

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 14, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Woods, Zurliene all present.

Also present were Chief Mike Jones, City Administrator Doug Brimm, City Clerk Karen Buzzard, Attorney Tim Palen, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Mark & Barb Lockowitz, Karen Pakosta, Cami & Lynn Meddows, Tina Litteken, Travis Lewis, Kyle Pollman, and Justin Venvertloh with TWM Engineering.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones recognized Cami Meddows for her achievement as Class 2A State Champion Three Point Shooter. Ms. Meddows went on to compete for Queen of the Hill and came in second. Congratulations to Cami!!

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that Mr. Travis Lewis has purchased the building at 9 W. Broadway (formerly Herb Schlarmann's State Farm office). Mr. Lewis has indicated that a portion of the building would be used of additional dining and that outdoor seating would be established in the rear. Our current liquor code does not provide for this. Mayor Koentz did allow for outdoor sports at Hank's bowl. Surrounding property owners have expressed concerns so this is up for discussion tonight.

Mr. Lewis explained to the Council that he intends to put additional seating in the middle of the building, have the front for small private parties, and in the back tear down an existing garage to have outdoor seating. He intends to combine both parcels into one so that he does not have to obtain an additional liquor license. When asked to be more specific about the outdoor seating Mr. Lewis stated that a breezeway would be constructed between the buildings and the only access to the outdoor seating would be through the building. The area would be enclosed by a wrought iron fence with brick columns at the corners.

Mark Lockowitz expressed concern with a wrought iron fence being open to his tenant's courtyard and the amount of trash and broken bottles that would be thrown around. There is a problem already with that from the people that hang around the back door of the bar. Mayor Jones asked about the noise and whether there would be entertainment outside. What would be the hours, type of music, etc. because there are residents next door and right across the alley? Mr. Lewis said he was not opposed to restricting entertainment; as a matter of fact there would be no music outside at all. Not even piped music. He plans to have only 5-6 tables seating only 35 people comfortably outside. He is not opposed to restricting the outdoor hours, but he will be using that as a smoking area so people will be out there while the bar is open.

When asked whether the Council had any questions, a couple of them indicated that they would need to go over there and actually look at the area in question to have a better understanding of what is being proposed. Alderman Hooker stated that there is a chance that the trash issue may be reduced with no access to the alley. Ms. Pakosta said that she is tired of the broken glass. Her driveway is in the rear of her house and she is hesitant to park there for that reason. She is also tired of the noise, trash and public urination. The patrons have no respect for property. She too would like no access to the alley from this premise. Mayor Jones asked for a consensus as to what would work for everyone. A different fence type was discussed. A restriction on glass

outdoors was discussed. The question about obtaining a variance was asked. Mr. Brimm stated that in the Central Business district you can go up to the property line and that it is the property owner's responsibility to have the lot surveyed. It was brought out that due to the fire code the fence would need to have an exit to the alley. The gate installed could be such that it may not be opened from the alley side.

Mayor Jones acknowledged the park board members present tonight. He said there has been a miscommunication between all parties (Council, park board, staff and Community Coordination committee), and he will call a meeting to discuss this with the Community Coordination committee. Ms. Litteken stated that she is here tonight to answer any park issues because there are several items being voted on tonight. She is not sure where the breakdown in communication is. She joined the park board to help with the pool. The park board discusses things then something else happens. Other board members feel the same way, and if it is time to dissolve the park board then, ok. The park board makes recommendations then something else happens. Ms. Litteken said that she attends meetings and feels she is spinning her wheels. Mayor Jones took responsibility for the communication issue. He went on to say that there have been changes internally and the park board will no longer have any managerial authority over the park. This has to change due to the union being present now and liability. Mrs. Meddows wanted to know why this wasn't done before, why clean up after the fact. Mayor Jones stated that this wasn't at the front of the list. There have been many changes one of them being the hiring of a superintendent of public works. When creating that job one of the responsibilities was oversight of the park. Council will change the code to incorporate this position, and Mayor Jones stated that the City's view toward the park board is it to be an advisory position. With a City Administrator, a Superintendent of Public Works, and the Teamsters Union we all need to adjust. The Community Coordination committee will handle the budget and the park board will recommend pricing for the programs offered. Ms. Litteken said that the park board is in line with everything the Mayor said. It's just that the Council doesn't follow recommendations. When asked for an example she said that the park board met many times to discuss the hiring of Pete Schumacher and what his duties would be, and pool hours for this year, although she thinks this has been hashed out. She was also had the understanding that a park board member would be involved in the interview process but that didn't happen. Mayor Jones met privately with Pete and he was very specific with what he is willing to do this summer. Out of respect to Pete's privacy Mayor Jones said that the job Pete will do this summer has been tailored for him. In regards to the interviews, only two were held and only one application was received per position. When questioned about hiring for park maintenance when that had not been advertised, Clerk Karen Buzzard admitted to listing park maintenance in error on the agenda. It should have read field maintenance. Again, only one application was received for that position. There was a lengthy discussion about the specific job duties of park maintenance vs. field maintenance and why applications were not turned in.

Alderman Hooker asked if the Council could vote on the consent agenda. Attorney Palen said yes, and informed the Council that they could pull an item from the Consent agenda. Alderman Zurliene made a motion to pull item H10 (A motion to approve hiring Mytchel Kuhl as park maintenance for the 2016 season) from the Consent Agenda.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones offered condolences to Officer Rapien and the New Baden Police Department on the passing of K-9 officer Fedor. Fedor and Officer Rapien have assisted our police on several occasions and Fedor will be missed.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

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Mr. Brimm informed the Council that he and Kurt Wehrle met earlier today with Lisa Brede from the swim team to discuss the care of the floor in the pool house and mats being purchased by the

park boosters. Adding ceiling fans to the bath house was also discussed. The park board recommended raising the rental fee to the swim team to \$1900 for this season, but based on the swim team fundraising and how information has been disseminated to their members, Mrs. Brede suggested that they go back to a practice from years ago where by each swim team member be required to purchase a pool pass. She suggested that the City sell these passes at a discounted rate. Hours of operation for the pool were discussed and the City will go with the park board's recommendation for this season. We will track more closely attendance this year and revisit this again next season.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Sims made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second Alderman Woods. The Amended Consent Agenda included the minutes of the February 22, 2016 Council meeting, the minutes of the March 7, 2016 Special Council meeting, the bills for the month of February 2016, payrolls for the month of February 2016, Treasurer's report for the month of January 2016, hiring of Kelsey Baer as Pool Manager at a rate of \$10 per hour for the 2016 season, hiring of Wes Wright as Assistant Pool Manager at a rate of \$10 per hour for the 2016 season, hiring of Antonette Ross as Concession Stand Coordinator for the 2016 season for a salary of \$2600 with an additional \$25 per weekend day special tournament, and hiring of Pete Schumacher as Field Maintenance at a rate of \$10 per hour for the 2016 season. Roll Call: Hooker, no, Sims, yes, Mohme, yes, Woods, yes, Zurliene, no. Motion failed.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones went back to the presentation section on the agenda and welcomed Justin Venvertloh with TWM Engineering. Mr. Venvertloh passed out copies of the drainage study done by his firm for storm sewer drainage in the northeast section of Trenton, primarily the E 2nd/E 3rd Street areas. The study is broken into 5 sections which Mr. Venvertloh briefly reviewed with section 4 being the meat and potatoes. The study was broken into 4 watersheds with watershed #1 and #2 being studied intently. Mr. Venvertloh gave overviews of the current condition/findings in both watersheds in addition to their suggestions for improvement. He also pointed out that the work in each watershed can be broken into phases for budget purposes. Section 5 of the study has all of the engineer's estimates of costs. There was more discussion about size of pipes, inlets and output. Justin is available for any additional questions. Mayor Jones said that this project will be the topic for many more meetings before anything is acted upon. There are a lot of moving pieces.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Due to the fact that there was a dissent vote on the consent agenda, each item will be voted on individually.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Authorize the replacement of Police Department 2nd floor HVAC System at a Cost of \$6155.00 by Leroy Kaiser Plumbing Heating and Cooling Service. Second Alderman Sims. Mr. Brimm informed the Council that Mr. Kaiser informed the City that the 10 year warranty is no longer offered by the manufacturer and a 5 year warranty is what the system would have. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Settlement Agreement with Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois Accepting the Amount of \$15,000 for Damages to City Storm Sewer. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Mayor Jones commented to the Council that more than an hour tonight was spent on a personnel issue and only 20 minutes was spent discussing the most important watershed study this City has ever had done.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2016 Council Meeting. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 7, 2016 Special Council meeting. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Bills for the month of March, 2016. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Payroll for the month of March 2016. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February, 2016. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve hiring Kelsey Baer as Pool Manager at a rate of \$10/hr. for the 2016 season. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve hiring Wes Wright as Assistant Pool Manager at a rate of \$10/hr. for the 2016 season. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve hiring Antonette Ross as Concession Stand Coordinator for the 2016 season at a salary of \$2600 with \$25 per day extra for special weekend day tournaments. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve hiring Pete Schumacher as Field Maintenance at a rate of \$10/hr. for the 2016 season. Second Alderman Sims. Woods, yes, Mohme, yes, Hooker, yes, Sims, yes, Zurliene, no. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones stated the last item listed (hiring of Mytchel Kuhl) has been pulled from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Sims made a motion to Authorize Mayor to Enter into Agreement with the Lowest Bidder for Electricity Supply to City Buildings. Second Alderman Zurliene. Mr. Brimm informed the Council that because electric rates are offered on the open market, prices fluctuate. That is why you are seeing a rate different from the one approved for the residential electric aggregation. The contract for the City's public buildings expires in July, and quotes were obtained from Champion, Liberty and Homefield. Mr. Brimm would recommend signing with Liberty for either the 24 month or 36 month term. It was decided to go with Liberty for a 36 month term at a rate of \$0.0493 per kWh. Roll Call: all yes, motion carried.

Mayor Jones said that the Council will discuss further amending our liquor code at our next meeting.

Mr. Brimm opened a discussion about having an environmental study conducted on the property at 543 W Broadway (formerly ABJ Ford). The Economic Advisory Committee has suggested the use of TIF funds to complete this and find out what exactly is there. There have been a couple of offers made on the property with the condition that a study be completed. If the City were to go ahead and do this, then the property may be more marketable. Mr. Brimm received a quote from ATON, LLC out of St. Louis. They are a full service firm that specializes in environmental assessments. A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) would be performed for the amount of \$1950.00. This assessment would include site and area reconnaissance, regulatory records search, property setting, historical research and interviews. A written report will be presented to the City. Most likely a Phase I study will trigger a Phase II study. A Phase II study

would cost between \$4,000 and \$6,000 depending on what is discovered. Mayor Jones asked whether grants would be available for clean-up if anything is found. Mr. Brimm said that the grants out there are for sites that had heavy chemical contamination. Alderman Woods wanted to know if anything is found would that trigger the requirement for immediate clean-up. Mr. Brimm said that he was told if the site was like that it probably would have already been the target for clean-up. Mayor Jones said to put this on the next agenda for approval.

Mayor Jones called for a brief recess. The meeting recessed at 9:30 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 9:36 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Woods, Zurliene. All present.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Woods 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, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 9:36 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:46 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Woods, Zurliene. All present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that the Chamber of Commerce will no longer be having the City Wide Yard Sale. They will be hosting their BBQ on May 7th. He asked for input on the City hosting the yard sale. Everyone was in favor. The City Wide Clean-up will be the following Saturday, May 14th.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Mohme made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk