

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 14, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, August 14, 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, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Officer Anjeles Mora, Mike Conley, Scott Clark, Jim Rakers, Jim Brefeld, Gavin Hill, and Carie Boulanger

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones stated that as part of his recent campaign platform he promised to work on code enforcement. In the past couple of weeks more than twenty violation notices have been sent, and code enforcement will continue to be a priority. We have already seen improvements resulting from the letters that have been sent even to the extent that some elements have moved out of town.

In an update on Ms. Schott's sewer situation, Mayor Jones informed the Council that everything has been turned over to our insurance carrier. The maximum that this will cost the taxpayers is \$2500 because that is the maximum that is allowed to be paid out. The tort liability fund is supported by taxpayer dollars. There is no liability on the City at this time. If that were to change Mayor Jones will let the Council know.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Hooker called a Community Coordination Committee meeting for next Monday at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this pool season.

Alderman Woods wanted the public to know that the Council stands behind City staff in the code enforcement efforts that have taken place. All residents want a better place to live. Mayor Jones agreed stating that City Hall takes the brunt of complaints from residents. He believes this is what the residents want. The health and safety inspections were the first step, now we are taking more steps.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Interim Chief Joellenbeck announced that school starts tomorrow. He wants everyone to be aware of bus stops and to take caution while driving near Trenton Elementary and watch for pedestrians in crosswalks.

Interim Chief Joellenbeck passed out for inspection the new door hangers and vehicle stickers that are being used for code enforcement. There was discussion about how this has been received by the homeowners. The goal here is compliance, not citations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Zurliene absent, motion carried. The consent agenda included the minutes of the July 24, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, bills for the month of July, 2017, payrolls for the month

of July, 2017, Treasurer's Report for the month of June, 2017 and Appointment of Jim Kniepman to Trenton Plan Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A discussion about allowing non-highway vehicles on City streets was opened again. Mr. Rakers and Mr. Clark are both in favor of side-by-side vehicles being allowed. Alderman Woods is against this because the manufactures of these vehicles have warnings right in their owner's manuals stating they are not to be operated on public roadways. He went on to say that this Council has done many things in the name of safety and he doesn't understand how the Council could go against manufacture's warnings. Alderman Sims agreed with Alderman Woods. Mayor Jones agreed that these vehicles should not be driven down the highway, but we have already approved golf carts which are not as safe as a side-by-side. Trenton is a rural community, and this is something that makes Trenton desirable. If this doesn't pass Trenton will be the laughing stock of Clinton County.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1680 Authorizing the Operation of Certain Qualified Non-Highway Vehicles on Streets Under the Jurisdiction of the City of Trenton. Second Alderman Weh. Roll Call: Hooker, yes, Mohme, yes, Weh, yes, Sims, no, Woods, no, Zurliene, absent. Motion carried.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Mr. Brimm informed the Council and the public that there was a report of missed trash pick-up from the 10 through the 300 blocks of N. Cedar. He has a call in to Joelle, our rep at Republic Services to see how they plan to resolve this problem. Mr. Brimm was informed of several other locations that were also missed today. He will inform Joelle of those also.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1681 Approving a Side Letter of Agreement to the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Trenton and the Fraternal Order of Police, Trenton Union No. 792. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1682 Approving a License Agreement Between the City of Trenton and Ameren Illinois. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion Authorizing Purchase of Equipment for 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV from Ron Whiteside Communications in the amount of \$2,135.00. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried. This will allow this vehicle to be used as a backup patrol vehicle.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Authorize the Purchase of Handheld LIDAR XLR from Stalker Radar in the Amount of \$1,785.00. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jones said that with the downtown parking lot progressing he would like to discuss parking in other areas of downtown. He would like to see the parking on N Main from Broadway to 1st Street changed from diagonal to parallel. The intersection of Broadway and Main is dangerous. He would like to do the same on N. Washington. A schematic showing these parking changes along with bump outs, or pedestrian islands, at those intersections was passed out to the Council. Doug Ratermann with HMG Engineering explained the schematic and stressed this is not a final product. Something was needed as a starting point for discussion and planning. There was much discussion about those particular intersections and the safety of them. Alderman Woods would like to restrict parking just east of the CC FoodMart exit onto Broadway. HMG

will look at possibly un-stripping one or two parking spots there. No one objected to HMG moving forward with plans for these intersections and starting to get things moving with Illinois Department of Transportation. Mr. Brimm wants to include the 10 block of S. Madison in the list of restricted parking areas. This is quite often used to que drivers into Dairy King's drive through, but when someone is parked there the que ends up in the driving lane.

Mayor Jones said that during the budget discussions he asked staff to remove the revenue from vehicle license fees. He asked the Council their thoughts on eliminating that tax altogether. They are all in favor. The next question is what to do about the dog/cat tags. Mr. Brimm met with Don Dieters of Clinton County Animal Control and the County requires all dogs to be vaccinated against rabies. He stated that Trenton is the only municipality in Clinton County that has a local animal vaccination requirement. After some discussion it was decided that Trenton would no longer require dogs and cats to be registered at City Hall. If the police encounter a lost dog they will scan it for a chip or call Animal Control.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund is requiring all members with elected officials as participants to re-certify that the elected officials meet the hourly standard of work set by the municipality. For Trenton that would be 1000 hours. The Council agreed to re-certify. A resolution will be on the next agenda for approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jones announced that the general fund surplus year-to-date is just under \$100,000.00. All is on track.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Woods 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 Weh all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 8:28 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:48 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods, Zurliene (absent).

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk