

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING JULY 24, 2017

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7:01 p.m. at City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods, Zurliene, All present.

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Interim Police Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Mike Conley, Mark Brown, Al Rigdon, Ryan Venhaus, Scott Clark, Jim Rakers, Lance Litteken, and Gene Norber

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**BUSINESS PRIOR TO PUBLIC INPUT**

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2018. Mr. Brimm reviewed that the appropriations ordinance is more in line with our actual budget for this year and not as inflated as prior years. This is done with the intention of moving to a budget system. No one from the Council nor the public had any questions. Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried. The public meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1679 Making Appropriations for the Corporate Purpose of Trenton, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2017 and Ending April 30, 2018. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Rigdon spoke to the Council regarding the problems with our trash hauler. This weeks misses were, according to the company, due to an illness by a driver. Mr. Rigdon said that is just another excuse. He wanted to know if there were provisions in the contract dealing with this. Mr. Brimm stated that the contract does have provisions if there is a material breach, and we will work to address these issues. Mr. Rigdon hopes we don't revisit old patterns.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

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Alderman Hooker stated that when it rains the entrance to Dollar General retains water. Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle stated that the ditches are deep enough; they just need to be regraded so that the water drains into them. That is the responsibility of the developer to complete.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Interim Chief Joellenbeck presented the Council with pricing to outfit the white Tahoe if the Council decides that they want this vehicle to be used as a patrol vehicle. The first option includes camera system, radar, computer mounts, gun racks, cages and power supply for a total of \$8,775.00. The second option includes computer mount, gun racks, cage, power supply and a LIDAR unit instead of radar for \$4,145.00. Mayor Jones stated that the cost to outfit this vehicle

would not be a problem with the budget. It was decided to outfit the vehicle with the second option.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Mohme 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 July 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes of the July 17, 2017 Special Council Meeting, minutes of the July 17, 2017 Finance Committee Meeting, Resolution 07242017 Approving Trenton Fest Parade, and a motion to Allow Liquor Sales in the Trenton City Park on September 8-10, 2017 for Trenton Fest until 12:30 a.m.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Brimm has reviewed with Attorney Heiligenstein the formerly drafted ordinances for alternative vehicles. Some prohibited crossing points were added. Mr. Brimm reviewed with the Council a spreadsheet he created outlining surrounding communities and what they allow. The Council agreed that they would like to set a minimum age of 18 years for operation of these vehicles. Most of the Council is in favor of side-by-side vehicles, with most opposed to 4-wheelers. There was much discussion about the fees and it was agreed that residents will pay \$25.00 per year and nonresidents will pay \$50.00 per year. It was suggested that the Chief of Police do the inspections, and after discussing that further it was decided that the Chief will sign off on the completed inspection form prior to obtaining a permit from City Hall. Mayor Jones opened the discussion for public input. Ryan Venhaus read a prepared statement in favor of the side-by-sides. There were more questions and clarification about the inspections.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Jones and Mr. Brimm have met with Gene Norber of Economic Development Resources, LLC and asked him to come to the meeting tonight to talk with the Council. Economic Development Resources created the City's current Tax Increment Financing District and also our Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Jones has asked Mr. Norber to put together a plan for 2 TIF districts and 2 business districts. Mr. Norber has presented the City with a phased approach for accomplishing this. First he will perform an analysis to determine if the proposed areas are eligible for TIF or a Business District. He will present his findings and if eligible, he will ask the Council for the OK to proceed with the plans. Then he will prepare the ordinances to create either the TIF or Business District (or both). The contract for EDR's services can be paid with TIF or Business District funds. Mayor Jones stated that this process would take six to nine months and would include Mr. Norber meeting with the other taxing bodies involved. Alderman Woods wanted to know if there were any further costs. Mr. Norber said to create these districts, no. Mayor Jones stated that the Capital Improvement Fund could lend money to the second TIF and when tax money is distributed to that TIF then it could pay the Capital Improvement Fund back. Another option would be to transfer money from our current TIF to the second TIF. This can only be done if the two TIF Districts are contiguous. Mr. Brimm pointed out the two areas that are under consideration. One is the area from the four way stop north to encompass Deien Chevrolet. The second is on the west side of town and will encompass the ground that we are currently annexing. Mr. Norber informed the Council that a Business District assesses up to a 1% additional sales tax on all sales within the district and in turn that money is used to grow further development within the district. He stated that the big question is where to draw the lines. His firm will be working on those details. Mayor Jones said that we need to lay the framework for economic development. Past Councils have not concentrated on that and the only way to grow Trenton is through economic development.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve an Agreement with Economic Development Resources, LLC in an Amount not to Exceed \$85,000.00 Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Purchase of 1992 Ford F7000 from Sugar Creek Township in the Amount of \$,250.00 to be paid from Equipment Fund. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried.

**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, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining, and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body. Second Alderman Woods all yes, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 9:03 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:09 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods, Zurliene. All present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk