

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Hooker, Mohme, Woods, Zurliene, Sims All Present

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Attorney Tim Palen, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Mike Conley, Officer Alex Wilken.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones stated that the newspaper reported police activity involving a sexual assault that happened here in Trenton. This was not a random act committed against someone of the general public. If anyone has any questions regarding this case Mayor Jones directed them to Chief Palen.

Chief Palen recently met with the other first responder leaders and plans on keeping that dialogue going. Mayor Jones wants the public to know that the ambulance and fire departments are independent of the City.

Pictures of the progress at the wastewater treatment plant were passed out. Mayor Jones applauded the Council on taking a risk that has paid off. That risk being the hiring of Kurt Wehrle and trusting him when he said that he could do the work on the wastewater treatment plant that would save the city money in the long run. The City spent the money on equipment necessary to do the job and Mr. Wehrle has proven the naysayers wrong. To date we have saved \$190,000 and when the project is completed we will have saved between \$450,000 and \$500,000 by doing work ourselves. Mayor Jones is proud of the Council, of Kurt, and of the public works department. Everyone benefits from this savings. Yes, rates have been raised, but this savings prevents us from raising them more.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Hooker asked if we were ready to meet with the swim team to set prices for this summer. Staff is ready so Alderman Hooker will call a meeting for next week.

There was more discussion about the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Brimm explained that the first pay request has been submitted and staff would like to open a separate account for the loan money. This would be the recommended way to handle this money. It would be a temporary account which would be closed upon completion of the project and final audit of the loan. No one objected. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Palen said that it is tax season therefore it is fraud season. The IRS will not call you, nor will they show up at your door. There are several scams that are going on right now. He urged everyone to be aware.

Chief Palen asked the Council if they had any policy regarding the level of insurance required by organizations that use the meeting room at the police department. He has had some inquiries lately and it seems that the most common minimum coverage is \$1 million dollars of general

liability. Chief Palen asked if the Council was fine with that level or if they preferred another level. Mr. Brimm will check with our carrier to ask what they recommend.

Mr. Brimm met recently with Don Williams of the Park Boosters. They would like to have Perm-A-Green come out to the park and perform maintenance on the landscaped areas in front of the pool and near the flag poles. This would be paid for by the Park Boosters. No one had any objection.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that there will be a planning commission meeting on February 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to hear 4 issues. First will be reconsideration of the Northgate Subdivision. The developer has agreed to take water and sewer under the highway to that subdivision. Second will be the second addition of the 4J Subdivision. This property falls within the one and one-half mile radius of the City limits. Third will be a zoning classification from SR1 to B3 at #3 Harmony Lane. Currently that property is outside of City limits but is for sale. The property is on City water and our Code states that it must annex into the City upon change of ownership. The current owner wants to get the zoning in order prior to selling the property. There has been a business at that address and the current owner is marketing that property as a potential business site. The fourth item is a subdivision northeast of Crackerneck and Venhaus Roads. This too falls within the one and one-half mile radius of the City.

Mayor Jones had one more issue to discuss with the Council. He passed out a photograph of a business that put up a sign on the road on the south side of town. The sign is not up to code and is placed on a public right of way. Mr. Brimm reached out to the business owner to discuss this and was not well received. No permit was obtained for this sign. Another business in town recently installed an electronic sign. They went through the proper channels and obtained the proper permits. After much discussion the Council feels this business owner needs to comply with our code. Mr. Brimm was directed to proceed with enforcement.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Regular Council meeting, the Treasurer's Report from December 2016, the Bills from January 2017 and the Payrolls from January 2017.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Woods made a motion to Award a Bid for Asbestos Abatement and Hazardous Materials Disposal at 801 E Broadway to Talbert ICS in the amount of \$27,000.00 to be paid from the revolving loan fund. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. Work is expected to begin March 1, 2017 and take 10 days. The building will be demolished prior to the end of Mayor Jones' first term.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Environmental Consultants, LLC Task Activity #2 for Project Oversight Services at 801 E Broadway in an Amount not to exceed \$6,500.00 to be paid from the revolving loan fund. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Hiring Norman Wiggins as Pool Manager at a Salary of \$3,000.00 for the 2017 season. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Hiring Wes Wright as Assistant Pool Manager at a Rate of \$10.00/hr for the 2017 season. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Hiring Justin Goff as Assistant Pool Manager at a Rate of \$10.00/hr for the 2017 season. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Zurliene made a motion to Approve Hiring Antonette Ross as concession Stand Coordinator at a Salary of \$2700 with an additional \$25 per day for Weekend Day Special Tournaments for the 2017 season. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Hiring Marsha Schlesinger as Baseball/Softball/Umpire Coordinator at a Salary of \$2600 for the 2017 season. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

The park fund has a positive fund balance and Mayor Jones gave kudos to Alderman Hooker and the Community Coordination Committee for that. Mayor Jones went on to say that the City could partner with the park boosters to complete some projects in the park. Mr. Brimm would like to see some attention given to the Nut House Park. New playground equipment is badly needed there. Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Purchase of Attachment Bucket for Skid Steer from Titan Attachments in the Amount of \$1,699.00 to be paid from the park fund. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that Terry Calvert of Metal Properties (313 E Broadway) has come to him with a request to have his redevelopment agreement amended. Mr. Calvert has discovered that the addition to his building was not properly tied into the building and to fix this he will require considerable additional work. A quote was provided from RWK Remodeling in the amount of \$18,778.52. Mr. Calvert is asking for \$11,267.11 to be added to his agreement. This amount represents 60% of the cost. The Council felt that Mr. Calvert didn't know of this problem in advance and therefore his agreement should be amended. One Alderman suggested paying this at only 40%. Mayor Jones cautioned to take each of these on a case by case basis. A policy needs to be put in place to safeguard the TIF money. The Council agreed to amend the agreement at 60%. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

Mr. Brimm has another request for an amendment to a redevelopment agreement. When Jim's Men's & Boys had their new front door installed it altered the floor inside the shop. To replace the floor, underlayment, and some of the wall at the door would cost \$11,170.00 installed. A 60% reimbursement would be \$6,702.00. The original agreement had a three year payback. If this amendment is approved, Mr. Brimm suggests stretching out the payback to a five year period. No one objected and this will be on the next agenda for approval.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chamber of Commerce Dinner/Dance/Auction is February 25, 2017. Tickets are \$15 each. Please let Doug know right away if you are interested in attending. He has tickets.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk