

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, September 25, 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, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, , Officer Alex Wilken, Mike Conley, Jim Brefeld, Joe Heiligenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Wilken, Officer Brett Wiebler, Chief Meinhardt, Sergeant Ryan Weh, and Kelly Ross of the Breese Journal

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Jones attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Hank's Bowl this past weekend and said that it was well attended. He presented them with a proclamation. Congratulations to Hank's Bowl.

Mayor Jones authorized an emergency purchase of a line freeze kit last week to make repairs to a water line valve which supplies water to the wastewater treatment plant. The City has a kit which will freeze up to a 2" line; this purchase will enable us to freeze up to an 8" line. This purchase will be paid from the Infrastructure fund.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Clerk Buzzard thanked the Council for allowing her to attend the Illinois Municipal League conference last week in Chicago. She learned quite a bit and encouraged all of the Alderman to attend next year.

Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle stated that the rip rap should be finished up tomorrow at the wastewater treatment plant. Korte & Luitjohan has one more manhole to dig, and the balance of the work to be completed is inside the buildings. Mr. Wehrle says that he feels they are still on schedule to be up and running by Thanksgiving.

Chief Joellenbeck also attended the IML conference in Chicago. He too learned a lot. Chief Joellenbeck reported that all of the officers have completed their annual firearm qualification.

City Administrator Brimm talked of social media sessions that he attended while at IML. He has had on reserve a facebook and twitter account for the City of Trenton. He would like to present a draft social media policy for Council's approval at the next meeting.

Mr. Brimm also reported that while at IML he met with our representative from Republic Services. They know that we are not happy with the quality of service lately. Mr. Brimm met today with a route supervisor and we have been assured that qualified drivers are on our routes. We were also told that there are two drivers on Friday for recycling because of the volume of

recycling Trenton puts out. Additionally, if City Hall gets a call for a missed pick-up, we now have the route supervisor's cell number to call directly to him, not to customer service.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, motion carried.

Mayor Jones said that most of the money for the new scoreboard has been raised privately. The authorization to install it will be continued until the next meeting when we hopefully will have more specific details about what the City's part will be.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Alex Wilken to the Position of Patrolman. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried. Clerk Buzzard swore in Patrolman Wilken.

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve the Purchase of Utility Locator from Midwest Municipal Supply in the Amount of \$1,827.78. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried.

Mr. Brimm presented to the Council a proposed redevelopment schedule for 23-29 W Broadway. The project includes exterior sealing/painting, an overhaul of interior electric, and relocating of 7 water meters from the basement to an area outside. The total of quotes obtained came to \$20,050.00. In keeping with the 60% reimbursement amount of previous agreements the total reimbursement would be \$12,678.00 paid over four years for \$3,169.50 paid per year. Mr. Brimm pointed out that this project would not net any increase in the EAV (equalized assessed value) but would improve the appearance. There was some confusion about the extent of the electric work and it was suggested by Attorney Heiligenstein to have Mr. Brimm, Mr. Brefeld and the electric contractor meet to get clarification on the scope of work.

Mr. Brimm had one more redevelopment agreement to discuss with the Council. This one would be for 491 E Broadway or Trenton IGA. Harry Becker would like to replace all refrigeration/freezer units and replace the condensers too. The quotes obtained total \$83,422.38 and with the same 60% reimbursement as with other agreements then the total amount reimbursed to Mr. Becker would be \$50,050.43 over a period of five to six year. This too is a project that has no impact on EAV. The question was brought up about spending TIF dollars on equipment. This is not an improvement to the building. It was explained that if the equipment is a permanent fixture of the building then it qualifies for TIF. Mayor Jones pointed out that there is a difference between the value of the property and the value of the business. The Council needs to take into consideration sales tax and jobs. It was suggested that this project be reimbursed at a lower percentage or set a fixed dollar amount to be reimbursed. Alderman Mohme would like to see more included in the project such as flooring or exterior work. Attorney Heiligenstein suggested that Mr. Brimm reach out to Mr. Norber for clarification on what TIF dollars can be spent on.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mike Conley said that the "Ask an Addict" event held Saturday in the park went very well. He estimated about 100 people attended. He thanked Alderman Hooker for attending and also said that Laura Joellenbeck spoke to the group as a nurse. When asked when the next event is scheduled, he stated nothing has been planned yet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk