

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, February 8, 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, Officer Ryan Olier, Dan Kohlbrecher, Brett Therion and Kecia Therion.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones honored Brett Therion for his 25 years of service to the City of Trenton. He is instrumental to the operation of the wastewater treatment plant and has done a fine job for the citizens of Trenton for 25 years.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

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Alderman Hooker held a Community Coordination Committee meeting earlier tonight. The Park Board is recommending that the fees for Wesclin's use of the ball diamonds be raised to \$700 per high school sport and \$400 per middle school sport to be effective with the 2016-2017 school year.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

As a follow up to the weekly review sent out by City Administrator Brimm, he informed the Council that the bidders for the electric aggregation are not willing to budge on including the price match provision language that had been in previous agreements. It is up to the Council to decide if we want to amend our plan of operation and governance or to decide to not participate at all. Mr. Brimm would recommend that we amend our plan because this is still an opt out program and if Ameren's price were to drop below our contracted price the residents of Trenton will have the option to opt out of the program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Sims absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda includes: minutes of the January 25, 2015 Council Meeting, bills for January 2016, payrolls for January 2016, treasurer's report for December 2015, hiring of Marsha Schlesinger as Baseball/Softball coordinator for the 2016 season at a salary of \$2000, and approval of a settlement and release agreement with Gary Thompson in the amount of \$2520.56.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jones said that the Chamber of Commerce purchase new Christmas Light displays to span Broadway a couple of years ago. This year the public works department said that the pole lights were in bad shape. Dan Kohlbrecher stated that there are 30 pole wreaths and they are 25 years old. The Trenton Chamber of Commerce has chosen a wreath and a tree decoration and has

offered to pay half of the cost to purchase these items. Roughly the total cost for 30 items is \$10,000. Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle expressed his concern regarding storage of the garland style items picked out by the Chamber. Mr. Kohlbrecher stated that these are made in the USA and that the order needs to be placed by the end of the month to get the discount being offered.

Mr. Kohlbrecher announced the Chamber's Dinner/Dance/Auction on February 27, 2016. The Chamber will be recognizing the Trenton Park Boosters. The auction will be held at Hidden Lake Winery; tickets are \$15 per person and include a meal and entertainment. Tickets were left for those that wish to purchase them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Purchase of Software for City Hall Server from CDW-G in the Amount of \$1334.25. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Sims absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Purchase of Materials for N. Locust Storm Sewer Replacement in an Amount not to Exceed \$6,300.00. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Sims absent. Motion carried. This will be paid out of TIF.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle reviewed with the Council a list of materials that he would like to keep on hand for water and/or sewer emergencies. He said this would be more efficient for his department in that the majority of breaks happen outside of normal business hours and there can be delays in getting the materials needed to make the repairs. This results in lost productivity and increased down time to the residents. General discussion by the Council agreed with Mr. Wehrle request. The initial materials would be purchased with water and sewer funds and as the inventory is depleted it would be replenished with funds from the department that used the materials.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Hooker asked for a follow up on one of the items from Mr. Brimm's weekly reviews. He wanted to know the status of Tri County Towing. Mr. Brimm said that he anticipated issuing five to six citations on that property. Mayor Jones said that code enforcement will continue to identify and clean up properties in town.

Alderman Hooker asked about Terry Calvert's request for TIF funds. Mr. Brimm said that Mr. Calvert is still working on the intended use of that property and putting together a plan to bring to the Council for approval. Mayor Jones said that all future TIF agreements will be discussed by the Finance Committee before being brought to the full Council for approval.

Mayor Jones said Valentines' Day is coming up so don't forget!

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Sims absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk