

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, October 26, 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, City Clerk Karen Buzzard, Chief Mike Jones, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Attorney Greg Moredock, Curtis Geiler, Michelle Geiler, Collin Geiler, Andrew Gajewski, Kurt Gajewski, Chad Litteken, Tricia Litteken, Angie Zahn, and Nicole Fuhler

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones read a proclamation for Eagle Scout Collin Geiler proclaiming Tuesday, October 28, 2015 Collin Geiler day in Trenton.

PUBLIC INPUT

Eagle Scout candidate Andrew Gajewski presented to the Council a proposal for his Eagle Scout project. He would like to label ten different trees at the nature preserve and replace the plexiglass over the map at the nature preserve. He presented a cost estimate for the project at \$236.00. Council discussion supported Mr. Gajewski's project and will be voted on at the next Council meeting.

Girl Scout Gold candidate Nicole Fuhler also spoke to the Council about her proposed project at the nature preserve. She would like to build an interactive learning center at the pavilion at the park. This would consist of books listing native trees and bugs. She asked for input on how to secure the books. Additionally she would like to clean and paint the restroom, repaint the parking lanes, stain the bridges and paint a mural on the restroom. Ms. Fuhler has solicited the help of the Wesclin shop club to help make the flip books and secure them, and the Wesclin art club to paint the mural. Once completed, she would like to host an open house to showcase the improvements. She will put together numbers to complete this project and bring that back to the Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Brimm continued for the Council a conversation that began at the last Council meeting regarding Chad Litteken, owner of Litteken Plumbing, requesting TIF assistance for improvements to the building he owns on S. Washington. Initially Mr. Litteken was discussing a façade rebate which would be based on EAV. With the current EAV of his property at \$14,520 he would be eligible for only \$1,452 in expenses rebated to him. Mr. Litteken reviewed for the Council the extent of the upgrades he plans on making to the building which include removing and replacing the exterior siding, new front door and windows, creating a showroom area and putting in a restroom. The total costs of all improvements are estimated at \$74,000. Mr. Brimm stated that all of the improvements are TIF eligible and that a typical TIF agreement would involve rebating a percentage of the increment in EAV, but as stated earlier there would be minimal increment. Some communities will do a split with the developer. Upon presentation of paid invoices the municipality will rebate a percentage of the total cost. Mr. Litteken has begun to remove the existing siding and has found it to contain asbestos. He has a cost of \$8300 to remove the asbestos. Mayor Jones felt a higher priority needed to be placed on the asbestos removal due to the building's proximity to a public park. The Council agreed to rebate 90% of the asbestos removal. Discussion continued about the balance of the project. It was agreed that

the Council would rebate 70% of the balance of the project over a three year period. Mr. Brimm will have the attorney draw up an agreement for the Council to approve at the next meeting.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones said that the fund balance report was e-mailed to everyone a couple of weeks ago. The general fund is showing a negative balance due to the transfer to the Capital Improvement fund made at the beginning of the fiscal year. Going forward we will do this prior to the end of the fiscal year. Last week the mayor reviewed the budget with Mr. Brimm and overall the City is doing fine.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Hooker called a committee meeting of the Community Coordination committee for 6:00 p.m. November 9, 2015. He will have the park board present to begin the discussions for next year's summer programs.

Alderman Zurliene had an encounter recently and Officer Mora was called out. Alderman Zurliene wanted to thank Officer Mora and told Chief Jones he should be proud of his officer.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

City Clerk Karen Buzzard thanked Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle for taking the minutes of the previous meeting in her absence. She informed the Council of her training at the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute and thanked them for the opportunity to continue her education.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that the Tahoe is back and the only thing we are waiting on is the camera. Green Home Solutions will be out next Monday to begin insulating the police department.

Chief Jones informed the Council that he has an officer out with an off-duty injury. Surgery will be necessary and the officer will be out a minimum of three months. Trick or Treat hours are from 6 – 8 pm on Saturday, October 31, 2015. Trunk or Treat at Grace Community Baptist Church will be from 5:30 – 8 pm on Saturday.

Mr. Wehrle brought the Council up to date on the project on W. Missouri. The storm sewer was installed last week and the inlets were installed today. Weather permitting, curbing will begin tomorrow. There has been a bit of redesign done at the corner in front of Jailhouse. The curbing has been brought in a bit tighter to allow sufficient road area. This change has reduced the cost a bit, which overall the project is lower than the original engineer's estimate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Zurliene made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2015 meeting. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve 2015-2016 ICRMT General Liability/Property Casualty Insurance Renewal in the amount of \$65,157.00. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 IPRF Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal in the Amount of \$24,916.00. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Sims made a motion to approve a contribution of \$500 to Base 215 Youth Center to be paid from the general fund. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve expenditure of \$2,835.20 for Sidewalk Improvements in the 100 block of Washington St. to be paid from the TIF fund. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Authorize the Mayor to sign a Settlement Agreement with Ameren. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

Mr. Brimm reviewed for the Council the sample ordinance before them regarding public input at meetings. It was explained that this is in an effort to keep decorum at our meetings when large numbers of the public attend. The guidelines are just that. The specific points were discussed and everyone agreed to move forward with this at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jones extended congratulations to Alderman Sims' family on their new addition, Emma Hope. He also announced that the Citizens for Trenton Dinner/Dance will be November 7, 2015. He plans to attend and hopes everyone else does too.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk