

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 12, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Hooker, Weh, Woods, Zurliene. Mohme and Sims absent.

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Attorney Palen, Mike Conley, Officer Wiebler, Doug Ratermann, Scott Clark, Jim, Rakers, John & Eva Newell, Alexandria Hunter, Brad Holtgrave, Steve Lane, Lester Rakers and Mark Brown

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Clark, Mr. Lester Rakers, Mr. Lane, Mr. Holtgrave, and Ms. Hunter were all here to speak in favor of allowing 4-wheelers and side-by-sides on the City streets, and to allow those that live outside City limits to operate their 4-wheeler and side-by-sides on City streets.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones read an official statement in response to a recent letter to the editor of the Trenton Sun authored by Ms. Schott. The mayor's statement clarified that a Freedom of Information Request (FOIA) is a request for records and that the Act states that records do not have to be created to satisfy a requestor. Ms. Schott's FOIA requests asked for general information, not records. Ms. Schott also is asking for compensation from the City of Trenton, not the taxpayers. Mayor Jones pointed out that the taxpayers and the City of Trenton are synonymous. To her point regarding discussions in closed session, Ms. Schott retained an attorney who sent correspondence to the City on behalf of Ms. Schott. State Statute allows the City to discuss pending or probable litigation in closed session. The City of Trenton has done everything to assist Ms. Schott and we have complied with all of the laws we are governed by. We will continue to work with her.

Mayor Jones gave kudos to the park boosters for a successful Booster Bash this past weekend. The weather was good and the tournament was well attended. The revenue generated by the boosters will go right back into the park. Thank you to the park boosters.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Weh commented that he heard a lot of positive comments on the booster bash. It is a quality tournament.

Alderman Woods thanked the City for their part in making the tournament a success.

Alderman Hooker stated that Ms. Schott did pay for sewer service, and that the City should look into her bill. Mayor Jones asked Alderman Hooker on which date did Ms. Schott cease to get service. Until we know that, how can we adjust any bill? Attorney Palen agreed. How do we establish exactly when we reimburse her? Alderman Woods stated that the City sewer was there, her private line was not hooked up to it, so the City service existed the whole time.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Clerk Buzzard announced that Wesclin Homecoming Parade will be in Trenton this year on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 5:30 pm. The Illinois Department of Transportation has a new format for the resolution that is required to be passed and Clerk Buzzard will have that prepared for the next meeting.

The audit is complete; at least the portion requiring them to be on premise, and everything has gone well.

Mr. Brimm has received the Certificate of Substantial Completion from Dollar General. They took possession of the building on Thursday and will open next week.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Mohme and Sims absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda included the minutes of the May 15, 2017 Special Meeting, the minutes of the May 27, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, the Bills for May 2017, the Payrolls for May 2017 and the Treasurer's report for April 2017.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1668 Approving Agreement Between City of Trenton and 'Pizza Market' for Tax Increment Finance Proceeds. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Mohme and Sims absent. Motion Carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Award Bid for East Broadway Parking Lot to KRB Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$88,596.50 to be paid with TIF funds. Roll call: Weh, yes, Woods, yes, Zurliene, no, Hooker yes, Mohme, absent, Sims, absent. Jones, yes. Motion carried. There was a lengthy discussion about improvements to the downtown area with this parking lot being the first project. There will be more parking issues brought before the Council in the upcoming months.

Attorney Palen passed out a copy of the statute that governs alternate vehicles on public roads. Our current ordinance allows only golf carts. The statute breaks the types of vehicles into four categories. The City has very little ability to alter the types of vehicles allowed but we do have control over which types of categories to allow and which roads to allow them on. There was a lengthy discussion about which categories of vehicles to allow and what restrictions the City would be able to impose. Everyone seemed comfortable with allowing side-by-sides and 4-wheelers but not dirt bikes. The majority of the people at the meeting tonight were from out of town and asked that the Council allow those outside City limits to ride their alternative vehicles in town. We currently require a sticker to be purchased by residents which is the City's way of making sure the vehicle is compliant with our ordinance. This was discussed at length. Jim Rakers, who is on the Clinton County Board, was in attendance and when asked, said that the County currently does not have an alternative vehicle ordinance. The Council did not have any objections to non-residents riding their vehicles on the City streets as long as they purchase a sticker like the residents do.

NEW BUSINESS

Hank's Bowl will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on September 23, 2017. They plan to have a live band on Saturday night and kids activities during the day. They would like to close Illinois street from Friday afternoon to Sunday at noon. They would not block Tempo bank entrance and would accommodate as best as they can Moss Funeral Home. All activities on the street will need Council approval, as well as serving alcohol outside the premises. The Council will prohibit glass outside. Alderman Weh asked how one controls where the alcohol is taken. That would be self-patrolled just as a church picnic or event in the park would be. These items will be on the next Council meeting agenda for action.

Mr. Brimm has published a notice of annexation for the Begole property on the west side of town. The terms of the annexation are; property tax abatement as long as the property remains undeveloped, for parcels five acres and larger farming, burning, and the discharge of firearms would be permitted. On July 10, 2017, just prior to the regular Council meeting there will be an annexation hearing.

The next property that has applied for annexation is the New Life Christian Center property. Our water and sewer line extension north of New Route 50 will cross a part of their property and they have agreed to annex with the following conditions; the road that leads onto their property would become an extension of N. Monroe street, they have asked for relief from our noise ordinance, they would like to continue with their archery program, burn, and there is the possibility that they would put in a three lot subdivision so they would like to have water and sewer tap fees waived. Mr. Brimm and Attorney Palen will draft an annexation agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Jones stated that the police department needs two vehicles, and he asked Chief Palen to put together the maintenance history of the police fleet, the cost of Tahoes vs. Impalas and the training that is needed in the police department. Mr. Brimm reviewed the maintenance history of the current police fleet. Chief Palen passed out a list of minimum training required by the Illinois Police Standards Board. He discussed equipment that needs to be replaced and some equipment that the department doesn't have. He knows that not everything will be done in this fiscal year but his highlighted list totals \$56,982.50. Therefore he would like to establish a vehicle rotation cycle and that too is why he is looking at the less expensive vehicles at this time. Alderman Weh asked what the \$56,000 would buy. Chief Palen stated that about 60% of that total would be building modifications and security related items. Equipment and training make up \$20,000 to \$25,000 of the total. Mayor Jones wants the Council to move forward with the vehicle purchase because that will dictate the balance of the budget discussion. There was a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of Tahoes vs Impalas. Alderman Hooker made a motion to Authorize City Administrator to Enter into Purchase Contracts for the Acquisition of Two Chevy Impala Police Vehicles and Equip Said Vehicles in an Amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, Mohme and Sims absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones informed Mr. Brown that the City has talked with the police shop steward. At this time we are waiting to hear back from them.

With the Council now having all seats filled there will be some adjustments to the Committee appointments. Mayor Jones said the finance committee will be chaired by Alderman Woods, with Alderman Weh and Alderman Sims. A finance committee meeting will be called for next Monday at 6:30 pm to review the budget.

Mr. Brown gave to the Mayor two American Flags from Mary Lee and the VFW Ladies Auxiallry.

Mayor Jones called for a brief recess. The meeting recessed at 8:59 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:07 pm. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme (absent), Sims (absent), Weh, Woods, Zurliene.

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 and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining. Second Alderman

Weh all yes, Mohme and Sims absent, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 9:07 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:242 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme (absent), Sims (absent), Weh, Woods, Zurliene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Hooker said that his mother is not doing well and that he may need to go to Florida.

Alderman Weh said that this week and into the weekend is the Gator Classic Baseball Tournament. Twelve teams are participating.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Mohme and Sims absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk