

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 25, 2016

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, January 25, 2016 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, Officer Ralph Owens, Dan Kohlbrecher, and Gary Sellers.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Dan Kohlbrecher was here on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to sell tickets to their Dinner/Dance/Auction which will be held on February 27, 2016 at Hidden Lake Winery. Tickets are \$15 per person and include a meal and entertainment. Tickets are available at the banks, Hanks Bowl and NAPA. Special recognition will be given to the Trenton Park Boosters. The City will donate either a family pool pass or a pool party for the auction. The Chamber is also doing a vacation raffle. Only 500 tickets will be sold for \$20 each. The winner can take a vacation anywhere they wish. The value of the raffle is \$4500. The drawing will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber BBQ.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Jones recognized the public works department on a job well done following our recent snow. He received no complaints.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Hooker met with the Park Board last week and they established new pricing for Wesclin School's use of the ball diamonds. The new charge will be \$700 per high school sport and \$400 per middle school sport. There was discussion about whether the park board could charge those new fees this year because the school more than likely has already confirmed a budget based on the previous fee schedule. Mayor Jones said that he is happy to have Wesclin use our facility, he just want to break even. Alderman Hooker stated that the swim team will be charged \$1900 for the upcoming swim year.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Superintendent of Public Works, Wehrle informed the Council that on Wednesday the insert-a-valve will be installed on the SLM line west of town. Also this week the new hydrant will be installed on Oak Street.

**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 includes: minutes of the January 11, 2015 Council Meeting, and approval of Resolution 01252016-1, Establishing a Meeting Schedule.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1627 Amending the Snow Routes Identified in Schedule K of the City of Trenton Revised Code. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1628 Amending Section 24-6-3 of the City of Trenton Revised Code to Grant the Superintendent of Public Works Authority to Determine a Snow Emergency within the City of Trenton. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sims made a motion to Approve the Purchase of City Hall Server from SBA Computers, Inc. in the Amount of \$3200.00. This will be paid from general, water and sewer funds. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Authorize the Mayor to Sign an Amendment to the Service Agreement with Good Energy, L.P. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Resolution 01252016-2 Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such a Program. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones said that currently our code is vague on spending limits. It states that all purchases over \$500 require prior authorization of the Mayor and all purchases are to be approved by the Council. No one is trying to take any power away from the Council; this discussion is to explore increasing the spending limits to cover more everyday expenses. Possibly set up two tiers, one in which the City Administrator would be authorized to approve and the second which would require both the City Administrator and Mayor to approve. This would not apply to any professional service agreements or any emergency expenses. This would be for purchases that had not originally been in the budget. The Council would still have the final say on purchases, and Mr. Brimm stated that if the Council saw questionable expenses being approved by him that he would expect them to call him on it. There was a lengthy discussion on the actual dollar amount to increase the level to and the Council seemed to settle on \$2000 with no second tier.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to enter closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11) Pending or Probable Litigation. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:42 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:13 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme (absent), Sims, Woods, Zurliene.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alderman Hooker has called a Community Coordination Committee meeting for February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the park board meeting, review part time help for this summer, and review Chapter 28 of the Code Book.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Mohme absent.  
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk