

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2017

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, October 9, 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 Alex Wilken, Mike Conley, Jim Brefeld, Brad Hummert of HMG Engineering and Kelly Ross of the Breese Journal

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Jones informed the Council that there will be a flurry of activity over the next few meetings in regard to acquisition of property and annexations.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Hooker recognized Clerk Buzzard for the consistency of her minutes. They are always good.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Chief Joellenbeck gave the police activity report for the month of September. Sixty nine citations were issued: 29 were on US Hwy 50, 6 resulted from traffic crashes, 1 DUI arrest from a traffic crash and 1 civil citation from a traffic stop for drug paraphernalia. Ninety six written warnings were issued for the month, 6 of them were city ordinance warnings.

Chief Joellenbeck informed the Council that he attended training today on Crime Index Reporting.

Superintendent of Public Works, Kurt Wehrle, reported that the line freeze kit recently purchased has been returned. When using it for the first time the public works department encountered some difficulty with the line not freezing with the amount of CO2 that was recommended. When Mr. Wehrle contacted the company with his problem they informed him that the specifications were written for metal pipe and we have plastic pipe. To use this kit on plastic pipe would take considerably more CO2 and considerably more time. It was decided for the additional cost to operate this kit we would just hire this out. Alderman Weh questioned whether there was a kit designed for plastic pipe. Mr. Wehrle talked of a line stop machine that would run around \$62,000.00. Mr. Brimm and Mr. Wehrle will work on putting together numbers to determine whether acquiring this machine would be cost effective.

The lagoon is being filled right now by pumping water from the creek. City water may be used to fill the reactors when we get to that point.

City Administrator Brimm informed the Council that he reserved a facebook account and twitter account in the City's name shortly after he came on board. He has researched the social media policy of surrounding communities and the general consensus is that the social media is used to direct traffic to the municipal website. If someone gets out of hand the municipality reaches out to that person privately, and content is only removed from the site if it is vulgar. Mr. Brimm stated that a social media policy for employees and elected officials needs to be in place. One is

being incorporated into the revised employee handbook. After some general discussion Mr. Brimm was given the go ahead to go live with the accounts.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda included the minutes of the September 25, 2017 Regular Council meeting, the Bills for the month of September 2017, the Payrolls for September 2017 and the Treasurer's Report for August 2017.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Superintendent Wehrle said that Bill Dunning has brought to him all of the details for the scoreboard to be installed at Diamond #2. The City would pay for concrete and do the installation. The concrete was estimated to cost about \$300.00.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Authorize the installation of a Scoreboard at the Trenton Community Park not to exceed \$500.00. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Jim Brefeld presented to the Council an updated quote for electric work for his building at 23 W. Broadway. Mr. Brimm stated that he has met with Mr. Brefeld and Mr. Brefeld is not willing to do anything beyond just painting of the exterior of his building. Mr. Brimm has also met with Mr. Brefeld's electrician to decipher what amount of the work pertains to the commercial portion of the building and what amount is for the residential portion. Mr. Brimm said that there are five residential units and four commercial units, therefore roughly 44% of the building is commercial. If using the formula of 60% reimbursement then take 44% of that to eliminate the portion that is residential. There was a lengthy discussion about maintenance versus upgrade and how to figure the reimbursement. It was decided to not reimburse anything toward the painting of the building and to give 60% of the electric and plumbing for the commercial portions of the project only. Mr. Brimm will prepare a draft agreement for the next meeting for review.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Brad Hummert with HMG Engineering informed the Council that bids for roofs and siding on various buildings in Trenton Park and the Library were opened last week. Three total bids were received and the low bidder was D. E. Martin Roofing with a bid of \$72,886.00. HMG recommends awarding the bid to D. E. Martin Roofing. The bid will be awarded at the next meeting. The contractor has expressed concern about the bid specs requiring completion of the project 20 days from award. The City's goal is to have the project complete for the 2018 park season. Additionally, we would like to coordinate the work at the library to minimize disruptions. The discussion turned to the dugout/concession stand at the main diamond and the structural soundness of that building. Mr. Hummert will prepare a statement and come to a future meeting to review that with the Council.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

City Administrator Brimm met with Harry Becker of Trenton Foods, Inc. to discuss expanding the scope of work for his redevelopment project. Mr. Becker is not willing to pursue any other improvements beyond refrigeration. Mr. Brimm confirmed with Gene Norber that this is a TIF eligible expense. Mr. Brimm reminded the Council that this project would have no net increase in EAV and asked for their guidance in how to proceed. Alderman Woods said that there is value in the jobs this business provides and the business itself is a value to our community. He is in favor of the project but possibly reimburse at a lower percentage than other agreements. Mayor Jones cautioned against turning TIF into corporate welfare. The Council has set a threshold of 90% reimbursement for life/safety items and 60% reimbursement for blight/EAV items. Maybe a third level should be established and some parameters such as jobs creation/retention and length of years in business could be considered. Mr. Brimm will work on putting something together.

The Council was comfortable with reimbursing Mr. Becker 50% of his project over a five year period. Mr. Brimm will have a draft agreement for the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Brimm explained to the Council that the Engineering firm did not correctly design the 3 phase electric needed at the wastewater treatment plant and they have reimbursed the City for that portion of Change Order #3. Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Change Order #3. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried.

The 2007 Chevy Impala has a blown cam shaft. That vehicle was taken out of service and used for parts for the remaining Impalas in our fleet. We have salvaged all that we can and would like to surplus this vehicle. If we get no takers, then we will scrap it.

Mayor Jones wanted the Council to know that the financing of the city park/library roofing/siding project will be with the Small Capital improvement fund and then the line of credit. The Capital Improvement fund can be used for any overage.

Mr. Brimm was approached by the President of the Chamber of Commerce. They would like to host a Queen of Hearts drawing here in Trenton. Mr. Brimm has talked with our attorney and we would need a raffle ordinance on the books to allow this. He will have a sample ordinance for review at the next meeting. Chief Joellenbeck asked where this drawing would be taking place. He was under the assumption that only a Legion or VFW could host these drawings. The Chamber has said that it would be held at Jailhouse Rock. Chief Joellenbeck asked whether the City of Trenton was prepared to handle the issues that may arise; parking, drinking, fire marshal. It was decided to have someone from the Chamber come to a meeting to inform us of their plans.

Clerk Buzzard brought up for discussion the use of “deduct” meters for outside water faucets. Currently we have a formula for calculating sewer adjustments for filling of swimming pools. For any other water usage that does not enter the sewer system adjustments are handled on a case by case basis. We have been getting more and more requests for reasons such as lawn watering. This proposed “deduct” meter would be registered at City Hall and the resident would be responsible for bringing the meter in to be read once a year and only one time per year would an adjustment be given. Ms. Buzzard will get more details and bring them to the next meeting.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to enter into closed session citing 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body and 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Pending or Probable Litigation. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, Zurliene absent. The Council entered closed session at 8:25 p.m.

The Council reentered the regular meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods, Zurliene (absent)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jones informed the Council that there had been a water line issue at Frank Kunz’s which has been resolved. Mayor Jones asked Mr. Kunz to direct his letters to the Mayor and not at any of the City employees.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, Zurliene absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk