

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were City Attorney Tim Palen, Chief Mike Jones, Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Kelly Ross of the Breese Journal, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Officer Ryan Olier, Officer Chris Joellenbeck and family, Officer Ryan Weh and family, Officer Ralph Owens, New Baden Officer Bruce Rapien and K-9 Officer Fedor.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones welcomed all of the police officers in attendance tonight and individually presented commendations to the officers involved in a 2014 meth lab bust here in Trenton. Mayor Jones reviewed the course of action leading up to and including the arrest and conviction of five persons. Commendations were presented to Trenton Police Officers Joellenbeck, Olier, and Weh. Commendations were also presented to New Baden Officer Rapien and K-9 Officer Fedor for their assistance. In addition, a \$250 check was presented to Officer Rapien for the New Baden K-9 DARE.

Mayor Jones and Chief Jones presented awards to Officer Joellenbeck for 2014 traffic enforcement activity, to Officer Olier for 2014 drug enforcement, and to Officer Owens for 2014 alcohol enforcement.

Chief Jones and City Administrator Brimm then presented to Officer Weh a certificate for DARE Instructor Training Graduation. He completed this training last fall and will be assisting Officer Joellenbeck with educating the middle school students at Wesclin beginning this week.

Mayor Jones extended a sincere thanks to the police department. He stated that they have been in the spotlight and questioned by the public recently, but Mayor Jones is proud of the work the police is doing and feels that the taxpayers are getting a fair share for their dollar. Opinion will always be met with facts; it is hard to dispute facts. Trenton will continue to work with New Baden and other jurisdictions to fight crime. Mayor Jones thanked Chief Jones on his oversight of the department.

INPUT FROM RESIDENTS

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones informed the Council that he has talked with Congressman Shimkus regarding grants for the wastewater treatment plant and Mayor Jones was directed to USDA Rural Development. This is an avenue that we have already pursued. Trenton is not eligible for federal aid because the income level of our residents is too high. Mayor Jones asked if any special appropriation could be made for us and was told basically, no. He is now left with talking with our state representatives, and although that has been done once, Mayor Jones will do it again. At

the conclusion he will make available on our website all of the e-mail correspondence from these conversations.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Kohlbrecher has had more residents contact him about the articles in the paper regarding police ticket activity. There was a lengthy and lively discussion about this.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that the reservoir work has been completed. The joint leak that we knew we had was grouted, but it did not hold so we are working with the engineers for a remedy. The last time the reservoir was drained was in 1991. Over time sediment collects and Mayor Jones authorized the removal of this sediment at a cost of about \$3,000. At no time were the residents in any danger from this sediment. Our water is tested all of the time and is safe to consume. The next phase of this project is to drain, inspect and clean the water tower.

Staff met today to review the applications for Superintendent of Public Works. There are two highly qualified applicants and they will be interviewed this Friday.

Mr. Brimm reached out to Todd Peek with TWM Engineering for an update on the review of the wastewater treatment plant plans. Mr. Peek stated that document review will be completed early this week and a draft report should be complete by end of the week.

As a follow up to the discussion held at the last working session about the City accepting credit/debit cards, the general consensus was to go with GovPayNet. Mr. Brimm said that he was approached by a representative of FCB bank who said that they could beat the rate quoted by GovPayNet. FCB is putting together a proposal and Mr. Brimm and Ms. Buzzard will meet with both other banks in town this week to discuss this with them. Mr. Brimm will ask them to attend the next work session to present to the Council. Per Attorney Palen, we can move forward with the hearing required prior to selecting a vendor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Zurliene made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. This includes: minutes of the January 6, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, minutes of the January 12, 2015 Council working session, minutes of the January 26, 2015 Council working session, Treasurer's report for the month of December 2014, Bills for January 2015, and Payroll for January 2015, not December 2014 as stated on the agenda. Second Alderman Rosen, all yes, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Kohlbrecher made a motion to approve Resolution 020315 Authorizing Participation in State of Illinois Surplus Property Program. Second Alderman Westbrook, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Rosen made a motion to approve Ordinance 1597 Amending Section 1-2-109 of the City of Trenton Revised Code Setting Forth the Position, Duties and Responsibilities of the Superintendent of Public Works in the City of Trenton. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve Ordinance 1598 Approving a Side Letter of Agreement to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Trenton and the

Teamsters, Automotive, Petroleum and Allied Trades, Local Union No. 50. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jones stated that we received a large amount of IPTIP revenue in January. He would like to have January month end numbers for the next work session. He stated that we are on track for a large surplus this year. He recognized the Council for their budget and the city staff for their conservancy. Next year's budget discussions will begin soon and again we will put together a conservative budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Kohlbrecher announced that the Chamber of Commerce will have a gun raffle for a Browning trap gun and 12 cases of Winchester shells. Tickets are \$20 each and the raffle will take place at the Trenton Fest in September. Tickets are still available for the Chamber Dinner/Dance/Auction March 7th at Jailhouse Rock.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rosen, all yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk