City of Trenton

Minutes

November 8, 2023

At 7pm

Present for the meeting: Henry Baker, Dr. Susan Thomas, Jeremy Strickland, Aaron Moreland, Jack Delancey, William Robertson, Rebekka Aviles.

Quorum Present: Mayor Rodney Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Lew Donaghey, Chris Stringer, and Chelsie Brownfield.

1. The meeting was brought to order at 7:01 pm by Rodney Alexander.
2. Open Forum
   1. Cruz Newberry from Sentry Siren spoke in open forum about the different storm sirens and alerting systems they offer. Discussed if The City went with their system, they would recommend putting one model near the High School and the other model behind City Hall. The batteries for the system would need to be changed every five to seven years. Sentry Siren provides a Warranty for five years after the installation and lifetime technical support.
3. Discussion and action to approve minutes from September 26, 2023, City Council Meeting. Chris Stringer motioned to approve the City Council meeting minutes from September 26, 2023. Chelsie Brownfield seconded the motion, and it was approved with a three for and none against count.
4. Discussion and action to approve the minutes from October 4, 2023, City Council Meeting. Chris Stringer motioned to approve the City Council meeting minutes from October 4, 2023. Chelsie Brownfield seconded the motion, and it was approved with a three for and none against count.
5. Department Reports:
   1. Public Works Director – The Public Works department discussed increasing the line for the new Trenton Elementary School to an eight-inch line. The council discussed trying to increase it to a twelve-inch line instead to help benefit the city and future growth. Trenton ISD’s superintendent Jeremy Strickland was here to discuss if the city would contribute financially for the water line increase. The Council agreed that they would help, and Aaron Moreland from Dunaway DBI will be getting some numbers together on the costs.
   2. Police Department – Chief William Robertson discussed that the City of Trenton was audited on October 27, 2023, by TCOLE. The city is in compliance with TCOLE, and the audit is good for the next two years.
6. Items to consider and act on:
7. Chris Stringer motioned to approve the minutes from October 2, 2023, Planning and Zoning meeting. Chelsie Brownfield seconded the motion, and it was approved with a three for and none against count.
8. Chris Stringer motioned to approve the minutes from September 19, 2023, Economic 4B meeting minutes. Chelsie Stringer seconded the motion, and it was approved with a three for and none against count.
9. Discussion on possible new subdivision, Trenton Creekside. Fieldside Development submitted future project details for Trenton Creekside subdivision. The Council and Public Works Director discussed water/sewer options. The Council would like to move forward with the new development. No action was taken on this item.
10. Discussion and action on the rezoning of property identified as Fannin CAD property ID 94553, commonly known as 303 Augustus, from B2 Business District General R-1 Single-Family Residential. Discussion item was tabled.
11. Discussion and action on variance request from DSH Construction to reduce required lot depth from 110 feet to 100 feet on replat of 303 Augustus. Discussion item was tabled.
12. Discussion and action on replat for properties identified as Fannin CAD Property ID’s 109959 and 120099, commonly known as 309 S Hwy 69. Discussion item tabled.
13. Discussion and review of employee policies and procedures regarding the Leave Without Pay Section (FMLA lite). The Council discussed giving twelve weeks leave without pay when adding the FMLA lite to the policies and procedures. The council wants to have the employees burn fifty percent of their time before using FMLA lite. Lew Donaghey motioned to approve the addition of FMLA lite to the employee policies and procedures handbook with the edits made. Chris Stringer seconded the motion, and it was approved with a three for and none against count.
14. Discussion and action on an ordinance amending Article 9.02, Planning and Zoning Commission, of the City’s Code of Ordinances to revise policies and procedures related to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Lew Donaghey motioned to approve the ordinance amending Article 9.02 of the Planning and Zoning City’s policies and procedures. Chelsie Brownfield seconded the motion, and it was approved with a three for and none against count.
15. Discussion and action Bonham Fire Department Ambulance Agreement with the City of Leonard and City of Ladonia. Lew Donaghey denied the Bonham Fire Department Agreement with the City of Leonard and City of Ladonia. Chelsie Brownfield seconded the denial; the Agreement was denied by Council with a three for the denial and none against.
16. Discussion and action on the Water Supply to property 938 CR 4900. The Council discussed letting the property owner keep the single existing meter and allow Southwest Fannin to keep the service to that meter, but the property won’t be able to get a new meter and the City will not give up CCN for that property. Lew Donaghey motioned to allow property owner to keep existing water meter but not allow the property owner to get another water meter and service to that meter from Southwest Fannin. Chris Stringer seconded the motion, and it was approved with a three for and none against count.
17. Discussion and action on Resolution #533 voting nominees for Fannin County Appraisal District Board Members. Lew Donaghey motioned to give all 45 votes to AJ Self. Chris Stringer seconded the motion, and it was approved with a vote of three for none against.
18. Discussion and possible action regarding paying the bills of the city. Chris Stringer motioned to approve the approval of paying the city’s bills, Chelsie Brownfield seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a three for and none against count.
19. Chris Stringer moved to adjourned at 9:19pm. Chelsie Brownfield seconded the motion, and it was approved with a vote of three for and none against.

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