

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2015

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Hooker, Mohme (absent), Sims, Woods, Zurliene

Also present were Chief Mike Jones, City Administrator Doug Brimm, City Clerk Karen Buzzard, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Attorney Tim Palen, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun and Bill Kunz.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Kunz spoke to the Council regarding his flat rate sewer bill being too high. He pays too much for water and still has to pay a sewer bill even when he is out of town. Now that the City has the ability to read his water meter, what will be done? Mayor Jones stated that prior administrations made a mistake when they allowed Tri Township water district to provide service within the City limits. This will be discussed further later in the meeting. Mr. Kunz also expressed to the Council his displeasure with how the City handled billing a tenant of his.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Jones reviewed for the Council the final numbers on the Jailhouse project. TWM engineering gave an estimated cost to complete the project of \$73,574.05. The Council approved a not to exceed amount of \$39,000 excluding engineering. The final cost with engineering included was \$40,168.69.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Hooker held a Community Coordination committee meeting tonight. They reviewed the costs to run the baseball/softball programs and the cost to run the pool. They are working on long term budget planning. They will meet again on January 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. here at City Hall.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle reported that the drainage project referred to as the KMK project is running well. All of the major inlets are in and all of the 36” pipe is in.

He also reported that there was a minor fire at the Parkview apartments a couple of weeks ago. The fire hydrants in that area are far apart. He would like to see one installed at or near 2<sup>nd</sup> and Parkview.

Chief Jones said that the County has reported car break ins in Germantown, Albers and New Baden. He cautioned everyone to be aware of your surroundings and if you see something call the police.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda included the following

items: Minutes of the November 23, 2015 Council meeting, bills and payroll for November, 2015, the treasurer's report for October, 2015, remove from the table a release agreement with Nick and Shannon Bridges, remove from the table an increase in the pool manager's salary, remove from the table Ordinance #1561 Designating a No Parking area on West Missouri street, approval of connection of fire hydrant at E. Broadway and S. Oak street at a cost not to exceed \$1400.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve Ordinance #1621 Amending Utility Tax Ordinance for Municipal Buildings. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve Ordinance #1622 Providing for 2015 Property Tax Levy. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve Installation of Inserta Valve on SLM Transmission Main west of Fillmore St. at a cost not to exceed \$2800. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve HMG Task Order #10 to Prepare Letter of Map Amendment for Wastewater Treatment Plant Location at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Brimm said that as was discussed at the last meeting, before you is a draft ordinance that will amend the building and zoning fees for the City of Trenton. Alderman Woods said that we could be accused of fee jumping, but really we are just bringing ourselves up to speed with communities around us. This will be on the December 28, 2015 agenda for approval.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Jones said for the benefit of Mr. Kunz we will jump to the second item on the agenda for discussion. Mayor Jones said that the City has been working for a while on the ability to read the meters that belong to Tri Township for the residents within Trenton's city limits. We have come to an arrangement that will allow us to do that. We will now be able to charge residents sewer rates based on their actual water consumption. This will result in lost revenue in our sewer fund. It will be a savings to our residents. Alderman Woods asked if we experienced problems with reading of Tri Townships meters would we go back to our old way? Mr. Brimm stated that when Tri Township changes out a meter we would have to be notified so that we could read both the old and new meters to have accurate numbers for billing. There was more discussion about the benefit to the resident and the challenges to the City. With no objections, the Council decided to move forward with an ordinance.

Mr. Brimm said that he has been working with Jim's Formal Wear regarding questions about their property. It has been brought to our attention that when the CRDN addition was constructed it was built on a utility easement. To clean things up, we would like to vacate that easement. Mr. Brimm has verified that there are no utilities in that area.

Alderman Zurliene made a motion to extend Liquor Sales at Jailhouse Rock, 7 West, and Hank's Bowl until 4:00 a.m. January 1, 2016. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Brimm said that the public works department has been reviewing their winter gear and the salt spreader is not operating. The motor that throws the salt is not operating. It would cost a minimum of \$700 to replace. Mr. Wehrle priced new spreaders, an 1.8 cu. yd. and a 2.5 cu. yd. for \$4997 and \$5507 respectively. These prices were obtained a while ago and Mr. Wehrle has verified that the smaller unit's price has held firm, is in stock, and that this unit will fit our current

fleet of vehicles. It also does not have a gas motor, which has been problematic in the past, and has no metal parts that will rust from the salt. The larger unit has had a significant price increase, will need to be ordered and will not fit the pickup trucks in our fleet. Mayor Jones said this is in the budget and he recommends moving forward with the purchase of a smaller unit. He would also like to see an estimate to repair the old unit to have as a spare. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to enter into closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:50 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:09 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme (absent), Sims, Woods, Zurliene.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jones wished everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk