

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 6, 2015

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Kohlbrecher, Rosen, Westbrook, Woods, Zurliene all present.

Also present were City Attorney Doug Gruenke, Chief Mike Jones, Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Public Works lead man Brett Therion, Kelly Ross of the Breese Journal, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, JD Brandmeyer, and Gary and Carol Schwend

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Jones read a proclamation, proclaiming January 13, 2015 “Fire Chief Gary Schwend Day” in Trenton.

**INPUT FROM RESIDENTS**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Jones stated that several of the council members were not present at the last working session when our audit was reviewed. Auditor Annette Hipkiss gave the City a favorable review and said that the finances were improved over previous years. Fiscal year-to-date the City has about \$215,000 in surplus funds in the general fund.

Mayor Jones informed the Council that the City has received from Tom Peppenhorst a letter of his intent to retire. As a result, per the collective bargaining agreement, notification has been given that the City will be looking to hire a Superintendent of Public Works. This position will be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. The timeline for the search for a Superintendent was reviewed. Mayor Jones made it clear that this move was in no way a reflection on the job that Brett Therion has done. He has done an unbelievably good job in a sometimes difficult situation. All public works employees are eligible to apply for this position. This would be a non-union position yet according to the collective bargaining agreement will be able to work alongside the public works employees. Mayor Jones said that he appreciates the service of Tom Peppenhorst and a retirement party will be had in his honor.

Mayor Jones stated that petitions were not filed for all of the available seats on the Council for the upcoming election. As a result of the turnover on the Council, Mayor Jones has decided to shuffle the committees. Effective immediately they are as follows:

<b>Finance</b>	Woods	Zurliene	Kohlbrecher
<b>Public Works</b>	Zurliene	Woods	Rosen
<b>Public Safety</b>	Woods	Westbrook	Rosen
<b>Community Coordination</b>	Kohlbrecher	Westbrook	Rosen
<b>Planning &amp; Economic Development</b>	Zurliene	Woods	Kohlbrecher
<b>Personnel</b>	Woods	Zurliene	Westbrook

## **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Kohlbrecher asked if there had been any movement on the built up roof on City Hall. City Administrator Brimm has contacted Engelmann Contracting but due to the weather he has not been here. Mr. Brimm is still waiting to hear from other contractors. Mr. Irwin with Conklin Roofing has responded and will give us an estimate for repairs and also for a polyvinyl covering that will last for a lot of years. As Mr. Brimm gets that information he will bring it to the Council.

## **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Chief Jones stated that with the cold weather if anyone needs assistance staying warm they are to call City Hall or the Police Department and we can open a warming center.

Mr. Brimm informed the new Community Coordination Committee that the City's waste hauling contract is due to expire this summer. He will be working with the committee to send out requests for proposals and review of the received proposals.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Kohlbrecher made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This includes: minutes of the December 2, 2014 Regular Council Meeting, minutes of the December 8, 2014 Council working session, minutes of the December 22, 2014 Council working session, Treasurer's report for the month of November 2014, Bills for December 2014, and Payroll for December 2014. Second Alderman Westbrook, all yes, motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Kohlbrecher made a motion to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Karen Buzzard to the office of City Collector for the term of one year. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen to review the wastewater treatment plant plans in the amount not to exceed \$8000. Second Alderman Kohlbrecher, all yes, motion carried. This is to be paid from the general fund.

Alderman Rosen made a motion to approve inspection of N Oak Street bridge by Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CLOSED SESSION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Rosen made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk