

**City of Trenton**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.

City of Trenton  
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Ryan Perry  
**Mayor**

Calvin Woodrey    Floyd Croucher    Jennie Combs    Dale Perry    Raymond Nichols    Sharon Montgomery  
**Vice Mayor**      **Council Member**      **Council Member**      **Council Member**      **Council Member**      **Council Member**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRAYER**

1. Council-Woman Montgomery

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Perry, Woodrey, Croucher, Montgomery, Nichols, Combs, Perry (7)

Absent: (0)

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Joseph Clark, Trenton Community Improvement Corporation Swearing In Ceremony
2. Brenda Joseph, Accounts Payable Specialist, Swearing In Ceremony
  - a. Matthew Mesisklis provided some background information on the new accounts' payable specialist, Brenda Joseph. Brenda Joseph worked for the Wine County Health District where she has extensive accounting experience. Brenda lives with her husband of 40 years with her 2 dogs and a cat. A mini-Austrian Shepherd, "Olive" and a Shiba Inu, "Kurama" and a cat named "Scoot". She has one son, Eli that is 25 years old and like his father he also graduated from Edgewood High School. Brenda has a lot of family that lives in Trenton, she enjoys scrapbooking, reading, and spending time with her loved ones. She will be starting Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. (Congratulations and welcome to Trenton!)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Work Session.
2. Minutes of the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

**Motion -To approve the minutes of the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Work Session, and Regular Council meeting.**

(Roll Call Vote) 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Mayor- Woodrey \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Montgomery \_\_\_\_\_

YAYS: Perry, Woodrey, Croucher, Montgomery, Nichols, Combs, Perry (7)

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. None.

**AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC**

1. Jennifer Snader- Jennifer Snader spoke on behalf of Goins landscaping at Seven-North First Street. Recently, Rosalyn Goins has received notices and complaints on her door about running their business out of their home and storing vehicles somewhere else. Rosalyn Goins stated that her and her family have lived in Trenton for 8 years, her children go to Edgewood Schools, and she works locally in the community. Rosalyn moved to Trenton because it was a small town and a great place to raise her family, and now her family feels harassed and feels like they are being pushed out of the town. Rosalyn Goins added that there are multiple people in this town; that have small businesses ran out of their homes such as, siding, plumbing and lawncare. Rosalyn Goins expressed that those people do not get notices but have commercial vehicles that need to be moved or do not have permits to run those businesses. Jennifer Snader then provided two pieces of notices, one from January the 24<sup>th</sup> asking for a zoning permit and the other asking for vehicles to be stored elsewhere. Jennifer Snader then asked if a zoning permit is purchased is the situation resolved, or will they need to pay two extra thousand dollars a month to store the vehicles? Jennifer Snader then thanked City Council for listening and asked them to do the right thing.
2. Jennifer Harris- Jennifer Harris shared that the Edgewood Ministerial Association is doing a fundraiser at Edgewood Baptist Church on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. The Church is doing a barbeque dinner and the proceeds from that benefit the Edgewood Ministerial Associations work, the LEAF program which is the “Local Emergency Assistance Fund” which helps people with rent getting their utilities turned back on, goes towards the food pantry which is out of Mount Olivet Church, and services the Edgewood School District backpack program which gives students food after school on Friday to serve them over the weekend. The dinner is February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 from 5:00p.m.- 8:00p.m. \$14. The menu includes pulled pork, grilled chicken, potato salad and baked beans. Jennifer Harris also shared other things such as a workout class called body combat at Trenton Gracepoint Nazarene Church which happens on Saturday mornings at 8:30a.m. Jennifer Harris also shared that on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays the gymnasium is open in the mornings to allow people to walk, be safe inside a warm and dry place. Jennifer Harris then extended an invitation that her and her husband are starting a bible small group out of their home on Sunday, February the 11<sup>th</sup> at five o'clock there will be dinner, videos, and a discussion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. A MOTION TO APPOINT JOSEPH CLARK TO THE TRENTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION.

**Motion – Motion to appoint.**

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Vice Mayor- Woodrey 2nd Mr. Croucher

YAYS: Perry, Woodrey, Croucher, Montgomery, Nichols, Combs, Perry (7)

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

**LEGISLATION**

**Motion - That the item 1 under legislation be read by title only.**

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Vice Mayor- Woodrey 2nd Mr. Nichols

YAYS: Perry, Woodrey, Croucher, Montgomery, Nichols, Combs, Perry (7)

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

1. A RESOLUTION AMENDING, STRATIFYING, AND STANDARDIZING THE MUNICIPAL WAGE SCALE OF THE CITY OF TRENTON. **(First Reading)**

**REPORTS**

1. City Manager, Marcos Nichols
  - a. Request to go back into executive session.

**AUDIENCE OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Croucher- Welcomed Joseph Clark to the CIC, and Brenda Joseph to the City of Trenton.

Ms. Montgomery- Stated that today was a much better day than the other days with the rain not being present and when she looks outside her window she doesn't have to see Lake Earle, Ms. Montgomery is grateful for that and so is her husband. Ms. Montgomery congratulated Joseph Clark for stepping up and joining the CIC, and Brenda Joseph for being hired for her role as an Accounts Payable Specialist. Ms. Montgomery shared some up-and-coming events including her company that is excited to come to Trenton on May the 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be food and fun and a butterfly release which celebrates life. Ms. Montgomery encouraged everyone to participate, Ms. Montgomery concluded by being very thankful for serving on Council, where she has learned a lot, she is appreciative for living in Trenton and the people that make up the City.

Mr. Perry- Thanked the two new employees for serving and working for the City of Trenton. Mr. Perry assured Rosalyn Goins that the matter will be investigated.

Ms. Combs- Thanked Joseph Clark and Brenda Joseph for stepping up and serving the City of Trenton. Ms. Combs also shared that she is celebrating 13 years of being cancer free. (Congratulations!) Ms. Combs encouraged everyone to listen to their bodies and regularly checkup, because the only way to beat cancer is by detecting it early.

Mr. Nichols- Welcomed Mr. Clark and Mrs. Joseph to the City of Trenton. Mr. Nichols added more information regarding the LEAF program. Pastor Keith Reisner has been very instrumental in setting this event up with different churches also being on board with the event, there are four other churches that are committed and hosting the dinner, Mr. Nichols announced.

Vice Mayor-Woodrey- Thanked Mr. Clark for joining the CIC, Vice Mayor Woodrey is always appreciative when citizens step up and assist with committees and boards. Vice Mayor Woodrey wished Brenda Joseph a long and successful career in the City. Vice Mayor Woodrey then congratulated Ms. Combs on being 13 years cancer free, as a cancer survivor, Vice Mayor Woodrey encouraged everyone to go the doctor, get checkups and do not put it off.

Mayor Perry – Welcomed Mr. Clark and Mrs. Joseph to the City. Mayor Perry thanked anyone who steps up and joins a certain board, commission or committee, Mayor Perry encouraged anyone who is interested to reach out and join. Mayor Perry appreciates the people who spoke up during audience of council, Mayor Perry stated that it's the best way for City Council to understand what is happening around the community and encourages anyone to speak up because City Council wants to hear from any resident their comments, questions, or concerns.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Manager, Marcos Nichols, Executive Session Request

- i. To consider confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance and to confer with legal counsel.
- ii. To Purchase of property for public purposes
- iii. To consider the employment or compensation of a public employee.

**Motion – To go into executive session for reasons stated.**

(Roll Call Vote) 1st\_\_\_Vice Mayor-Woodrey\_\_\_ 2nd\_\_\_Ms. Montgomery\_\_\_ Time:\_\_\_7:52 PM

YAYS: Perry, Woodrey, Croucher, Montgomery, Nichols, Combs, Perry (7)  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

**Motion - That the executive session be closed, and the meeting be adjourned.**

(Roll Call Vote) 1st\_\_\_Mr. Perry\_\_\_ 2nd\_\_\_Mr. Croucher\_\_\_ Time:\_\_\_8:40 PM

YAYS: Perry, Woodrey, Croucher, Montgomery, Nichols, Combs, Perry (7)  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion - That the meeting be adjourned.**

(Roll Call Vote) 1st\_\_\_Vice Mayor-Woodrey\_\_\_ 2nd\_\_\_Ms. Montgomery\_\_\_ Time:\_\_\_8:43 PM

YAYS: Perry, Woodrey, Croucher, Montgomery, Nichols, Harris, Combs, Perry (7)  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)