Present for the meeting were: Rodney Alexander, Laurie Alexander, Lew Donaghey Miranda Brooks and Melissa Verde, Kim Vollweiler; also present were Charles Ealy, CJ Fillingham, Jessica Stokes, Hugo Verde, Dustin Whitmire, Eddie Daniels, Aaron Moreland, Charles Edwards, William Robertson, and Tomi Shaw.

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Rodney Alexander.
2. Open Forum – Lew Donaghey and Jessica Stokes
   1. Lew Donaghey spoke regarding people complaining about the City, requested that Trenton Economic Development 4A expenditures and checks be put on-line.
   2. Jessica Stokes informed the council she was here to explain and answer questions regarding the information on energy contract for the City.
3. Laurie Alexander moved to approve the minutes for January 6, 2021, Kim Vollweiler seconded the motion, and it was approved by a majority vote.
4. The department reports were reviewed.
   1. Police:
5. William Robertson stated that he is trying to adjust the ETJ region for Trenton to only include the areas in Fannin County.
6. Silsbee Dodge in Sulphur Springs is working on fixing the electrical problems with the Dodge Charger.
   1. Rodney asked a question regarding the fire districts, and was informed of the conflict regarding the old and new map used by dispatch.
7. Economic Development: Melissa Verde moved to approve the budget for the board with Kim Vollweiler seconding the motion. However, Rodney Alexander stated that the budget information was only for review and did not to be voted on.
8. Items to be considered :
   1. Jessica Stokes presented information regarding our current and future rates for energy contracts for the city. Melissa Verde objected to any action being taken on the plans presented and the motion was to table until the February 9th special meeting. Jessica informed us that because electricity is a market commodity, the exact prices and rates change on a daily basis.
   2. Charles Edwards with Resource Management spoke regarding the available grant opportunities of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.
      * 1. Rodney Alexander asked for additional paperwork regarding the grant funds.
        2. These grants are to be included on the agenda for the regular council meeting in March 2021.
   3. Eddie Daniels presented the findings on the water and sewer system capacity for the City moving forward, and presented ideas for expanding the system for future growth.
   4. One option for the city to pay for a new water well and elevated water tank.
   5. Second option is to pay North Texas Municipal Water District to be added to their surface water system.
   6. Lew Donaghey stated that he would start looking or a location for a new well for the City.
   7. Reported that our sewer discharge has reduced dramatically over the last part of last year, although no one can explain for sure why. This helps provide opportunity for additional growth on our existing sewer system.
   8. Discussion regarding what and how developers can pay for new developments moving forward. Lew Donaghey voiced concerns in having to pay for a road bore for the developer. Eddie Daniels stated that most developers pay for all the costs of the development they are building.
   9. Lew Donaghey called for the approval of Ordinance 545 regarding Call for the May 2021 Election. Laurie Alexander seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a majority vote.
   10. Laurie Alexander stated that there has been a problem with chickens getting out of their coop and roaming around in the streets near the school. William Robertson stated that he has spoken with the owners, and they are to be building a bigger coop to contain the chickens.
   11. William Robertson stated that there have been problems enforcing the area of Hwy 121, in front of Chubbs Liquor due to the absence of a sign telling motorists not to make a U-turn into the store. Lew Donaghey asked about a solution to the problem, and William Robertson said he would have to check with Texas Department of Transportation further regarding the problem.
   12. William Robertson presented the council with a resolution regarding the financing of a police vehicle and equipment. Lew Donaghey requested information regarding how much was originally budgeted for the equipment, and requested the motion be tabled and discussed at the special council meeting on Feb 9th, 2021.
   13. Melissa Verde asked about the TEDC process for awarding funds to businesses that are eligible for certain assistance funds. Dustin Whitmire responded that they don’t have a set application or procedure due to the varying nature of the businesses in town. Dustin Whitmire also stated that there had been various discussions regarding how awarding the funds to these businesses would benefit the City. Melissa Verde requested that Tomi Shaw/Jamie Davis develop an application form for this process, and that TEDC establish set criteria be put into place for awarding these funds. Rodney Alexander asked that the item be reviewed and placed on the agenda for the March 2021 council meeting.
   14. Melissa Verde asked about the possibility of someone coming to clean up the trails at the Trenton City Park in regards to feces being left along the trails. The idea of community workers cleaning the trails were discussed, but it was determined that type of position is in short supply. Rodney Alexander stated that he will try and get or encourage volunteers to participate.
   15. The council was informed that Franklin Legal will receive $600.00 for the task of codification of city ordinances.
9. Melissa Verde asked for the City’s bills and financials be given to the council on the Friday before the Wednesday council meeting, for review. Rodney stated that Jamie Davis would provide this information at that time.
10. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The minutes were passed and approved on the 9th day of February, 2021.

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