

MINUTES
CITY OF TRENTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 13, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM: TRENTON CITY HALL

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET BEGAN AT 6:00 PM

WORKSHOP

1. Approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of previous minutes from August 9, 2021 regular meeting and August 26, 2021 Special Called Meeting.
3. Board Appointments/Proclamations –None
4. SPLOST/ Capital equipment – Parks/Rec had a truck break down and is not worth repairing. The low bid is \$27,660.00 from Prater Ford.
5. Ordinance No 2021-01 (2022 General Fund Budget) - \$1,915,261.00
6. Ordinance No 2021-02 (2021 Tax Millage Rate) – 4.498 (same as 2020)
7. 2022 Sewer Fund Budget - \$596,536.00
8. COVID Policy for employees – standards for temporary additional paid sick leave.
9. Jenkins Park Tree – the large pecan tree with the picnic tables; limbs have been falling out of the tree; arborist from Georgia Forestry made recommendations of trimming the tree and removing the picnic tables underneath to mulch so the ground will absorb water better. Commissioner Powell has an arborist that will be trimming the tree to make it more sustainable.
10. Property Maintenance Violation Procedures – Commissioner Wooten has been in contact with Code Enforcement Officer, Ansel Smith in reference to stronger enforcement of our current ordinances. Commissioner Wooten would like to see people cleaning up properties and them staying clean instead of constantly having to send letters to property owners.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order was by Mayor Case.
2. Invocation was given by Mayor Case.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Case.
4. Commission Roll Call: Commissioner Forshee – present, Commissioner Houts – present, Commissioner Powell – present, and Commissioner Wooten –present.
5. Departmental Reports:
Commissioner Forshee gave the police department report for August 2021 and reported that Mike Coleman will be leaving the Police Department. Commissioner Forshee hates to see him go, but understands that it is best for him and his family. The Police Department now has 2 open positions for Officers.
Commissioner Powell gave the parks/rec report for the month of August 2021 and thanked everyone for coming out this summer to the pool and making it a success.

Commissioner Houts gave the sewer report and fire/inspections report for the Month of August 2021.

Commissioner Wooten apologized for her department being behind, they have suffered a great loss with the death of Mike Poss and he will be greatly missed.

Mayor Case spoke about overcrowding in area hospitals and longer return times for ambulances. He warned the public to please be cautious when out and about. Last week he and the City Clerk attended an ACCG class about the ARPA money held at the Colonnade in Catoosa County. Smoke on the Square event was a great event to help hand up ministry, they raised a significant amount of money. September 11th was the 20th anniversary of one of the biggest tragedy's in our Nation's history. The Trenton Fire Department and Explores put together an event of 2,000 plus stair climb in honor of the firemen that were in the twin towers. The financial reports were read by Mayor Case for the month of August 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Forshee and seconded by Commissioner Powell to accept the August 2021 Financials. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. APPEARANCES

Ms. Jennifer Blair with Tree City USA reported Ms. Gass is staying busy in the flower beds and they will soon be planting some trees.

Ms. Marshana Sharp with the Dade Library gave a sample of a map that was printed with a new printer which can scan and print up to 48 inches. They have several programs going to help with families and are partnering with Dade Family Connect.

Ms. Jane Dixon with Alliance for Dade gave information on their Job Ready Event September 25 and activities going on December 4th.

Mr. Peter Cervelli with the IDA was present and wanted to say Hi to everyone and let them know they are here to support. They have been involved in putting in a solar project that Bull Moose is sponsoring. Integer has a possible expansion coming up and looking for new businesses as always. Project Flavor is ongoing and he wants to work for the benefit of the community.

7. Legal Matters – none

8. Unfinished Business – none

9. Citizen Participation – none

10. New Business:

Motion was made by Commissioner Houts and seconded by Commissioner Wooten to approve the items on the workshop agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Executive Session – none

12. Adjournment: Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Wooten to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Joseph A. Case, Mayor

Russanna Jenkins, City Clerk