

MINUTES
CITY OF TRENTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 09, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM: TRENTON CITY HALL

WORKSHOP

1. Approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of previous minutes from March 14, 2022 regular meeting.
3. Board Appointments/Proclamations – N/A
4. Approval SPLOST/ Capital equipment
 - A. Cover Building for Equipment Sewer and Parks Department
Dillon Casey with the Sewer Dept. was present and presented quotes for the buildings to cover equipment for Sewer and Parks Dept. The quote from Quality Outdoor Products was the lowest and they will be going with the one from Ringgold, GA store. Total for all 3 would be \$11694.00. This was to keep equipment under like the generators and parks equipment that is currently sitting outside.
 - B. Pay off Track hoe Public Works
Mayor Case brought the payoff to commission for approval to pay off the equipment. This was used between Street Dept. and Sewer Dept. This will be paid off with current SPLOST and was begun under old SPLOST.
 - C. Vehicle Purchase Sewer Dept.
Mayor Case brought up that the Sewer Dept. is now down a truck. It will has 67k miles on it and cannot repair the motor so asking to replace motor at a cost of approx. 7K to fix it which they will do since it is 4 wheel drive and lower miles. The Sewer Dept. does have a 2 wheel drive truck that they will surplus out and purchase another 4 wheel drive to replace it. They all need to be 4 wheel drives due to areas they have to get in and out of. It was also in the SPLOST to replace one of the trucks already. Looking for ¾ ton truck price is looking like 45 k to 55 k. May have to step out of range trying to look in state but, may have to go out of state. If brought up will have to move on it quick that is reason for emergency tonight. No one is taking orders on them right now.
5. Ordinance to Amend Zoning Provisions to Established Conditional use (Retail Package Stores)
Mayor Case discussed the amendments to the zoning for conditional use. There was a public hearing for the community on May 2, 2022 and only 1 person, an investor and 1 business owner/ rental property owner showed up and we stayed almost 30 min waiting to give people time to come in. There were no concerns to these changes. Mayor Case asked if any commissioners had changes or concerns and none were voiced. This was a section just to amend the B-R and B-3 sections. All commissioners approved this amendment for zoning.
6. Ordinance to Amend Alcoholic Beverages Code (Appeal of License Denial)

Mayor Case discussed the ordinance above to include an appeal process as there was not one previously. This will apply to all alcoholic beverages. If an application comes up and it was denied for some reason there is now an appeals process. It will first appeal to planning commission and if they deny it can then come to city commissioners for review.

7. Ordinance – Distilled Spirits by the Package

The last ordinance presented by Mayor Case was the Distilled Spirits by the Package. He asked if everyone is good with this ordinance and there were no objections.

8. Discussion 1945 Days at City Park – Commissioner Wooten

Commissioner Wooten spoke to the event application. The committee is asking the commission/city to approve application. It would involve closing a few streets. There are no differences in the way it was done in the past except they are asking a little difference in the way the city sponsors the event. Not in money but in name. It does help with the committee does not have to buy the insurance policy and does not require the vendors to buy the \$100.00 food permit. Mayor Case stated that what they learned from last year form this event and the counties smoke on the square event is that the health dept. will allow them to govern the even but they still must meet certain requirements. The city or county can write a letter because other areas nearby had the same issue. The vendor must still meet requirement of handwashing stations, and things such as that. By writing the letter the city is saying they will make sure this is still happening. Still have to do things to ensure the safety of people. There must be a separate place to wash utensils that may fall separate from hand washing stations. The screens prevent flies. Per Mayor Case we need to come up with a plan possibly get info from other areas to look at their info. Commissioner Wooten asked that application be approved. As it stands they vendors are willing to do what they need to do. Mayor Case asked “so you are asking the city to be a sponsor and help with the insurance and liability on the vendors. Commissioner Wooten also asked that we still provide the use of the Community Center and Pool during this time as well as we did last year. Austin Henagar has stated he would bring one of his dumpsters down to help with the trash. Last year we used the city truck. Mayor Case stated the city will still be responsible for the cost to dump it. Commissioner Wooten went over some of the performers. Streets are ok to block off as long as Ansel Smith has the names of streets and information to block them.

9. Meeting software: Simbli – Mayor Case brought up before to review the software is \$2750.00 and one time setup fee of \$1000.00. This provides support as well as less difficulty in locating items in books for meetings. The public will be able to look at agenda immediately and documents can be uploaded for all commissioners to see. It will provide a QR code for public to review as well. The cost is pro-rated based on the company’s fiscal year. The cost would come out of general budget under administrative.

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 Houts – present, Commissioner Powell – present, Commissioner Norris – present, and Commissioner Wooten –present.

5. Departmental Reports:

Commissioner Norris gave the Police Department report for the months of March and April 2022.

Commissioner Powell gave the parks/rec report for the months of March and April 2022. Also mentioned the department is still needing lifeguards. Pay was raised to \$11.00 an hour. Also thanked the other people that assisted with getting the new picnic tables installed.

Commissioner Houts gave the Fire/Utilities report for the months of March and April 2022.

Commissioner Wooten stated they just finished doing service of all equipment. Streets conducted road repair on Lookout Circle, Oriole Cir and Pullen Ave. and John St. Assisted parks dept. with picnic table installation. Commissioner Wooten also stated they are still looking for seasonal help as well. Also was stated that streets department is down an employee as supervisor is out due to surgery.

Mayor Case read the financial reports for the months of March. A motion was made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Powell to accept the March 2022 Financials as read. All in favor. Motion carried.

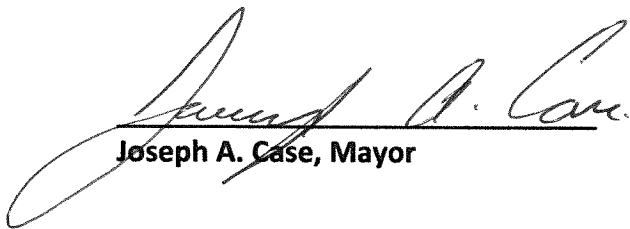
6. APPEARANCES

Ms. Gass stated Tree City has been busy this month. They did some weeding and cleanup at the Post Office with the help of 4 or 5 people. There was a tree planted at city hall for Cindy Robertson's years of service to the city. Planted 2 trees at the high school and 2 at middle school.


Mindy Howard from Dade Co Library: During the month of April they hired new library assistant. Bonnie Montgomery started last week. The library had 4 school visits in the month and saw over 300 kids just from Dade Elem and middle and high school. Registered 4 or 5 families for library cards. They're seeing a lot of connectivity with schools. New events that started in April were Pokémon League and a monthly scavenger hunt which is a learning tool about the location of things in the library. The library started a Teen Advisory Board which will help guide book choices and events at the library. They hosted elections debate on April 26th. During that day had a record number of visitors of over 700 at the library. Helped coordinate with schools with child abuse awareness. Calendar events, they have something going on for every age group. They were able to get the Play card Pass Initiative started. It's between schools and library. With this the student pays no fines for late books but will pay if lost. There is an opt out for parents if they do not wish their child to have a library card. Otherwise every school child will automatically get a card. A reading program called BeanStack allows kids to get prizes for the amount of reading they do. This is kids and adults. The library also has a large printing capability if the community needs it.

Ms. Jane Dixon with Alliance for Dade mentioned how the library has helped with the kids in the community. Thanks to the people who attended lunch and learn with government officials. The Alliance for Dade will be sponsoring the watermelon eating contest at the 1945 Days and the hotdog eating contest. Also mentioned First Connections initiative that there are boxes throughout the community to place new clothes in for school aged children. These will be used if a child has any kind of accident and needs a change of clothes.

7. Legal Matters – none
8. Unfinished Business – none
9. Citizen Participation – Kathy Everett asked about the truck the broke down this past week. She asked what will happen to the older truck that was broken down. Mayor Case stated that we would like to keep it and replace the 2 wheel drive one that is a 2006. Ms. Everett asked what he meant by “get rid of” he stated that we would place it on gov deals. We do it as surplus property on gov deals. We have been using them for a while. She asked if driving a vehicle home is part of the benefits. Mayor Case stated yes because they are on call 24/7. It was asked if they have to list on their taxes. Mayor advised he has never listed the take home vehicle on his taxes.
10. New Business:
Motion was made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve items 1-9 on the workshop agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Adjournment:
Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Norris to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.



Joseph A. Case, Mayor



April Keith, City Clerk