

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING JULY 7, 2015

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Woods, Zurliene, all present.

Also present were Chief Mike Jones, Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Attorney Tim Palen, Linda Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Riley, Justin Venvertloh of TWM Engineering and Doug Rattermann of HMG Engineering

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Jones congratulated the Trenton Library on their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He read an e-mail from a resident complimenting library director Linda Richter on her professionalism.

Mayor Jones then read and presented a proclamation to retiring New Baden Police Chief Mike Riley. Wednesday, July 8, 2015 is Chief Mike Riley Day in Trenton.

**INPUT FROM RESIDENTS**

Resident Linda Evans said she was continuing her complaints from March. She feels that the previous Council brushed her off and she wanted to address the new Council with the hope that they would do something. She feels that the City code has been ignored and there are problems with junk in yards, cars parked for long periods of time with expired plates, homes with tons of cats, dogs poop not being picked up by owners, and litter and cigarette butts in front of 7-West. Mayor Jones agreed with the dog complaint. He also informed Ms. Evans that the city does not have the financial resources to have a full time code enforcement officer. Our policy is that if a complaint is made then action is taken. Attorney Palen explained that there is a process that needs to be followed for entering properties and time must be given to homeowners to come into compliance. It may seem that nothing is being done. Another problem is that what you perceive to be junk the homeowner may not. Mayor Jones said that Ms. Evans touched on another issue. In Trenton upwards of 30%-40% of residents rent. They are not homeowners, and therefore do not take the pride in their property that a homeowner would. We currently do not require occupancy permits, and every time we discuss that issue every landlord in town storms City Hall objecting. Mayor Jones said that we are doing the best we can with the resources we have.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Justin Venvertloh with TWM Engineering was called upon to give an update of the drainage study being done in the northeast quadrant of town. Mr. Venvertloh said that the field survey of the area is complete and he thanked Mr. Wehrle and his department for digging up inlets that were found as part of the survey. An open house was held tonight and was very well attended.

The next step will be to analyze the system and pinpoint the problem areas. Mr. Wehrle stated that the storm sewers are not as bad as he originally thought. Mr. Brimm said that 12 to 15 manholes have been discovered and added to our GIS system. Mr. Venvertloh said that he believes the main trunk line is large enough. The feeder culverts are not large enough to get the water to the main line, therefore there is surface flooding. He will have a report by the end of the month and will include a prioritized list of recommended updates.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Zurliene made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This includes: minutes of the June 2, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, minutes of the June 8, 2015 Council working session, minutes of the June 22, 2015 Council work session, Treasurer's report for the month of May 2015, Bills for June 2015, and Payroll for June 2015. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The first item on the agenda, a release agreement with Nick and Shannon Bridges, was tabled.

Mr. Brimm explained that the park board originally reduced the salary of pool manager Trey Gibson because he would be gone for two weeks of the summer. Then, due to enforcement of a policy set by the park board, staff felt they were overtaxed and the park board recommended increasing Mr. Gibson's salary. Now there is an issue with the length of time the pool will be open. The park board advertised Memorial Day to Labor Day, but Mr. Gibson has indicated that he will be leaving for school by August 20, and that all of the lifeguards will also be gone by that date. Mr. Wehrle said that this is becoming unacceptable. The residents expect a service and now we are finding out that no one will be available to provide that service. Mayor Jones said that the Council will have to take a more active role with the park board in running of our recreation programs. The community coordination committee will be tasked with that. For now, the agenda item to increase the salary of Mr. Gibson will be tabled.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1612 Making Appropriations for the Corporate Purpose of Trenton, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2015, and ending April 30, 2016. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve the Neptune Service Agreement for meter reading software in the amount of \$1505.00. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the Microcomm Service Agreement for one year in the amount of \$2125.00. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2014 Chevy Tahoe PPV from Kansas Highway Patrol in the amount of \$20,500. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve Resolution #70715, Wesclin Homecoming Parade. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve DeLaurent Chip Spreading Quote for this year's MFT road oiling program in the amount of \$12,319.00. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Doug Rattermann of HMG Engineering passed out material sheets for the storm sewer drainage project at S.Oak and E. Indiana. He reviewed differences in this list and the one previously

presented. Mr. Rattermann explained that now the trunk line will be brought into the road to avoid crossing the main water transmission line and residential taps. The new storm sewer will be low enough that it can be expanded in the future if the Council wishes. With putting the trunk line in the road it was discovered that a portion of what we know as S. Oak Street is actually an alley that belongs to KMK. The City has maintained that section as a road for as long as anyone can remember, and later, on tonight's agenda is approval of a dedication of that portion back to the City by KMK.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the expenditure for purchase of Materials for S. Oak/E. Indiana Drainage Improvements not to exceed \$80,000 to be paid from TIF. Second, Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve purchase of Traffic Control Devices from Warning Lites of Southern Illinois in the amount of \$2593.34. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1613 Accepting Land Dedication for Use as a Public Road (S. Oak Street). Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Library Boards Recommendation to Appoint Jeannie Brines to fill vacancy created by Ramona Schmidt resignation from the Library Board. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Hiring Dennis Sellers as Part-Time Mechanic at a Rate of \$20.00 per hour not to exceed 999 hours each calendar year. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jones said that we will be working more on the wastewater treatment plant, and also have further discussions about the Jailhouse project.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk