

MINUTES
CITY OF TRENTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 11, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM: TRENTON CITY HALL

WORKSHOP

1. Approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of previous minutes from June 13, 2022 regular meeting.
3. Board Appointments/Proclamations – N/A
4. Approval SPLOST/ Capital equipment
 - A. Vacuum Excavator – Sewer Department
Commissioner Houts and Sewer Dept. Dewayne Moore presented the need for the Vacuum Excavator. Dewayne stated this equipment would assist with digging and not hitting other underground utilities by using a stream of high pressure water to clear out around the possible location and alleviate the need to dig entirely by hand and take chance of hitting a gas line, electrical line, or any other utility. He stated it is a lot safer than digging by hand. This can also be used to vacuum out some of the small tanks the sewer department has and a light excavating. He believes it would be something every department could benefit from. Commissioner Houts stated she really liked the safety features.
Vice Mayor Wooten stated this would be a SPLOST purchase and we are asking commission to vote on dollar amount because when you locate one it is gone before you can have another meeting to get it approved. They are asking for \$40 thousand to \$80 thousand dollars to purchase this when located. This mount was the range that the ones they are finding is falling between.
 - B. Grapple Truck – Street Department
Commissioner Wooten spoke on the need of this truck to make things better as far as picking up the brush. She stated we have one employee out right now due to injury from picking up brush manually. They have located about twelve in the area to choose from. They are asking for the amount of \$50K to \$100K for a good used one.
 - C. Mower – Street Department
Commissioner Wooten also spoke on the need for a mower. The one they were using was purchased about 6 years ago. It has messed up and will cost about \$1200.00 in just parts to fix it as of right now. It was a Dixie Chopper brand and believe they are now out of business. The one needed would be for the sidewalks and would need to be around 48" to 50" cut. They have been looking and the prices they are seeing is running from \$11500.00 to \$13500.00. The street department is asking for an amount of around \$13K for a good mower. Commissioner Norris asked if they had a name brand in mind and Commissioner Wooten stated they are looking at a John Deere or Scag. They have quotes from John Deere, Scag, and Grasshopper.
5. Hotel /Motel Ordinance and Provide Administration and Collection of tax: GMA

6. This item is tabled waiting on information from City Attorney.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order was by Vice Mayor Wooten.
2. Invocation was given by Ansel Smith.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Powell.
4. Commission Roll Call: Commissioner Houts – present, Commissioner Powell – present, Commissioner Norris – present, and Commissioner Wooten –present as Vice Mayor. Mayor Case- absent

5. Departmental Reports:

Commissioner Norris gave the Police Department report for the months of June 2022. Also Commissioner Norris stated he has asked Chief Beaudoin to start keeping track of the gas logs since prices are so high and try to save a little bit of money. This month alone the police dept. used 726 gal of gas. Commissioner Wooten asked if it is needed to leave the car running if they are out of it like eating lunch or something.

Commissioner Norris and Chief Beaudoin stated that they leave them running because the computers inside get so hot that they need to leave running.

Commissioner Powell gave the parks/rec report for the months of June 2022.

Commissioner Houts gave the Fire/Utilities report for the months of June 2022.

Commissioner Wooten did not provide street report this month.

City Clerk April Keith provided the Mayor's financial report in his absence.

6. APPEARANCES

Mindy Haworth- from Dade Co Library presented information for the month. The 1st of 2 of the adult programs had 23 people attend put on by Rising Fawn Gardens. She stated since she has been there this is a record for the adult programming. The library has a new employee Ansley Cagle who is through the workforce development program grant which is a Covid grant that Paula Stallings helped set up. She can work a certain number of hours through March 2023. She does a lot of extra cleaning and other things which is very helpful on days where there is a lot of activity in the library. She is also a resident of Hope House and they are very grateful for her. They have 5 teen volunteers to come in through the summer and they have brought in a lot of enthusiasm and a demographic that the library has been hoping to target. They have been used to monitor the number of people on programs and they have been trained on shelving both fiction and non-fiction material. Currently there are 241 participants in the summer reading program. There has been 42 complete the 840 minutes required to obtain a free book for their home library, some have read over 2000 minutes so they get to choose 2 books. Total participants in the special programming has been 650 and the month of June summer program alone was 503. The library had a total of 3217 people come through the doors for the month of June. The library also has a teen advisory board they are working on a monthly newsletter and they have just completed the 2nd edition available at the library. They are also helping to give advice on content for teens

at the library. One thing is a creative arts program with Heidi who as an art teacher at the high school years prior.

Ms. Jane Dixon with Alliance for Dade stated they haven't had that many things going right now. But what they had been working on were important things. They tried to help out with the 4th of July celebration and not have any conflict with that as they are all volunteers. They decided last year to kind of wait till after the July 4th celebration to do any other big things in the community. They heard that people kept making it clear that this event as not put on by Dade County government or the Trenton City government. She stated that she wanted to make it clear that the volunteer, citizens, and Nathan Wooten put this on not the government. There has been 2 ribbon cuttings one was at Throwing Stuff owner is Chad McDill in his building. He has darts, hatchets and things and will be getting pool tables. The other ribbon cutting was Sacs, the thrift store put on by sexual assault center, it is in the Gross Shopping Center. This agency serves 4 counties so people from all counties were there. From now till Christmas you will probably be hearing about the Dade Expo. It will be at the high school, more information to come on it.

7. Legal Matters – none

8. Unfinished Business – none

9. Citizen Participation –

Nathan Wooten spoke on behalf of the 1945 Dade County Fair. He wanted to thank the City of Trenton for their help this year and gave each member a gift bag and t-shirt for appreciation. Commissioner Wooten also added that the government did play a big part this year. Mr. Wooten stated that the City of Trenton contributed in ways that no one sees. Ansel Smith came over and helped till around noon. Chief Beaudoin was there, and there was police presence all day and sheriff's dept. was there, fire dept. and Jerry Henagar with his group, the street department for the use of the barricades, and Ronnie Page and Keith had a mess Tuesday morning but they came over and everyone got it back together that morning. There was probably 8000 people throughout the day. They had a softball tournament, antique car show that the parking lot of civic center would not hold it, music and food all day. Commissioner Houts mentioned her favorite was the Forester Sisters. He mentioned that every year Monda and Discount Flooring sponsor the Queen of the Fair, this year's queen was Irma Cole. Monda told a little about Irma and how her and her husband fostered and even adopted some children and went to school in Dade County. She is in her 80's and they had fostered since 1965 with hundreds of children. She took in children from Dade, Whitfield, Murray, and Hamilton Counties. She has raised several successful kids and had adopted 12 of them.

Eloise Gass asked to tell what Tree City was doing as she was running behind to meeting. Before Laurie left they cleaned out the 4 planters at Ingles on the corner. Since she has been gone she has been planting flowers before the fair. She was able to get 2 trustees the first day they cleaned 2 flower beds and the next day she got 1 trustee and cleaned up 3 flower beds just them.

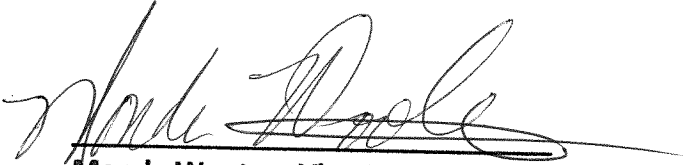
10. New Business:

Motion was made by Commissioner Houts and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve items 1-5 on the workshop agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Executive Session: N/A

11. Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Norris and seconded by
Commissioner Powell to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.



Monda Wooten, Vice-Mayor



April Keith, City Clerk