City of Trenton

Minutes

December 6, 2023

At 5pm

Present for the meeting: Cliff Henry, Aaron Moreland, Cindy Arledge, Dr. Susan Thomas, CJ Fillingham, Rebekka Aviles, William Robertson, Jack Delancey.

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

1. **Call to Order**: The meeting was brought to order at 5:03 pm by Rodney Alexander.
2. **Open Forum**: No one to speak during Open Forum.
3. **Discussion and action to approve minutes from November 8, 2023, City Council Meeting**. Chris Stringer motioned to approve the City Council meeting minutes from September 26, 2023. Lew Donaghey seconded the motion, and it was approved with a three for and none against count with Riley Stringer abstaining.
4. **Department Reports:**
	1. **City Secretary** – Rebekka Aviles the City Secretary discussed an upcoming invoice for a training class for the MCRS Court System. The invoice for the training class will be put on the next agenda to get approval for.
	2. **Public Works** – Mayor Rodney Alexander thanked Andrew Moore from Consulting 073 and Donnie Fonville, the city’s public works assistant for stepping up and fixing a big leak the city had while our Public Works Director Jack Delancey, was in the hospital.
5. **Review previous meeting minutes from November 6, 2023, Planning and Zoning meeting**. The meeting minutes were tabled due to the Planning and Zoning Board not being able to have their monthly meeting and vote on the meeting minutes.
6. **Review previous meeting minutes from October 17, 2023, Economic Development 4B meeting.** Lew Donaghey motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 17, 2023, Economic Development 4b meeting. Chelsie Brown Field seconded the motion, and it was approved by a vote of four in favor.
7. **Discussion and action on replat for properties identified as Fannin CAD Property ID’s 100959 and 120099, commonly known as 309 S Hwy 69 Trenton, Texas.** Planning and Zoning were not able to discuss or act on the agenda item due to them not having a quorum. The property owner Cindy Arledge believes that the amount of Right of Way the City is asking her to put of the Replat is excessive. Aaron Moreland from Dunaway DBI spoke about the Right of Way issue and the Utilities for the property. The Utilities need to be extended by the property owner and should not be on the cities expense to extend. Cindy Arledge wanted it to be noted that the replat has nothing to do with a Pet Crematory. No action was taken, and the agenda item was tabled.
8. **Conduct a Public Hearing on an** **ordinance amending the City’s Code of Ordinance at Exhibit 9A “Zoning Ordinance”, to renumber Articles XIX, XX, XXI, XXII and to incorporate procedures an administration for the Zoning Board of Adjustments at Article XVIII.** Dr. Susan Thomas spoke about the Board of Adjustments set up and the effects of not having the structure would run the risk of Variances being requested and accepted without proper approval. The Board of Adjustments hears all variances and Variance requests would no longer go through Planning and Zoning. The Council would serve as the Board of Adjustments. The mayor opened the public hearing at 5:51 pm. There were no speakers. The public hearing was closed at 5:52 pm.
9. **Discussion and action on recommendation to council on an ordinance amending the City’s Code of Ordinance at Exhibit 9A “Zoning Ordinance”, to renumber Articles XIX, XX, XXI, XXII and to incorporate procedures an administration for the Zoning Board of Adjustments at Article XVIII.** Lew Donaghey motioned to approve Exhibit 9A “Zoning Ordinance” for the Board of Adjustments. Chris Stringer seconded the motion, and it was approved with a vote of four in favor and none against.
10. **Discussion on creating a Right of Way permit form and ROW management Ordinance.** Aaron Moreland from Dunaway DBI spoke about the Right of Way permit and the effects it has on cities because they don’t have an ordinance in place. Dr. Susan Thomas agreed that it would be a good idea to look into getting ahead and starting the process. Dunaway would be the ones overlooking the application and reviewing the plans given to the city. No action was taken.
11. **Discussion and possible action on amendments to Zoning Ordinance Section XXII Description/Definitions of Uses.** No action taken.
12. **Discussion on Tornado Sirens Grant.** Possible two grants are available to help with the costs of the Tornado Sirens. The City Secretary is working with Grant Works to find the best grant for the sirens. The Council would like to move forward with the Tornado Sirens. No action was taken.
13. **Discussion and possible action on the 1991 Fire Engine repairs.** CJ Fillingham reported that he hasn’t got the pricing back on the repairs to the Fire Engine. The Council tabled the action item until we can get repair costs back.
14. **Discussion and action on Texas Tanks repair costs to North Wells Ground Storage Tank.** Public Works Director Jack Delancey reported the North Well Ground Storage Tank needs to be repaired. Aaron Moreland from Dunaway DBI reported that the city will need to go out for public bids on the repairs. Lew Donaghey motioned to go out for public bids and move forward with the repairs to the North Well Ground Storage Tank. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, and it was approved with four in favor and none against vote.
15. **Discussion and possible action on Employee Raises.** Lew Donaghey would like for the city to reach out to surrounding cities to get their pay scale for their employees to have something to compare to. The action item was tabled.
16. **Discussion and possible action regarding paying the bills of the city.** Chris Stringer motioned to approve the approval of paying the city’s bills, Riley Stringer seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a four for and none against count.
17. **Adjournment:** Chris Stringer moved to adjourned at 7:17 pm. Riley Stringer seconded the motion, and it was approved with a vote of four for and none against.

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