

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 11, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Hooker, Mohme, Sims (absent), 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 Officer Mike Kuhl.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones said that on the agenda under New Business item #1 that will be discussed tonight, there is some additional information that the Council needs to know. The Pump Shop came out to look at this pump and they have determined that the problem is more intense than originally thought. The original quote of \$2100 for a coupling repair has expanded. They found that the motor actually sits higher than the pump and this offset has caused the coupling to be out of alignment and fail. The coupling was last replaced in 2012. To repair things properly would be to remove the pump, mill off a fraction of the bottom, replace the bearings and reinstall everything. If fixed properly the coupling should last 10 years or better. Mayor Jones authorized the emergency repair today in the amount of \$4850. Alderman Woods questioned if this same problem wouldn't happen with the other pump at the reservoir. He was told that pump had been rebuilt last year and should be good.

Alderman Sims entered the meeting.

Mayor Jones informed the Council that in December the City received all of the back Motor Fuel Tax, Gaming Tax, and Use Tax that it was owed.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Woods asked about the hydraulic fluid that was leaked onto the pavement in his neighborhood. Mr. Brimm said that fluid was leaked in Northland Acres, Wildwood, and North Creek Crossing subdivisions. Republic Services has been notified and they are checking their fleet, and also offered to come out to clean it up. We will monitor the situation.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Superintendent of Public Works, Wehrle, informed the Council that all of the pipe for the KMK drainage project is in and that some ditch work on Missouri still needs to be completed. Other than clean-up work, that project is done. Mr. Wehrle did not have any final numbers on the project yet. Mayor Jones said that the next drainage project will be at the post office. We have worked in that area in the past, but tree roots continue to be problematic. The old clay pipe will be replaced at an estimated cost of \$4800.

Mr. Brimm gave an update on the server computer at City Hall. Based on what we have been told by LOCIS, Mr. Brimm ran diagnostic tests on the server and everything came back OK. The

problem could be Karen's machine. Someone is scheduled to come out to look at the machines tomorrow.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. The consent agenda includes: minutes of the December 28, 2015 Council Meeting, December 2015 bills, December 2015 payrolls, November 2015 Treasurer's Report and appointment of Karen Buzzard as City Collector for a one year term.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1626 Annexing City Owned Property (Northern edge of Nature Preserve). Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried. Attorney Palen stated that no public hearing was necessary because the City already owned this property.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jones said that the pump at the reservoir was discussed at length earlier in the meeting. He called for a vote. Alderman Hooker made a motion to Authorized the Pump Shop to Complete Repairs to Pump #1 at the City Reservoir at a Cost not to exceed \$5000. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Superintend of Public Works, Wehrle and City Administrator Brimm have reviewed the current snow route and would like to add Indiana Street from S. Main to S. Indiana to accommodate the emergency service departments located on those streets. No one had any objections. Mayor Jones stated that this is already our practice; we just want to codify it. An ordinance will be prepared for the next meeting.

Mayor Jones informed the Council that per our current code, only the Chief of Police can declare a snow emergency. We would like to add the Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Wehrle explained to the Council his common sense approach to snow plowing. He stated that past practice was to begin plowing as soon as the snow was 2 inches deep. Now he will be looking at the bigger picture when deciding when to begin plowing. If the snowfall is estimated to be a total of only 3 or 4 inches, then in all likelihood plowing will not begin until the snow has stopped falling. If the prediction is for a much greater number of inches, then plowing will begin at 2 inches and continue until the snow stops falling and everything is cleared. Mr. Brimm stated that we will still be removing berms, but that this will only begin when all other plowing has been completed. It is highly likely that berms may not be addressed until the day after a snowfall. Mr. Wehrle said that there are 23 cul-de-sacs in Trenton and it is difficult to maneuver the plows around the cul-de-sac. In addition, rock gets pushed into yards and mailboxes can become victims to the plows. As a result, going forward all snow will be pushed to the middle of the cul-de-sac and then will be removed from the center after the snow has stopped falling.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Woods made a motion to enter closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2) Collective Bargaining. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:30 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 7:56 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Woods, Zurliene, all present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Hooker informed the Council that he met with the Park Board to assist with additional stuff. Mayor Jones said that it was a spirited meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk