

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 26, 2017

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods, Zurliene (absent).

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Attorney Palen, Mike Conley, Officer Wiebler, Jim, Rakers, Mark Brown, Sandy Glanzner, Sarah Tebbe and Craig Johnson

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Jones congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Brimm on the birth of their daughter Hannah Elise born this morning. Baby and Mom are doing well.

The City has received correspondence from another attorney retained by Ms. Schott in relation to her ongoing sewer issue. There will be no more discussion about this matter in open meeting.

A water leak was discovered in the line that feeds the concession stands. The leak was right in front of diamond #3, and has been repaired. The concrete in that area still needs to be replaced but everything else has been fixed. Superintendent Wehrle said that there was no visible sign of a leak because the water was entering seep tile which drained into the storm sewer.

The public works department has started to use the new camera system recently purchased and found two major issues with the sanitary sewer. At Adams and Iowa near the alley the ferro pipe has slipped, and at Kentucky and Main there is about a 20 foot section that goes down, under water, and back up. In addition there is a bad tap. All together repairs are estimated to be \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00 and should be completed in the next week.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mayor Jones informed the Council that the two Impalas purchased for the police department are here and being outfitted. The cost of the vehicles was just over \$13,000.00. We hope to have them both marked and on the road next week. All in, two vehicles cost \$15,000 which frees up money to be used to purchase other equipment.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Hooker said that he had a meeting with Mr. Brimm and pool manager Norm Wiggins to go over some concerns. The meeting was constructive, probably the best meeting since 2011.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Superintendent Kurt Wehrle said that St. Mary Church has asked to close the street for their church picnic from Friday to Sunday. The picnic is always the last Saturday in July. In years past they have closed part of a street for just the time of the picnic. No one objected but would like more details. Which street and from what time on Friday to when on Sunday.

Sarah Tebbe with HMG Engineering gave an update on the wastewater treatment plant. There have been no major changes. The contractor is buttoning up the main building, work continues

on the headworks and the terminal lift station. Mayor Jones asked when public works needs to get back to doing their part at the plant. Ms. Tebbe said that by the end of July the contractor should be ready. The project is still three weeks ahead of schedule.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda included the minutes of the June 12, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes of the June 19, 2017 Finance Committee Meeting, Ordinance #1669 Establishing Prevailing Rate of Wages, and Resolution #06262017 Wesclin Homecoming Parade.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve Closure of Illinois Street 12:00 pm on Friday, September 22, 2017 through 12:00pm on Sunday, September 24, 2017 for the Hank's Bowl 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Allow Consumption of Alcohol Outside of Hank's Bowl on Saturday, September 23, 2017. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried.

Residents have contacted some of the Aldermen with concerns about allowing 4-wheelers on the streets. This was discussed at length at the Finance Committee meeting last week. The main concerns are safety, property damage and evading police. Another concern was not being able to identify who is driving and whether the vehicle has a permit issued by the City. The current golf cart stickers are a small square decal. A larger more visible decal was discussed. Clerk Buzzard will check into what is available and costs. The discussion continued around whether we could restrict those that live outside City limits from operating their golf carts and side-by-sides on City streets. Attorney Palen has indicated that no, we can't. It was then suggested that the permit fee for those living outside City limits be more than the fee for residents. This is done with all of our recreation fees, so why not for this too.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Finance Committee met last week and progress was made on the budget. As part of the budget discussion, some pieces of equipment for the public works department were discussed. Superintendent Wehrle would like to purchase a 24 inch bucket, narrower than the current one, for the upcoming project to get water and sewer to the bore site at Route 50. This narrower bucket would save us money in the long run by not moving as much dirt, and in turn not needing as much fill rock. The next piece of equipment needed is a dial-a-grade laser. This will keep the pipe straight and to grade from manhole to manhole for the sanitary sewer. We have never needed one in the past because we have always hired out the installation of sewer lines. The next piece of equipment is a vehicle lift to assist with vehicle maintenance. This really is a matter of safety for our employees with the type of work they do to maintain our fleet of vehicles. Cost for that would be between \$5,000.00 and \$7,000.00. The last item to discuss is the purchase of a 1992 single axle dump truck from Sugar Creek Township. We anticipate this to cost in the \$3,500.00 - \$5,000.00 range. All of these items can be paid for from the Equipment Fund. No one objected and they will appear for action on the next agenda.

The Park Boosters have approached the City and would like to remove the five concrete picnic tables that are in the park and replace them with the coated steel ones similar to the ones near diamond #1. They have asked that the public works department remove the concrete tables and the concrete pads they sit on. The Park Boosters will replace the concrete pads and place the new tables. Superintendent Wehrle asked when this is to be done. The public works department is extremely busy, and will it only be tearing out? What about back fill, moving dirt, etc? These projects always end up being more than what is originally indicated. Alderman Woods said that

the membership of the Boosters are not willing to do this work so they got bids for the concrete, which came in much higher than anticipated. Therefore, the project might not even happen. Mayor Jones said that the City is willing to work with the Boosters and we will continue to help, but the Boosters need to lay out exactly what they want of the City. We need to prioritize because of the number of projects that we have going on right now.

The discussion moved to the roofs of the pavilions, concession stand and pool bath house. All of these roofs need to be replaced and the small capital improvement fund can be used for this. We anticipate the total roof project to exceed \$20,000.00 therefore this will need to be bid out.

#### **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 Woods all yes, Zurliene absent, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 8:34 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:01 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods, Zurliene (absent).

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1670 Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Trenton Public Works Department. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones said the employment agreements on the agenda will be tabled tonight.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, Zurliene absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk