

MINUTES
CITY OF TRENTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM: TRENTON CITY HALL
(Meeting was rescheduled due to Columbus Day)

WORKSHOP

1. Approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of previous minutes from September 12, 2022 regular meeting and September 27, 2022 special called meetings.
3. Board Appointments/Proclamations-none
4. Approval SPLOST/ Capital equipment-
 - Commissioner Wooten – Christmas Lights
Commissioner Wooten spoke about purchasing new Christmas Lights for the city. She is asking for permission to purchase new lights to use in addition to what we have. She did not realize how expensive they are till she began calling places. One light that hangs on the poles like we have is about \$1800.00 each. She would like to see something draped across the street in a few areas. Commissioner Wooten has several things they are looking at but a lot of the places will not have them available in time. She is asking the commission to allow \$15k to \$20k to purchase new lights to come out of SPLOST. Mayor Case stated per our procurement we would have to have 3 quotes on the same thing. So if we agree tonight we have to get the quotes. Commissioner Wooten will get that and send it out and if everyone agrees we can continue on with it.
 - Mayor Case – Desk for Deputy Clerk (information only)
Mayor Case stated there is another item under SPLOST the information from COS Chattanooga Office Supply. We remodeled the clerk’s office but did not do anything with the court clerk desk. This would make it more economical. Currently their back to the people when they come in and the computer is vulnerable with its court information being able to be seen from the windows. The quote attached is information only as we did not get it on the agenda in time. We got different prices originally but that was before so we will get 2 more.
5. Surplus vehicle to GovDeals
 - Mayor Case stated the patrol car that has transmission problems would be the one listed.
6. Speed Control Camera – Ryan Moore with BlueLine Solutions
 - Commissioner Norris introduced Mr. Moore to speak on the speed control cameras to be placed at the high school on 136E. Mr. Moore presented a speed study taken from a trial period from August 17 to August 23. There was 23891 cars come through in a 5 day period between 7:30 am and 4pm. During the morning hours there was 3802 cars go through with 300 of them going over 11 mph over the posted speed. When school in in session around 8 am till school

lets out the speed is back to 45 mph. There was 16k cars going though during the middle of the day with 178 going at least 56 mph. In the afternoon there was 3856 cars with 194 violations. There was a total of 672 violations over the 5 day period. Breaking those down into 452 going 11-14 miles over posted speed, 195 going 15 to 20 mph over and 28 going 21 mph or more over the posted speed. This company does the speed study, then there are 3 parts to their program. The begin with 2 weeks of public information and education, the next 30 days are warnings mailed out and then the violations are given. Ringgold Ga is now in the warning phase. They listed things on Facebook, newspaper and even news channels have announced it. The goal is to slow people down. The state of Ga has written a law 40-14-18 that is specific to utilizing automatic school zone enforcement. It states you can run it an hour before school, through school up to an hour after school. The device knows when to switch from 35 to 45 mph, state says they have to have flashing lights, you have to have a sign that says photo enforced, they go above and put radar feedback signs before the school zones. The drivers still have 300 to 600 feet before the school zone declared by GDOT. This device does not take pictures of anyone in the car only the tag. All of the tickets will upload to the police department and they have the final say. This way if the vehicle is an ambulance or 1st responder going to a call they can verify and dismiss it ahead of time. The fees are \$100.00 for first offense, and \$150.00 for 2nd offense. Commissioner Wooten asked about the percentage of the fees going to them and to the city. He stated they keep 35% and city gets 65%. He stated the city will never be invoiced for anything it ids totally free. The only thing is if they cannot use solar and have to wire it in to a line we would be responsible for that cost which he was told is the cost of a street light. After the citation is mailed they have 60 days to pay. If they fail to do this they get a 2nd notice if they still don't then they put lien on their tag, by sending their information to Ga Department of Revenue it is a totally civil violation. The discussion was had about the middle school traffic. According to Mr. Moore the property has to be 1000 feet from the school property to the state highway. It was asked when this would be ready. Mr. Moore stated hopefully in the spring it would be ready. The part that takes so long is the permitting. Mr. Moore stated each of the cameras is a tag reader also. And is free to the city. Any vehicles coming in passing that camera would be sent to the police department. Mayor Case asked about stolen vehicles how quick can notification be made to police. Mr. Moore said that it can alert the chief or investigator they could get notification via text immediately which is also free. It was clarified that the device goes off during summer but the tag reader is still working. Discussion as had on the ability to make 136W a school zone for the middle school. Mr. Moore had stated that the law reads if it is 1000 ft. from school property to state highway. There was over 6000 violations there in the 5 day span. Roughly it is right around 500 ft. from school line. Using same time format here was a total of 35768 cars 6000 with violations. Broken down it was 3337 going 11-14 mph over, 2261 going 15-20 over, and 422 going at least 21 mph over the posted speed. In morning there was 3700 cars, 1173 speeders with is 31.5%, 26088 cars throughout the day with 1372 violation. And in the

afternoon there was 5953 cars over a 5 day span 3475 doing at least 11 mph over. Mr. Moore went over the process if someone tried to dispute the ticket. They have a court manager who is a paralegal so if someone calls and disputes it they would coordinate with our courts to set it up and their court liaison would come to court with the person the first time to go over the process. If judge fines them responsible our court can charge court costs and they still get their percentage on the fine and we keep our percentage and court costs.

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 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 September 2022.
 - Commissioner Powell gave the parks/rec report for the months of September 2022.
 - Commissioner Houts gave the Fire/Utilities report for the months of September 2022.
 - Commissioner Wooten gave the Street Department report for September 2022.
 - Mayor Case also mentioned the 3 public hearings for the millage rate which is Thursday 10/20/22 at 10:30 am and 4:00 pm then the final meeting is 10/27/22 at 6pm then immediately after the meeting on the 27th we will have meeting to adopt the budget and millage rate.
 - Mayor Case provided the financial report for the month of August 2022 (1 month in arrears).
 - Motion made by Commission Wooten to accept financials as read and 2nd by Commissioner Powell. All in favor, motion carries.
6. APPEARANCES
 - Eloise Gass- Tree City- no report
 - Mindy Haworth- Dade Co Library- The library has hire a new Youth Education Coordinator Samantha Ward, she will start next week. They are still looking for Lead Circulation Library Assistant and have another round of interviews coming up. The internet at the library went down for 2 days and they noticed just how important the library is to the community for these services. All of the basic programing has continued even while hiring a new youth coordinator. There have been a few guest readers come. One was Holt Webb who is a local author and he is raffling off some of his items like book and t-shirt. Andy Porter is coming this week. He does large scale coloring pages for the kids to color. They will have a local amateur photographer have an exhibit in the meeting room. It will be nature and landscape photography on October 27th at 5:30. Photographer will be Ralph Jennett. The library will also be participating in trunk or

treat giving away books and candy from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Discover trails program continues this week.

Jane Dixon- Alliance for Dade- Jane handed out some graphs and flyers regarding. As of now the Alliance has a 106 investors but they are expecting a large increase. The Alliance held a job ready event on September 14th and 14 companies were represented and about 35 job seekers attended. Some left with jobs. They are changing out the signs for the Alliance. She went over the graphs showing this past September the center had 19 Dade residents come to welcome center, 20 visitors, and 24 phone calls. This was not the highest month but not the lowest either. Another handout is for upcoming events. The 1st even is for Fright Night, it is an after-hours event Southeast Lineman Training Center. It will be Thursday October 27th at 5:30 to 7:00. It is like the lunch and learn. There will be 3 speakers, Nathan Wooten, Nadine Wood and another that she can't think of the name at the moment. They will be talking about the pandemic and what happened to their business at that time. The Dade Expo Jolly Holidays will be on Saturday after Thanksgiving. Light up Trenton, looking for lights and window displays around Trenton businesses. The merchants can call Keely Farmer and she will work with them on doing their windows. If you are an investor with the Alliance for Dade they will pay \$70.00 to her to do the windows to go toward the amount of painting the windows of the businesses. The Alliance for Dade has an "Invitation Only" event to meet the new CEO/President of the Alliance and Margo who is the director of tourism.

Mayor Case introduced the new editor for the Dade Sentinel, Ms. Lydia Berglar. She spoke and stated she has been in Dade County for 8 years and attended Covenant College.

7. Legal Matters - none
8. Unfinished Business – Commissioner Wooten spoke about the movie that is going to be shown at the Dade Co High School auditorium this coming Saturday October 22nd at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 for refreshments and a silent auction. A good part of the movie was filmed in Dade Co. It walks about the problem small communities' face in the south with over population of animals versus the north. It has been reviewed by several named critics. There are several people in Dade co in this movie including Ronnie Page. The producer and editor is flying in for this event. It was a documentary. Every dime of this will go to spay and neuter local pets here. City employees will received 2 free tickets to attend.
9. Citizen Participation – Jennifer Blair spoke to the mural at the city park and has cards with thumbnail pictures of it. She mentioned the mural also wraps around the south end of the building. Heidi Wilson, a local artist and graphic designer has designed souvenirs that include thumbnail imagines of the mural.
10. New Business:
Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Wooten to approve minutes from September Commission Meeting and the Special Called Meeting regarding the 2023 proposed budget and millage rate, the SPLOST items amount for 15K to 20K for Christmas lights after the other quotes are reviewed. One surplus vehicle to move to GovDeals and the BlueLine Solutions for school zone cameras. All in favor.
Motion carried.

12. Executive Session – N/A

11. Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Powell to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Joseph A. Case, Mayor



April Keith, City Clerk