

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Officer Anjeles Mora, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Chief Mike Jones, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Attorney Tim Palen, Taylor Gooch, Suzanne Gooch, and Bob Marsh

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones read a proclamation for Eagle Scout Taylor Gooch proclaiming Tuesday, October 13, 2015 Taylor Gooch day in Trenton.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Bob Marsh from Grace Community Baptist Church has approached the City about having the City install an egress window in the building the church purchased for a youth center. Mayor Jones stated that after consulting with our attorney, the City could be liable if something went wrong. Attorney Palen went on to say that it is not good policy for City workers perform work for free for a private entity on private property. An alternative suggestion would be to make a monetary donation to the project. The Council discussed this project and expressed concern that every organization would come to the City for donations. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting to take action.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones stated that the police department will provide the Trenton Sun and Breese Journal with a summary of activity on a monthly basis. Mayor Jones went on to inform the Council of a Trenton police investigation involving a criminal sexual assault with a minor which resulted in an arrest with multiple felony charges. Mayor Jones expressed his pride in our police department and the work they did on this case and all cases.

Mayor Jones announced that he will be creating an ad-hoc Economic Development committee. The committee will consist primarily of private residents along with himself, Mr. Brimm and Alderman Woods. The purpose of the committee is to provide the Council a framework of Economic Development for Trenton.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Mr. Wehrle stated that public works has been working on ditches in the W. 2nd street, Locust street areas and that work will continue. Hydrant flushing started today and should be finished tomorrow.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Mohme made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This includes: minutes of the September 1, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, minutes of the September 14, 2015 Council work session, minutes of the September 28, 2015 Council work session, Treasurer's report for the month of August 2015, Bills for September 2015, and Payroll for September 2015. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Award the Police Department Insulation Project to Green Home Solutions in the amount of \$14,800.00. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve Police Department Roof Repairs by Irwin Roofing in the amount of \$6500. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve repairs to the North Wall of the Police Department by Winning Carpentry in the amount of \$3,786.00. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the purchase of Equipment and Installation for the 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV in the amount of \$8,489.00. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Mayor Jones spoke of the W. Missouri Street Improvements, also known as the Jailhouse Rock project. Engineers estimates for this project were at \$73,000. Mr. Wehrle has priced out the materials and with our public works department doing the majority of the work it is estimated to cost \$39,000. Mr. Wehrle gave an overview of the project; storm sewer installation, concrete curbing, and sidewalk from Main Street on W. Missouri to Washington. Mayor Jones stated that this will be paid from the small capital improvement line of credit. Alderman Zurliene made a motion to approve Expenditure not to exceed \$39,000 for W. Missouri Street Improvements. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Mayor Jones stated that there are two possible sources of revenue that the City may receive. One would be as a result of a situation at Main Street and 2nd Street where AT&T bored through our storm sewer. We have made the repairs to the storm sewer and forwarded the invoices to AT&T. If we get no response then legal action will be taken against them. The other revenue may come from the property at 582 W 3rd Street. The City has demolished the home at that location and has filed a lien. The next step would be to foreclose on that lien. The property would then be auctioned on the courthouse steps. Attorney Palen explained that the City holds a standing bid at that auction for the amount of the lien we filed. This process will take at least two to three months before an auction would take place. Mayor Jones said that any revenue from either of the above sources would pay down the line of credit for the W. Missouri Street project.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that Chad Litteken purchased a building in the 100 block of S. Washington. With the improvements to the building that Mr. Litteken plans and the increased traffic in that area the staff would like to replace the sidewalk in that block. With the W. Missouri street project just getting underway it would make sense to piggyback on that and this has been mentioned to the bidding concrete contractors. Estimated costs are not expected to exceed \$3,000 and firm numbers will be brought to the Council at the next meeting. This is the most southern block in the TIF district and TIF funds can be used for this.

Mr. Brimm is pleased to report that the renewal quote for the City's general liability/property/casualty insurance has decreased by 4.6%. This is due mostly to staff involvement in the loss control process. Mr. Brimm said that this is the 3rd renewal with the ICRMT and as was stated when we switched to them, the City would bid this out on a three year

basis, therefore next June/July we will again go through the formal bid process. The renewal amount is \$65,157 and will be on the agenda of the next meeting for approval.

The next item on the agenda is the renewal of the City's workers compensation insurance with IPRF. This too came in lower than last year's renewal by 1.4% for a total of \$24,916. This will be on the agenda of the October 26 meeting for approval.

Mayor Jones said that currently the City has no rules regarding public input at our meetings. This proposed ordinance is not designed to prevent public from speaking, it is just setting forth some rules of decorum. Attorney Palen posed several points for the Council to consider in developing an ordinance of this type.

Mr. Brimm said that with the change in the structure to the MFT program this year we have additional monies available to us. Mr. Wehrle has been doing a considerable amount of ditching in town and part of that includes replacing culverts that have collapsed. Mr. Wehrle has put together a spreadsheet of culvert replacements and is working with Mr. Doug Rattermann of HMG Engineering to amend our MFT program for this year to include approximately \$3,280 of culverts. Many of these will be held in stock and actually put in place next year. This will be voted on at our next meeting.

Chad Litteken is planning on doing some major improvements to the building that he owns on S. Washington. He is going to pursue a façade rebate as he will be replacing windows, doors, and siding. Calculations are based on the EAV. Developers are required to spend at least \$2000 on the project and the City could be on the hook for up to \$10,000. Based on this property Mr. Litteken would be eligible to receive \$1,452. Mr. Brimm conveyed this information to Mr. Litteken and Mr. Litteken still wants to move forward on this. This is a TIF eligible project. Mr. Brimm said if the Council approves this then Mr. Litteken will submit paid invoices for the work done and the City will issue a check in the amount of \$1,452 to Mr. Litteken.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Woods made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the public body and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Pending or Probable Litigation. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried. The council entered closed session at 8:21 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m.
Roll Call: Hooker, Sims, Mohme, Woods, Zurliene, all present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Kurt Wehrle, Superintendent of Public Works