

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

WORKSHOP

1. Approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of previous minutes from November 8, 2021 regular meeting.
3. Board Appointments/Proclamations – None
4. SPLOST/ Capital equipment
 - A. City Park restroom improvement to leave open year around. Commissioner Powell has a few quotes, but one of them called today and needed to revisit the quote he gave. Commissioner Powell will gather more information to have ready at next month's meeting.
 - B. Fire Department Breathing Apparatus – All 7 Dade County Fire Departments will be going to a standard breathing apparatus that will be interchangeable amongst the departments. Dade County was awarded a grant for a portion of the payment, the Commission agreed to \$85,421.98 for the City portion of the breathing apparatus.
 - C. Fire Department Capital Equipment – Chief Kyzer's 2009 truck is needing to be replaced. The Commission agreed to a 2022 F150 4x4 equipped with a camper top and spray in bed liner for \$40,885.80 from Prater Ford.
 - D. Amend the agenda to add – Police Department radar units, The Commission agreed to purchase 2 new radar units at a total cost of \$3,190.00.
5. American Rescue Plan Act update and Phase 1 – Sewer Plant upgrade estimate is more than 1.7 million. A phase 1 of the upgrade would include putting a screen into place to keep some of the debris from entering the plant. Phase 1 would need to start with the engineering process. The Commission agreed to have Ladd Engineering to get started on the Phase 1 upgrade to be paid from the ARPA funds.

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 –absent.

5. Departmental Reports:

Commissioner Forshee gave the police department report for November 2021. He also stated that Silver Bells project will be ready to deliver at the end of the week.

Commissioner Powell gave the parks/rec report for the month of November 2021.

Commissioner Houts gave the fire and utilities report for November 2021.

Commissioner Houts asked Dewayne Moore to speak about tier pricing. Mr. Moore stated they have been looking at areas around us to try to come up with a rate for industry based on the waste that is produced. The price would be so much per each type of waste. Commissioner Houts congratulated Charlie Hester who is now certified as a WWTP operator.

Commissioner Wooten was absent, Mayor Case stated that the Street Department has been out collecting leaves and keeping the City looking good.

Mayor Case reported no Regional Commission meetings have been held, the City has been very busy with ARPA and sewer. Mayor Case read the financial reports for the month of November 2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Forshee and seconded by Commissioner Powell to accept the November 2021 Financials. All in favor, Commissioner Wooten was absent. Motion carried.

6. APPEARANCES

Ms. Gass was not in attendance.

Lecia Eubanks with the Cherokee Regional Library was present to introduce Mindy Howard as the new manager of the Dade County Library.

Ms. Jane Dixon with Alliance reported that the Dade Expo and Light Up Trenton event were both a huge success and wanted to Thank Everyone for participating and making them a success.

William Back with IDA reported that employment rate was up 40% and Dade County has a higher than national average of wage rate. He also reported that there will be a new industry coming to the Industrial Park – Belt Line Energy, a solar farm. They will be investing over 2 Million Dollars and IDA did not have to provide any tax incentives.

7. Legal Matters – none

8. Unfinished Business – none

9. Citizen Participation – Kathy Everett asked about the trucks that have been purchased, if they were necessary; were the old trucks not able to be used and had they looked at buying used vehicles instead of new. Mayor Case explained that the trucks that are being replaced were older trucks and both have been worked on numerous times to the point they feel it is not feasible to continue to put money into them. He also stated that these were public safety vehicles and that used vehicles cannot be purchased with SPOLST funds.

Ryan Faircloth had a question for William Back about the tax incentive. Mr. Back explained that there are no tax breaks due to the electric company being a solar farm.

10. New Business:

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

11. Executive Session – none

12. Adjournment:

Mayor Case wished everyone a Merry Christmas, thanked Commissioner Forshee for his services these past years and welcomed incoming Police Commissioner Mike Norris. He also congratulated Commissioner Powell on his reelection.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Forshee to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, Commissioner Wooten was absent. Motion carried.

Joseph A. Case, Mayor

Russanna Jenkins, City Clerk