

**City of Trenton**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
January 19th, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Calvin Woodrey called the January 19<sup>th</sup> regular Council meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**PRAYER**

Deacon Larry Gronas from Holy Name Catholic Church led us in prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Clerk Laura Daley took roll call; all members of Council were present.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. State Representative Rodney Creech stated that he is available anytime that anyone has questions or concerns. He thanked Council for the opportunity to speak. He explained that he comes from Preble County, and began in local government before moving on to the State level. He appreciates everyone being so welcoming to him and is excited to be working for our district.

Councilman Agee thanked Mr. Creech, stating that he appreciates how available he makes himself and the ease of communication it is in being able to reach him.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the January 5th, 2023 Council Work Session.
2. Minutes of the January 5th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.  
Vice Mayor Perry made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council work session and regular Council meeting, followed by a second by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken; all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Reconciliation of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.  
This is a reconciliation of the law enforcement trust fund that is funds that are obtained through law enforcement and must be spent on certain items within law enforcement. This is showing the funds that were obtained and what the expenditures of these funds will be spent on in the current fiscal year.

**AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. None.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZIMMER TRACTOR TO PURCHASE A 2023 KUBOTA ZD1211-3-60 ZERO- TURN MOWER AT A COST OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND NINETY-FIVE CENTS (16,818.95) AND, FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.

A motion to authorize was made by Vice Mayor Perry followed by a second by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken; 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

## **LEGISLATION**

1. None.

## **REPORTS**

City Attorney Nick Ziepfel had no reports.

City Finance Director Matthew Mesisklis reported that those coming into the City building will see that we are currently under construction adding two service windows for the tax dept. We felt this was a necessary move to be able to better serve our tax customers and to protect our employees at the same time. He just wanted to take a moment to thank Public Works for moving so quickly on this and for their work.

Council Clerk Laura Daley stated that Linsey Hobbs, Tax Commissioner, would be available to meet up at Todd's in the morning and can attend from 8:00am – 8:30am if anyone was interested. She can make herself available to answer any questions for the public and or public. The Mayor then offered that if anyone did take the opportunity to speak with the Tax Commissioner during that time frame, he would purchase them a cup of coffee.

## **AUDIENCE OF COUNCIL**

Councilwoman Harris stated that her husband and herself volunteer for the Shared Harvest pantry, and they are currently in need of more volunteers to pick up groceries from Kroger's on Sunday mornings, she stated if anyone was available to help with this cause, she would get them the details they needed. Councilwoman Combs had no reports.

Councilman Perry wanted to thank Representative Creech for coming in this evening and for keeping communication open between our City and the State level.

Councilman Agee stated that everyone has until January 21<sup>st</sup> to purchase their dog tags for \$14.00. After that there is a \$14.00 penalty added on to the cost.

Councilwoman Montgomery thanked Deacon Gronas for his prayer, stating that it brought another level into what our current state of affairs and what we have been going through the last couple of years.

Vice Mayor Perry gave an update on events at the park, stating that dates have been set for everything from the SpringFest being June 3<sup>rd</sup>, followed by Movies in the Park on June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>. He reminded everyone to get on the website and or Facebook page and vote for the movies of their choice. Then finally that the Fall fest is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Finally, he wanted to restate that we should give the opportunity to appeal our fees and penalties to our Tax board of appeals. So that our citizens have an opportunity to appeal any fees or fines that were imposed to a board of citizens, possibly relieving our Tax personnel of the responsibility. Councilwoman Harris stated isn't that set by the O.R.C. Vice Mayor Perry stated that he believed that local tax regulations were set in our Charter, he is not speaking of anything with State or Federal as those are regulated and cannot be changed by us. Finance Director Matthew Mesisklis stated that anything of that nature would have to be passed by Ordinance as the process is set in our Charter which mirrors that of the State legislation, yet there are general guidelines to what can and cannot be taken to board. City Manager Marcos Nichols stated that he suggests we look at the whole chapter and see where we need to make changes to our Charter as opening an appeals process could really be a huge time commitment for that board or whomever were to be in charge of hearing appeals. A short discussion was had concerning the possibilities and it was decided to speak with the Tax Commissioner to determine if this was something we should consider moving forward with and in which direction to proceed if doing so was something Council wished to do. Mayor Calvin Woodrey thanked Deacon Gronas for praying for us, and then thanked Representative Creech for coming. He spent a lot of time within the city and a lot of our events even before he was assigned to our district. He then wished everyone a safe weekend, wished the Bengals good luck with their game, and then asked for a motion for adjournment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Perry made a motion to adjourn this evening's meeting, followed by a second by Councilwoman Montgomery. Roll call was taken; 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. The regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm