

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF TRENTON**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**February 10, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**MEETING ROOM: TRENTON CITY HALL**

**WORKSHOP**

1. Approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of previous minutes from January 13, 2019 regular meeting.
3. No Board Appointments or Proclamations
4. Approval of SPLOST items – Fire Department – Rack Storage System for drying turn out gear once it has been washed. TN Fire Equipment \$5,798.32. Police Department – The 2 new Chevrolet Tahoe’s were approved for \$90,947.08. Somethings have changed with the lights and the lettering/stripping was left off of that price. The additional cost for the lights and lettering and stripping will be \$7,142.70, bringing the total cost for the 2 vehicles to \$98,089.78. Administration – The UPS that sores and backs up all of the City files was destroyed during a recent storm. Networks came in and got it up and running with a loner UPS. The cost to replace is \$4,527.00.
5. Resolution R-02-20 – A resolution supporting legislation for the Georgia Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act. This act would provide GMA and ACCG the ability to issue tax exempt bonds to local governments for financing to make it more efficient.
6. There were 2 Audit Proposals and the cost that we had from the 2018 audit that was performed by Johnson, Hickey, Murchison. The prior audit cost was \$32,000.00. HHM certified public accountant’s proposal was \$26,000.00. And Williamson & Company CPA’s proposal was \$16,000.00. The proposals were discussed and looked over as to the references from each company. It was agreed upon to use Williamson & Company for the 2019 audit.
7. The purchasing policies and procedures were discussed, Mayor Case asked the commission to look over the current policy and the proposed policy and make any changes they feel necessary between now and the March meeting.
8. Mr. Pat Bell was present to discuss adding a new sewer line to Memorial Drive. There is a manhole coming under the interstate near Memorial Drive to tie into. He would like to put a force main for future development. He will try to keep it in the right of way and out of the asphalt. He has some of the materials, but does not have the equipment to install the line. The total cost to the City would be \$18,450.00 plus the \$9,600.00 the City has already spent for engineering of the addition. The City would be responsible for putting the asphalt back. Commissioner Houts stated that she cannot be for this, because the City already has sewer problems that need to be addressed. Right now all of this money would be for one house. She also stated this was putting the cart before the horse, as this home has not been annexed into the City. Mayor Case stated the

annexation process has been started it was sent to the City Attorney to get started. Letters must go to the county to approve the annexation. Then other steps of public hearing must be taken before it can be annexed. Commissioner Houts stated we have problems on Oriole Circle that are going to cost a lot of money to get fixed. Mayor Case asked Mr. Bell what his plans are without the approval from the city. Mr. Bell stated that he will buy the lot adjacent to him that will perk. Or he may run his own sewer line within the right of way to connect to the City, it just will be for his personal use and not future development. Mayor Case stated the Commission will have to look into allowing easements for a private use line.

9. Surplus Property – The Police Department will surplus the oldest vehicle they have with it being donated to Dade County EMS for a medical First Responder vehicle. Dade County has agreed to surplus a Crown Vic on Gov Deals that the proceeds will be donated to the City in exchange for the City Police Vehicle.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

1. Call to Order was by Mayor Case.
2. Invocation was given by Pastor Eddie Cantrell, Trenton First Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Case.
4. Commission Roll Call: Commissioner Forshee – absent, Commissioner Houts – present, Commissioner Powell – present, and Commissioner Wooten –absent.
5. Departmental Reports:

Attached is a Police Department Report for January 2020

Commissioner Houts gave the attached sewer report and fire/inspections report for the Month of January 2020.

Commissioner Wooten was absent, but Mayor Case gave a report that the guys have been working hard during the rains with cleaning out ditches and manholes. They were out during the snow storm clearing and salting roads. Once they had the City cleared they assisted the County with the Mountain Roads.

Commissioner Powell gave the attached parks/rec report for the month of January 2020.

Mayor Case reported he was not able to attend the regional commission meeting this past month, due to training. GDOT is looking into replacing the bridge over Lookout Creek. They are looking at closing the road for 20 days. The detour would be 9.1 miles to get around by New England Road. County Executive Rumley has sent the 911 information to GDOT requesting they not close the road completely due to public safety. He is requesting they have an alternate bridge in place.

The financial reports were read by Mayor Case. A motion was made by Commissioner Houts and seconded by Commissioner Powell to accept the reports as read.

Commissioner Houts and Commissioner Powell approved the reports. Commissioner Forshee and Commissioner Wooten were absent.

**6. APPEARANCES**

There were no appearances from Tree City, however, Mayor Case reported Cherry Trees have been planted on either side of City Hall that were placed by Tree City. The Public Works crew dug up the old stumps and planted the new trees.

There were no appearances from the Dade County Library

Mr. William Back with Dade County IDA was present and gave an update on the Chamber. A group of 30-35 interested citizens have formed the Alliance for Dade, Inc. and will be working with the Chamber and RVIC center to keep them up and running. He reported that 713 people found the chamber on google last month. 200 visits per month on the chamber website. And 34 in person visits were made last month to the Chamber. He would like to see this number increase. The group has been tasked with signage and are working on this with Scenic Dade Development. The next project is to develop a new resident package. February 20<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting of the temporary board and they will then appoint a permanent board. Mayor Case added he has met with Kathleen Reed and Mr. Back and this group is very interested in getting things going and are in compliance to run the RVIC – the group will be attending commission meetings and giving updates or sending those updates to the City Clerk. The City did release the funds being held for the RVIC.

Mr. Back also gave an IDA update that 3 companies within the Industrial Park are working on a \$4,000,000.00 expansion. Gill has a buyer that is happy to be here and looking forward to expanding.

**7. Legal Matters - none**

- 8. Unfinished Business:** Commissioner Houts asked for an update as to where the commission was on the request of Gene Carter in reference to recognizing Mr. Kyzer for the work he had done in the fire department. Ansel Smith reported that they have things in the works and are working with Community Groups to make this happen. It will be happening soon and will be nice.

**9. Citizen Participation – none**

**10. New Business:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Houts to approve the items on the workshop agenda. Item 7 was for discussion only. Item 8 was not approved for the City to add the sewer line, but the Commission will look into what needs to be done if Mr. Bell wants to put the sewer line in using the right of way. Motion was approved by Commissioner Houts and Commissioner Powell. Commissioner Forshee and Commissioner Wooten were absent.

11. **Executive Session:** none
12. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Commissioner Houts, seconded by Commissioner Powell to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved by commissioner Houts and Commissioner Powell. Commissioner Forshee and Commissioner Wooten were absent.

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Joseph A. Case, Mayor

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Russanna Jenkins, City Clerk