

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, November 9, 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, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Attorney Tim Palen, and Annette Hipkiss with Scheffel Boyle

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones introduced Annette Hipkiss with Scheffel Boyle and she reviewed the City's audit for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015. She gave an account of each fund and discussed the fund balances. She reviewed the management letter and suggested that adjustments and other approvals be initialed by the person authorizing them. Mayor Jones asked for Ms. Hipkiss' overall opinion of the city's finances. She stated that they are in pretty good shape and that they have improved so much in the last five years. There are no red flags.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones attended the Citizens for Trenton dinner/dance on Saturday night as did Alderman Sims. The food was good.

Mayor Jones informed the Council that the ad hoc Economic Development committee met for the first time last week. The discussion was lively and many good ideas and suggestions were made. Mayor Jones stated that tonight he would be conducting the meeting a bit differently. In an effort to comply more closely with Roberts Rules of Order, a motion and second will be made prior to discussion on an item. In addition, Clerk Karen Buzzard will be compiling a list of motions that have been tabled. This list will have action taken to kill them. Previously the Council would table a motion in an attempt to kill it. That is not proper, so we will clean this up.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Superintendent of Public Works, Kurt Wehrle informed the Council that the project on W. Missouri is done except for backfilling along the sidewalk. Chad Litteken hopes to start on asbestos abatement next week pending the outcome of his TIF agreement tonight. Mr. Wehrle will still be doing some sidewalk work there and a couple of more locations in that neighborhood.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Mohme made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This includes the minutes of the October 26, 2015 Council meeting, the Treasurer's report for September 2015, the Bills for October 2015, and Payroll for October 2015. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve Ordinance #1619 Establishing Guidelines and Procedures for Public Comment During any Public Meeting of the Trenton City Council, its Committees, Boards, and Commissions. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve Ordinance #1620 Approving Agreement Between the City of Trenton and Litteken Properties, LLC for Tax Increment Finance Proceeds. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. Mayor Jones stated that Mr. Litteken has hired another full time employee.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brimm explained that the Illinois Department of Transportation has changed the filing date for the Motor Fuel Tax program to December 1, 2015 for the 2016 plan year. The proposed plan before you is generally the same as last year. We still plan on working with HMG and the public works department to rate the streets in town this winter, but with the tightened deadline we will submit this and amend it as is necessary in the coming year.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that our current building and plumbing inspectors have expressed concern that the fees paid to them are very low, and in some cases it costs them to perform inspections here. Mr. Brimm surveyed surrounding communities on their building permit fees and what they pay their inspectors. That comparison was passed out to the Council. Staff recommends adopting building permit fees based on the International Code Council, eliminate "Zoning Occupancy fees", and moving mobile home fees, sign fees, dumpster fees, etc. to a newly created section in the Zoning Chapter. In addition, staff would recommend increasing inspections fees paid to \$40 per inspection. There was general discussion on how this new calculation would work, and Mayor Jones asked Mr. Brimm to bring some examples to the next meeting. Mr. Brimm will also have a draft ordinance for the next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk