

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Officer Anjeles Mora, Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Attorney Tim Palen, Kelly Ross of the Breese Journal, Phil Schmitt, Diane Jones and Robert Gass

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones presented Chief Mike Jones with a plaque celebrating his 25 years of service on the Trenton Police Department. Mayor Jones thanked Chief Jones for his dedication and service to the residents of Trenton.

Phil Schmitt presented to Superintendent Kurt Wehrle a key to the newly renovated restrooms at the city park. The Park Boosters just finished a complete overhaul of the restrooms, the building is now insulated and fully ADA compliant. Mayor Jones expressed his appreciation for the effort put in by the park boosters to complete this project. Alderman Woods also wanted to recognize the efforts Phil Schmitt, Don Williams and Kevin Bell.

INPUT FROM RESIDENTS

Mike Conley congratulated Chief Jones on his 25 years of service. He makes the City proud.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones extended condolences to the Sims family on their recent loss.

Mayor Jones stated that we have had several discussions about the MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) program for this year. He has heard concerns about what will be done, so to clarify for everyone this is what will be done this year. The alleys in the downtown area will be done. In addition N. Maple, Cottonwood and N. Walnut where work was done earlier this year will be done. The scheduled date is September 15 with September 16 set as a rain date.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Superintendent Wehrle stated that not all of N. Maple and Cottonwood would be done for MFT, only the sides of the roads. The alleys will be paid from TIF, not MFT.

Chief Jones said that public works had a problem with a water line today and as a result three messages were sent via our Code Red. Feedback after the messages were sent was that they were static or the message wasn't received at all. We are working on correcting those issues and if anyone that is on the list did not get a message please let us know.

Mr. Brimm congratulated Chief Jones. He introduced to the Council the newest member of the public works department, Robert Gass. Mr. Gass will begin work on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Zurliene made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This includes: minutes of the August 4, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, minutes of the August 10, 2015 Council Special Meeting, minutes of the August 24, 2015 Council work session, Treasurer's report for the month of July 2015, Bills for August 2015, and Payroll for August 2015. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1616 Establishing Tiered Fine Schedule. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1617 Establishing the Schedule for Meetings of the Trenton City Council. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Mayor Jones wanted to clarify that the next ordinance on the agenda does not change the total amount that aldermen get paid. This is just restructuring the per meeting amount of pay. Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1618 Restructuring Elected Officials Pay. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Mr. Brimm stated for the Council that Trenton Processing would be better suited for a TIF façade rebate rather than a full TIF agreement due to the minimal increase in EAV (Equalized Assessed Valuation) that their proposed improvements will bring. With the façade rebate program the City would pay to Trenton Processing \$1000 for every \$10,000 in EAV. Based on the application and current EAV the City would pay a maximum of \$8358 to Trenton Processing. No ordinance is necessary to approve this, just a motion to approve. Alderman Woods made a motion to approve a TIF façade rebate with Trenton Processing not to exceed \$8358. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried.

Mayor Jones said that he had compensation spreadsheets for anyone that wanted. There have been no changes since this was discussed at the last meeting. Doug Brimm would go from \$27.98/hr. to \$30.77/hr., Karen Buzzard would go from \$18.02/hr. to \$20.00/hr., Michael Jones would go from \$33.65/hr. to \$34.66/hr., Cindy Shaw would remain the same, Kurt Wehrle would go from \$28.85/hr. to \$30.29/hr. and Peggy Wellen would go from \$18.16/hr. to \$18.70/hr. These would be effective immediately. Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve pay raises for the Non-Union Employees as read. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that the agreement for approval with GovPayNet for the acceptance of credit cards must run concurrent with the term of the Mayor, therefore there may be a brief period of downtime when the next mayor takes office. Mr. Brimm estimates the time frame to be up and running with this to be one month. Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Agreement with GovPayNet for the Acceptance of Credit/Debit cards. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Chief Jones on his 25 years of service!

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk