \$222,316.92. A motion was made by Alderman Cannon to pay the 10th of the month bills. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

**DR JENNIFER STEWART-WRIGHT / TSU CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR
LEARNING**

In the absence of Dr. Jennifer Stewart-Wright, Sandra Harper who is Director of Schools for Trenton Special School District; came before council to go over improvements to the old Rosenwald Middle School. The facility is owned by TSSD and TSU rents space in the east wing for 0-3 year old children. TSU has received stimulus money to upgrade the facility that includes playground, landscaping. The pre-school classes will be moved to the elementary school, and TSU will be looking at a long-term agreement. Mayor Burriss said it appears to be a positive thing. Alderman Overall stated that TSU has a vision and we feel like it would be a good initiative to make the facility look great.

SANDRA HARPER / STATE ENERGY GRANT

TSSD Director of Schools, Sandra Harper, came before council concerning the State Energy Efficient grants for the UVHC at the high school. The district is getting \$30,516 as free money for the work, and another \$91,000 can be applied for at 3% with a five year payback.

In addition to this, a \$500,000 zero percent loan with seven year payback is available. The state comptroller says that special school districts can not apply for this grant on their

own, but must have a local government sign off on it in name only. She also said that no revenues will be required as collateral from the city. She stated that TSSD will receive the billing and take care of the payments. Mark Johnson, the district's attorney and Richard Gossum, the city attorney are examining the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative loan agreement, and if found the city is not obligated, the Council will act on the request at the June 22 meeting.

HIRING SOLUTIA

Mayor Burriss explained to council that Solutia is a collection agency that works with court debt from fines. The normal collection fee is 30 to 40% of monies owed. Solutia has a fee of \$50 per fine. The city will keep the entire amount. The \$50 fee for Solutia is added to the fine. There will be no expense to the city. A motion was made by Alderman Abbott to hire Solutia. Alderman Hammonds seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

1ST READING of 2010-11 BUDGET

Alderman and Budget Chairman Jim Overall presented the 2010-2011 budget. \$4,131,695 total budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 will be broken down for General Fund \$3,584,095 just \$1000 above appropriations; \$520,000 Street and Sanitation, is down \$16,500 from the previous year. The drug budget is \$20,000, \$3500 below last year, and the cemetery budget remains at \$7500. Alderman Overall stated to balance the budget, no money will be used from reserves, no property tax increase will be needed and there will be some raises. Alderman Overall thanked everyone on the budget committee and department heads. Alderman Gibson made a motion to approve the 1st reading of the 2010-2011 budget. Alderman Cannon seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

Mayor Burriss talked about the cost of city stickers. Mayor Burriss presented two plans to council. Plan 1 was to leave the cost of city stickers at \$15.00 and raise the late fee to \$50.00. This would generate \$56,000. Plan 2 was to raise the cost of city stickers to \$20.00 and raise the late fee to \$50.00. This plan would generate \$65,000. Alderman Abbott made a motion to leave the price at \$15.00 and raise the late fee to \$50.00. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2, with Alderman Hammonds and Overall voting no.

RICKY BAILEY / BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ricky reported to council that the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant is going well.

TERRY BROWN / PARK DEPARTMENT

Terry informed council that the renovations to the park pavilion are complete except for partitions in the bathrooms.

JEFF MCCOY / POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jeff reported to council that Tammy Jones resigned and he would like to hire a new dispatcher. Alderman Gibson made a motion to hire a new dispatcher. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

Jeff explained to council about the arrests last week of Kelly Lambert and Larry Thompson.

Mayor Burriss explained to council that we have lost two police officers. The budget allowed for a new officer. A motion was made by Alderman Abbott to allow the hire. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

BRET FISHER / LIGHT AND WATER DEPARTMENT

Bret gave an update on the flood recovery and rehab on Lexington Street.

Bret also explained to council about TVA wholesale restructuring. A petition had been made for the power distributor to delay the increase until April 1, 2011 instead of October 1, 2010.

There will be a Utility Board meeting on June 16th at noon.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Gibson stated that an employee needs to be considered for the Street Department for mowing.

Mayor Burriss reminded everyone to pay \$50 for election signs.

The TML Conference is June 13th -15th.

Music on the Square is June 19th.

Relay for Life is Friday night, June 11th.

The next council meeting is June 22nd.

There will be a meeting June 30th at noon to amend the budget.

With no other business, a motion was made by Alderman Cannon to adjourn the meeting at 6:30. Alderman Overall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all.

