

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MAY 22, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Hooker, Mohme, Sims. Woods and Zurliene absent

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Mike Conley, Officer Mora, Scott Clark, Jim, Jameson and Jeremy Rakers, and Mark Brown

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

BUSINESS PRIOR TO PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Jones appointed Andrew Weh to the open position of Alderman Ward 2. Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the Appointment of Andrew Weh to Alderman Ward 2. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, Woods and Zurliene absent. Clerk Buzzard swore Alderman Weh into office.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Clark addressed the Council regarding the golf cart ordinance. He would like to have that expanded to include side-by-side vehicles. Mayor Jones has had this request and as long as these other vehicles meet the same requirements as golf carts he was not opposed to the expansion. We will present an amended ordinance to the Council for review.

Alderman Woods entered the meeting at 7:07p.m.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that he and Chief Palen met with the field representative from the FOP last week to discuss the second in command position. Right now the ball is in the union's court. Hopefully we will have something to present at the June 12th meeting.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones said that we recently received the tax levy from the County and there was an increase in the equalized assessed valuation, therefore the property owners of Trenton will only see a reduction of 7.68% in property taxes for 2016. Keep in mind; this is only the City taxes, not the overall tax bill. There are many taxing entities on your property tax bill. Over the past four years the City has reduced property taxes by 28% and the Mayor is proud of that fact.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Mr. Brimm met this morning with the engineer and contractor for an update on the wastewater treatment plant. They are still 21 days ahead of schedule. The reactor tank is finished and the slab for the filter building is being poured. Concrete work for the UV structure is being done and piping from the lagoon to the flow splitter is being installed. There is a hold up with Ameren on the power upgrade necessary but this is not expected to cause delays. Everything is going well.

Officer Weh and Chief Palen have rescheduled the Wesclin DARE Dash 5-K for Saturday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2017 regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Resolution #05222017 Approving the Final Plat of Four-J Subdivision 2nd Addition. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Purchase a Used Pipeline Inspection Camera System from Midwest Vac Products, LLC in the amount of \$89,551.00. Second Alderman Sims. This would be paid 50% from Capital Improvement and 50% Sewer Fund. There was much discussion about the use of this equipment.

Alderman Woods left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call: Hooker, yes, Mohme, yes, Sims, yes, Weh, yes, Woods, absent, Zurliene, absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Brimm met recently with the new owners of Pizza Market. They have cleaned the restaurant and now plan an extensive gut job on the interior and major upgrades to the exterior of the building. Bids were obtained from DAL and Paget, but Paget's bid did not include any work on the exterior of the building. The total project cost is estimated at \$172,372.61. ADA improvements would be capped at \$25,000 and the total reimbursement would be \$110,383.57 to be paid over the remainder of the TIF, which is seven years. Mayor Jones stated that he has heard positive feedback on the downtown projects that have been paid for with TIF dollars.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that the property located on the southeast corner of N. Adams and 2nd street, commonly known as 216 N Adams, was previously the site of a single wide mobile home. That has been removed and the owner of the property has passed away. The new owner has put the property up for auction unsuccessfully, and now they would like to donate the property to the City. Mr. Brimm stated that there is a big trunk line for the sanitary sewer that runs along there, so this may be of interest to the City. Additionally, the City has a grass cutting lien on the property in excess of \$1100.00. Superintendent of Public Works, Wehrle also informed the Council that there is a storm sewer just off the road so if we obtain this property it would give us easy access to that sewer. Alderman Hooker stated that this lot sits low and would be a good place for water retention. No one on the Council had objections to accepting the gift. Attorney Palen will check further into any liability on the City's part for accepting the gift.

Alderman Hooker asked if there was any progress with the property on 3rd Street. Mr. Brimm said no, that Attorney Palen is working on that.

Mayor Jones called for a brief recess. The meeting recessed at 7:48 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:58 pm. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods (absent), Zurliene (absent).

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Hooker made a motion to enter into closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, Woods and Zurliene absent, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:58 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:02 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods (absent), Zurliene (absent).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Brimm announced to the Council that bids for the parking lot at Broadway and Walnut were opened on Friday. We hope to award the bid at the next Council meeting. Tomorrow HMG Engineering will be out to stake the property and storm sewer work will begin either late this week or next week. The City will be doing the storm sewer work.

For the next meeting Mr. Brimm hopes to have an ordinance amending the parking on Main Street just north of Broadway to modify the parking from diagonal to parallel. We would lose at least 2 spots. The City would like to do the same on Washington just north of Broadway. This may result in the loss of 8 spots, but would increase visibility in the crosswalks. Mr. Brimm asked Alderman Hooker for his suggestions for layout of these intersections. Alderman Hooker has worked on many streetscape projects in the St. Louis area. The parking lot is an idea that came from the Economic Advisory Committee and will benefit not only residents but visitors to our City.

Mayor Jones wanted the Council to know that no money has been paid out to Terry Calvert from the TIF for his property on Broadway because that business is not open to the public yet. Mayor Jones appreciates the Council's support of our businesses and hopes that will continue.

Annexation notices for the Begole property are being worked on. Property on the south side of the highway is being annexed in its entirety so that is easy. Property on the north side will need to be surveyed because not all of the property is being annexed. Once legal descriptions are finalized notices will be published. Hopefully this will be up for a vote by the end of June.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, Zurliene and Woods absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk