

MINUTES
CITY OF TRENTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM: TRENTON CITY HALL

WORKSHOP

1. Approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of previous minutes from July 11, 2022 regular meeting.
3. Board Appointments/Proclamations
 - A. CHI Support for New Hospital
Mayor Case discussed the need for the Resolution to support the new hospital and to encourage Parkridge to withdraw their appeal for the state and allow the quality care for our citizens. This is just everyone coming together to voice the need for care. This is a very long process. There will be media relations in regards to this. Currently the old HMC building will not pass state inspections and they have put a lot of money in to it. Common Spirit Health is the new group CHI is part of which is one of the largest Catholic incentive groups. The United States has approved to do this 120 million dollar facility. It has room to grow as well. If all support we would like to add to the consent agenda.
4. Approval SPLOST/ Capital equipment
 - A. Grapple Truck – Street Department- Update
The Grapple truck they have been looking at is an F750 located up in TN about 4 hours away. It had a wiring harness issue that has been fixed. It comes from a small municipality as well so it is within the price range.
 - B. Mower – Street Department
Commissioner Wooten stated they received a lawn mower. The department is very pleased with it.
 - C. Vacuum Excavator – Sewer Department
Mayor Case this would be for the sewer department to clean up raw sewage and for vacuum excavating. The last line replacement took about 16 hours going around gas lines, water lines and other things. This would also help them be able to get raw sewage up when they have a backup. Dewayne and Mayor Case had looked at so many they have a broker helping they are trying to stay within a newer model that is currently with Ditch Witch or Vermeer which are the 2 top models and also to determine which is the closest dealer for parts.
 - D. Another Truck – Parks/Rec
Mayor Case stated there is a need for another truck for parks/rec department. Commissioner Powell states the other truck parks and rec has is 15 years old. Per Mayor Case we have till this Friday to order a truck for the current GSA through Prater Ford. Right now the current cost is in the 33k range. This will be a 2023 model and would be coming in sometime next year. This would be a SPLOST thing

to replace the 15 year old truck. PO will be processed in the morning and get it to Jerry at Ford dealership.

5. Hotel /Motel Ordinance and Provide Administration and Collection of tax: GMA Update – Mayor Case stated we have not received this information back from the attorney as of yet. Our collection group was wanting us to redo it however the attorney sent them the current ordinance and it should have all of that information in it. This is just to verify information with them before they collect our Hotel/Motel Tax. Commissioner Wooten asked if we have seen an increase. Yes we have seen an increase since last year.
6. Striping Parking Lot – Ansel Smith brought in quotes for striping the parking lots including City Hall the upper and lower lots, at the Community Center to the park, and the square all the way round. The total for striping is at the top and will be the same except the community center which is more because they including cost for re-sealing and restriping. He would like to suggest the ProSeal bid. Mayor Case there will need to be some prep work done on it before they can start. All agreed to go with seal and restriping with Pro-Seal and move to consent agenda.
7. Fire Extinguishers - Ansel Smith presented to Commission the need for 7 new fire extinguishers for the buildings. This company will come in, install and maintain them as far as inspecting and testing. Total cost would be a onetime charge of \$635.00 and \$75.00 annually for service. Every year they will come in and tag them and every 5 years they will do a hydro test. Ansel stated we may have to add a couple to ensure every building that needs one gets one. Commissioner Norris stated they are updating the fire extinguishers in patrol cars too and asked if they would be added to this plan. Ansel said they should be able to of course there would be additional fee to add more. Ansel said we can wait till next month and bring it back with the number they need to add. If they get used we can call and they will replace them.
8. Update on City Maintenance Shop Theft- Commissioner Wooten
Commissioner Wooten let everyone know there was a theft at the shop. She will let Investigator Floyd speak on it. Per Investigator Floyd there was a theft at city maintenance shop it is ongoing, search warrant will be pulled tomorrow and the truck was recovered. Commissioner Wooten said they cut the fence, took truck, side by side and took weed eaters and misc. items and broke w window from the door. Commissioner Wooten would like to get cameras. Mayor Case stated we are already working on that now.
9. Budget meeting for 2023 budget - Mayor Case stated he would like Commissioners to get with the directors and start getting together to begin working on their budgets. We will be getting together to start working on mileage so we can see exactly where the growth is. We did get notification this week that health insurance will be going up approx. 5%. We will be plugging in numbers to big insurance formula to see if we want to keep that in house and leave the same on employees and be able to see what kind of increase can be given to employees. We need to make sure we are comparable with other agencies. We are going to have to look at what we pay our seasonal employees. Would like to start doing schedules for meetings.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order was by Mayor Case.
2. Invocation was given by Pastor Reese Fauscett.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Case.
4. Commission Roll Call: Commissioner Powell – present, Commissioner Wooten – present, Commissioner Norris – present, and Commissioner Houts –present
5. Departmental Reports:

Commissioner Norris gave the Police Department report for the months of July 2022.

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

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

Commissioner Wooten gave the Street Department report for July 2022

Mayor Case provided the financial report for the month of June 2022 (1 month in arrears). Mayor Case also stated they were contacted by GDOT and spoke to

Commissioner Wooten on this, it is a transportation alternative fund application. It is a second round for populations less than 5,000.00. It was very detailed and almost had to have several thousand dollars worth of engineer drawing ready to go out for GDOT. Since COVID not many applied and they have the funds left available. Two of the things we would like is we have one shovel ready now which is the StreetScape on the square. It is an 80/20 split match. Another possible shovel ready will be the town creek walk. We can work with the private investors for the 20%. The 3rd that we are about to start talks on will be the 136 east and west sidewalks to the schools. We have till the 19th to get this in. We are going to try for all 3 and get what we can. The main thing this is for is pedestrian walks. Mayor Case did mention the talk that was going on while he was out of town in regards to the animal shelter. There was things on Facebook and calls to Ronnie and Commissioner Powell. We are in very detailed conversations with the county in regards to a shelter. We have looked at buildings. The biggest thing is paying for it. Building is the easy part but maintain it is more to look at. There are many things to look at to get this done. There are many questions that have to be answered.

Commissioner Powell and others are going to try to meet this week. This facility will have to be 24/7. The facility they went to look at as Cherokee Co, it as a newer facility approved by a shelter organization. They gave us everything they had and we have got in touch with the architect to see if we can remove part of it. We are waiting to see the cost. We have other properties that the city has that the county wants to talk about and are L.O.S.T. tax, so be watching as we will be having a joint work session with the county. This will probably be one evening around 5:30 or 6 pm. Mayor Case gave details of the layout and set up of the animal shelter from Cherokee Co.

6. APPEARANCES

Eloise Gass – Tree City USA – Eloise stated she was out at 6 am this morning, cleaned up and planted 2 big flower beds her and a friend. Before that they cleaned up around the jail in those beds. Before long will be planting trees.

Mindy Haworth- Dade County Library- Mayor Case stated that he met with Patty Murphy and Reece Fauscett Friday. They gave information that Mindy had put together. The report as impact report for fiscal year 2022. This report will provide the ways the library has impacted the community. One of the big family programs was the

prime time family initiative where everyone ate dinner, story teller and scholar, all went home with new books for home library. One of the families returned for the summer reading program this summer. Mindy mentioned again about the hot spots that are rented out to the community. This month they have ACT 6 weeks test prep program starting there will be offered 3 times. They are offering before September ACT, then in December and again next spring. The library initiated a new adult program, it is a water color painting. It was full as they could only take 6 but the instructor went ahead and took 7. This is a progressive 3 course workshop. In the works, she is working with Cloudland Canyon to do a trail series, where they will be talking about some of the trails in Dade County, how to access them, trail maps. This will be a Thursday evening in September and then on Saturday one of their naturalists will meet to talk them on a hike. Ready to read began this week with pre-school age to help get kids ready for school. Summer reading stats, total registered was 241, 148,158 total minutes read during the summer reading program where you logged your total number of minutes read. The library did get a new printer. They did not realize how valuable it is to have for public to come use. They received new meeting room tables on casters and are able to move around. For July the door count as 2817 people through the doors. Reese Fauscett spoke up and stated that the library is seeing numbers like never seen before. He stated you have pre covid and post covid numbers and this library is moving. He wants to thank all consideration and help that has been given to the library.

Kathleen Reed for Jane Dixon - Alliance for Dade mentioned the new Plum Nelly Depot Arts Show on August 20. This will be at the Community Center from 10 am to 5:30 pm. They are hoisting accomplished regional artists. There are 25 reserved places to show they have had to turn some away. There will be fabric art, textile art, photography, paintings and paintings on clothing. Ken Pennington will be signing his book "The Rock Eater". Colt Webb will be there giving away some of this children's books called "I know in my Heart". The Alliance is interviewing for CEO and President's position, and application for director of tourism. They can go to Alliance for Dade website and where to submit resume. They are getting registrants for the Jolly Holidays Dade Expo that will be happening in November this year. They will be having Light up Trenton again this year where they encourage all business to decorate their businesses. This will kick off same night as Christmas Parade.

Jennifer Blair – Jennifer Blair provided update on mural on the scout building. She stated it is ongoing and weather dependent. It has been began but there is rain in the forecast. Mayor Case added we are back working with the legion to get that building back in the city's name and still work with our youth. This was one of the things to work on but all of the funding has come through and it will be really nice to see that side of the building before you go into town creek.

7. Legal Matters – No legal matters to bring before the commission but we do need to go into executive session on a legal matter.
8. Unfinished Business – none
9. Citizen Participation – none
10. New Business:

Motion was made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve items 1-7 on the workshop agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Executive Session: Mayor Case stated need to go into executive session to Discuss or vote on settlement of a matter covered by attorney-client privilege in Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(b)(1)(A). and to discuss or deliberate upon appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).

Motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Moved to executive session at 7:08 pm

Returned from executive session at 8:30 pm


11. Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm



Joseph A. Case, Mayor



April Keith, City Clerk