

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 28, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Officer Anjeles Mora, Mike Conley, Jim Brefeld, Brett Benhoff with HMG Engineering, Deb and Kevin Wellen, and Tina Litteken

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Brett Benhoff with HMG Engineering gave an update on the wastewater treatment plant. In the last 30 days the non-potable water system has been installed, the blowers are in the tank, the HVAC system has begun to be installed, soffit and fascia have been installed, walls are up and drywall is going up also and site piping has begun to be installed. In the next 30 days the aeration equipment will begin to go in. The filters are ordered and believed to be in Chicago. Flooring will go in the lab building and Ameren is expected to power up the control building tomorrow. We are still ahead of schedule with construction. Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle stated that his department will finish grading of the lagoon tomorrow. Then rip rap will go in. He explained how he fixed a seepage problem which saved the City from having to submit a change order, in turn saving money.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Brefeld turned in earlier today a bid for electrical work at his building on Broadway. Mayor Jones stated that this bid along with the other documents that Mr. Brefeld has previously submitted will be put together into a redevelopment agreement for the Council to review. Mr. Brefeld was aware that no decision would be made tonight, but was concerned that this would throw off the process of having a decision in two meetings. Mayor Jones assured Mr. Brefeld that a decision would be made at the meeting following the discussion of a redevelopment agreement.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones informed the Council that Mr. Brimm is unable to attend the meeting tonight due to a death in the family. Mayor Jones wanted to address two issues he has heard on the street. First, the cost of the parking lot on Broadway is not half a million dollars. In actuality it is less than half of that, and when everything is complete actual costs will be presented to the public. The second issue pertains to the drainage of the newly installed ADA ramp at the crosswalk near Kunz Carpentry. The City was aware of that problem prior to being notified by a business owner and the contractor that installed the ramp has already agreed to correct the problem. This will be done at no expense to the taxpayers.

Mayor Jones stated that the fund balance report for July month end indicated a general fund surplus of \$120,000.00. The majority of spending is behind us for the year as summer is when the park operates and most of our projects are taking place.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Hooker met last week with Norm Wiggins, Doug Brimm and Karen Buzzard to discuss the pool season. He will call a Community Coordination Committee meeting in mid-September

to discuss the results of this recent meeting, but he wanted the Council to know that Mr. Wiggins did an outstanding job.

Tina Litteken wanted the Council to know Norm Wiggins did a fabulous job this year at the pool. Everything was 100% positive. The pool was clean and safe.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Interim Chief Joellenbeck said that only one non-highway vehicle license has been sold and one citation has been issued for a side-by-side that was not licensed. Interim Chief Joellenbeck has been working hard on training and will also work to put together a police activity report for the public.

Superintendent Wehrle reported that last week Berco Construction, a contractor for AT&T, bored through our main water transmission line. The problem was fixed by our public works department but 17 residents had to be on a water boil order for a couple of days. The public works department did some exploratory digging to better locate our line along Illinois street to avoid Berco doing this again.

Attorney Heiligenstein wanted to discuss the IMRF resolution that is on the agenda tonight. He informed the Council that the IMRF board is now requiring all municipalities that have elected officials who participate to re-certify that the elected official actually works the hourly standard for that municipality. For Trenton that would be 1000 hours per year. He went on to say that if an official claims they work the hours and doesn't this is a class 3 felony. If IMRF investigates and suspects fraud this would be turned over to the Clinton County States Attorney and it would be up to him to prosecute. The Clinton County Board did not re-certify, neither did the City of Carlyle elected officials. Attorney Heiligenstein recommends amending the resolution to certify the clerk position only.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin Wellen presented to the Council his argument for wanting a variance to build a detached garage. Mayor Jones informed the Council that Mr. Wellen's building application for the garage was denied because he did not meet the setback requirements set in our Zoning Code. Mr. Wellen then chose to submit an application for a variance. A hearing was set and noticed and the Wellens presented their case to the Zoning Hearing Officer last week. The Zoning Hearing Officer's decision is to deny the variance. Alderman Hooker would like to see the ordinance that sets the setback requirements. He feels the zoning code is designed more for new construction. He would like to call a meeting to discuss this further. He went on to cite several variances that have been granted throughout town. Attorney Heiligenstein asked the Council if they wish to overturn the decision of the Zoning Hearing Officer. Mayor Jones agreed that the zoning code needs to be looked at. Actually the whole code book needs to be updated and put online so that it is accessible to the public. Alderman Woods said that zoning is done for a reason and that variances should only be issued very sparingly. Mayor Jones informed the newer Council members that in just the past couple of years we have moved away from a Zoning Board to a Zoning Hearing Officer who is an attorney so that our code is adhered to and everyone is treated fairly. If the Council wishes to change the code that can be done, but right now you need to decide if you wish to override the decision of the Zoning Hearing Officer. Alderman Hooker and Zurliene indicated that they would override the decision. This will be on the next agenda for an official vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1683 Amending the Parking Rules for the City of Trenton. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1684 Repealing Article I, Section 39-1 through Section 39-1-12 of Chapter 39 of the City of Trenton Code of Ordinances. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1685 Amending Chapter 3 of the City of Trenton Revised Code of Ordinances. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Resolution #08282017 Defining Elected Officials' Participation in IMRF as amended. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, motion carried. The amended resolution removed Mayor and Alderman as positions that qualify for participation in IMRF. This would leave only Clerk as qualifying for participation.

NEW BUSINESS

A private donor would like to purchase a scoreboard for diamond #2 at the park. This diamond is used mainly for junior high school baseball. The donor has asked that the City install the scoreboard. Alderman Woods would like to see a sketch of the scoreboard and where it will be installed. He also asked what else would be required of the City. Superintendent Wehrle said that he has talked with the donor and the City would be responsible for complete installation. The Council cited the shed that they allowed the Wesclin baseball team to put at the park. It turned out to be completely different from what was approved, and they do not want a repeat of that situation. More details will be brought to the next meeting and a vote will be taken then.

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, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 8:15 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods, Zurliene. All present

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk