City of Trenton

City Council Minutes

February 9, 2022

Present for the meeting was Rodney Alexander, Lew Donaghey, Miranda Brooks, Melissa Verde, Laurie Alexander, and John Skotnik. Also present was Pam Trusty, Gary Duncan, Jessica Rushing, Justin rushing, Tommy Stapleton, Jatesd Patel, William Robertson, CJ Fillingham, Glenda hackney, and Jamie Davis.

1. The meeting was brought to order by Rodney Alexander at 6:02 pm.
2. Miranda Brooks moved to approve the minutes from January 13, 2022. Lew Donaghey seconded, and it was approved with a vote of three for and none against.
3. The public hearing was opened at 6:04 pm for the sale of City owned land 205 North Pearl. There was no one present for the public hearing, so it was closed at 6:05 pm.
4. The department reports were reviewed. Jack Delancey will be getting quotes to have a coverage installed to cover the vehicles.
5. Economic Development A and B.
   1. Melissa Verde moved to approve the minutes January 24, 2022, with the correction of Economic A to Economic B. Miranda Brooks seconded and it was approved with a vote of three for and none against.
   2. Lew Donaghey moved to deny the expenditure of $4000 to contribute to the football tunnel for Trenton ISD. Melissa Verde seconded, and it was approved with a vote of three for and none against.
   3. Miranda Brooks moved to appoint Wayne Walters to Economic Development B. Lew Donaghey seconded and it was approved by a vote of three for and not none against. Another person to consider is Stephanie Richey.
   4. Lew Donaghey moved to approve the activities for Economic Development B, Freedom Fest, Labor Day Back to School Bash, Halloween on the square, and Winter fest. Miranda Brooks seconded, and it was approved with a vote of two for and one against.
   5. Lew Donaghey asked John Skotnik to research the expenses and how they can be spent by the economic development funds.
6. Items to be discussed.
   1. John Skotnik spoke regarding the vacancy on the council. There is nothing in the Texas constitution when a city council must fill a vacancy. If the City appoints someone now, then a special election will have to be called adding expense to the election. It is John Skotnik’s opinion the council to wait to appoint someone to the vacancy after the election of May 7, 2022. Melissa Verde moved to table the action. Miranda Brooks seconded, and it was approved by a vote of three for and none against.
   2. Lew Donaghey moved to approve the clean up day for Trenton Sports Association
   3. Gary Duncan stated that Fannin County will be having a rededication of the county courthouse March 10, 2022, at 10 am. The council members are invited and then the mayor is invited to a lunch afterwards.
   4. Lew Donaghey moved to start the process for 14712 South Highway 121, Quick Food Mart. Miranda Brooks seconded, and it was approved with a vote four for and none against.
   5. PIDS and TIRS will be tabled to the March meeting.
   6. The impact fee study will be on the agenda for March.
   7. Lew Donaghey moved to call for an election May 7, 2022. Miranda Brooks seconded, and it was approved by a vote of four for and none against.
   8. The information for the water tower and well financing will be tabled for the March agenda.
   9. Lew Donaghey moved to start using the online time clock. Melissa Verde seconded, and it was approved with a vote of four for and none against.
   10. Melissa Verde moved to approve the term sheet and resolution for the Endo Opioid Settlement. Miranda Brooks seconded, and it was approved with a vote of four for and none against.
   11. Melissa Verde is working on a solution for the budget reports. She will schedule time with the office to review reports and be shown the procedures. McClanahan and Holmes will charge up to $2500 to answer all the questions that Melissa Verde has and make the financial reports look like what a CPA would produce. No action was taken.
   12. Melissa Verde stated that there should be a public hearing for all projects and expenditures for the spending of Economic Development funds. Lew Donaghey moved to add to the regular agenda a public hearing at each meeting and then have it publish in the paper in the allotted time required. Melissa Verde seconded, and it was approved by a vote of four for and none against.
   13. John Skotnik answered the question about calling for an election.
   14. Miranda Brooks moved to pay the bills. Laurie Alexander seconded, and it was approved with a vote of four for and none against.
   15. Melissa Verde moved to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Lew Donaghey seconded, and it was approved with a vote of four for and none against.

Passed and approved on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 2022.

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