Trenton City Council Meets
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The Trenton City Council met Monday evening. A variety of topics were discussed.

The Trenton City Council last night approved an ordinance Requiring food establishments and restaurants to have an appropriate grease trap or inceptor device to collect Animal and vegetable fats, oils, grease, and solids. It's to prevent them from getting into the waste water system. The traps must inspected and cleaned at the businesses expense, and records kept that are acceptable to the Trenton building inspector, and the t-m-u water and sewer supervisor.

Those requirements are necessary to obtain an occupational license. Violation of the ordinance would be subject to a fine of not more than 500 dollars and/or imprisonment in jail not more than three months, for each day of the violation.

The ordinance carries a deadline of February 1st of next year to be in compliance to avoid penalties. The Trenton Board Of Public Works already approved the ordinance and sent it to the city council.

It's already illegal to place grease down the drain. The ordinance is designed to better enforce it.

Goals include minimizing the chances for sewer backups and reducing the amount of sewer-line cleaning. A TMU newsletter sent to customers this spring also said grease causes piping to be replaced sooner than expected and can lead to a shutdown of treatment plant units.

TMU water and waste water distribution supervisor Kenny Ricketts said the cost of the grease trap or inceptor device ranges from about 700 dollars to 900 dollars plus installation. Ricketts indicated the devices can be ordered locally and installed by a plumbing contractor. Dealing with grease from businesses was described as a first step.

Such places as schools, nursing homes, and the hospital are expected to be monitored. Churches and organizations serving food also could be evaluated.

Trenton Municipal Utilities director Chad Davis mentioned residential customers can reduce the chance of sewer backups up by putting grease in the trash.

The Trenton City Council's administrative committee met at midday yesterday to discuss an existing two hour parking limit on main street between 9th and 13th streets. The committee recommended to the full city council that no changes be made. The full city council last night endorsed that recommendation. The two hour parking limit is from
9 in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon six days a week.

The Trenton City Council, during its last meeting June 24th, approved a request by the North Central Missouri Fair board to allow beer to be sold in the grandstand area during this year's fair. The count was four in favor, two opposed, and two absent.

The two opposed, Jim bush and Kenneth Ewing, last night said they've received a lot of complaints

from others opposed to allowing the beer.

Trenton Mayor Nick McHargue, following Ewingâ□□s comments, said he's not been inundated, although he's received some comments. Doctor McHargue said maybe we run in different circles.

Also during the discussion, councilman Chuck Elliott Indicated people have carried alcohol into grandstand events in the past, now it will be enforced and the beer served in identifiable cups.

Much later in the meeting ,after various reports and discussion, former Trenton city councilman Gary Hurst was recognized for attending the meeting. Hurst voiced support for the council granting the North Central Fair board's request to allow beer to be sold at the grandstand area.

Trenton park board president Don Altes attended the meeting and expressed a desire to work with the city council and other entities . He described Trentonâ□□s park system,
park department employees, and park board as excellent.

After being questioned by mayor mchargue about the status of fund raising efforts for the proposed Moberly park tennis court project, Altes said two members of the fund raising committee resigned and another did not get reappointed to the board. Altes indicated he'd get a committee involved at the next park board meeting.

The deteriorated tennis courts at Moberly park were removed with plans to someday have a single tennis court, Basketball hoops, and a hitting wall at that location when funds are available. Altes told the city council a nine hole disc golf course also is planned at Moberly park.

Altes also was asked whether the park board and fair board have met regarding future plans. Altes said the two groups have met separately with green hills regional planning director randy Railsback, but no combined meeting of the park board and fair board has been scheduled yet.

Park superintendent Jason Sshuler said a rescheduled garden tractor pull is this Saturday and a rescheduled tractor pull is in mid august .

Shuler also suggested consideration be made to obtaining a couple of small bleachers that can be moved to various sites for events. He mentioned they need to be able to fit into small places.

Among other discussion, Trenton mayor mchargue expressed concern about potential fire damage from floating luminaries used during fireworks displays. He suggested the administrative committee look at that issue.

Although a lot of people have been taking brush to the Street department for disposal, mayor mchargue said there are piles of brush all over town. He indicated some people
Do not have the ability to take it to the street department. Mayor mchargue suggested burning it. Trenton fire chief rick Morris, later in the meeting, said persons should check with the fire department before burning brush.

Police chief Tommy wright said members of the police department did a great job dealing with fireworks and homicide investigations. The fire and police departments investigated what fire chief Morris called an illegal fireworks operation. Morris indicated the investigation resulted in a lot of very dangerous things kept off the streets.

Community development director Ralph boots said persons wishing to sell items at the Trenton farmers market may contact him and he'll get them in touch with the market.

Mayor mchargue said, when Conagra has a spill, the company reports it to the Missouri department of natural resources. He suggested Conagra also announce it publicly.

City administrator Kerry Sampson said Conagra has a new plant manager whom the city will be working with.

Building inspector Donnie Vvandevender said the final needed signature has been obtained regarding demolition projects to be done. The work is partially funded with a community development block grant. He indicated work is ready to move forward.