

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 28, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Hooker, Mohme, Woods, Zurliene, Sims absent.

Also present were Chief Mike Jones, City Clerk Karen Buzzard, Attorney Tim Palen, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Mark & Barb Lockowitz, Karen Pakosta, and Travis Lewis

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Hooker asked what training that Mr. Brimm and the Chief had recently attended. Mayor Jones said that it was involving internal investigations, not that we have a problem. It was mostly to standardize processes and for performance improvement. He informed the Council that Mr. Brimm will be going through some additional training with the police academy. He will not be acting as an officer, but will fill in for the Chief if he is away for an extended period.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Ms. Buzzard informed the Council that staff has worked extensively on the FY17 budget and would like for the finance committee to call a meeting sometime the week of April 4th to review what we have. Alderman Woods called a meeting for Monday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. here at City Hall to review the budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 Council Meeting. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Sims absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to approve hiring Mytchel Kuhl as Field Maintenance at a rate of \$8.25/hr. for the 2016 season. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Sims absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve an Environmental Study at 543 W. Broadway by ATON LLC. In the amount of \$1950 to be paid from TIF. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Sims absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve installation of Drinking Fountains purchased by Knights of Columbus and Sons of the American Legion. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Sims absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opened a continued discussion about amendments to the City's liquor code. (More specifically, to allow outdoor serving of alcohol at 7 West bar.) He asked residents present for their concerns. They were expressed as follows: the type of fence to be installed, trash, entry to the outdoor area from the alley, and late night noise. Mayor Jones reminded the Council of the allowances that have been made to Hank's Bowl. Whatever decisions are made by the Council now will apply to all bar owners. Attorney Palen said that is true only if the circumstances are similar. There was general discussion about open containers outside and how to regulate that. Mr. Lewis stated that not a lot of people will be outside; he plans to have washers and bags out there. If he is required to get a specific type of fence will the neighbors be required to do the same? Attorney Palen said that is not the same situation. Mayor Jones wanted to know if TIF could be used to pay for a fence if Mr. Lewis is required to get one. Attorney Palen said probably not. Mayor Jones stated that the City could cost share in a fence. Alderman Zurliene said that would be opening a can of worms as there are quite a few businesses that would want the City to buy them a fence too. It was decided that no glass would be allowed outside. Hours of operation and fence type were discussed further. Mr. Lewis stated that he already has a permit, so he is going to move forward with his plans. He was reminded that if he puts up a fence that doesn't meet with our code it will be at his risk. Mayor Jones would like for Mr. Brimm to meet with Mr. Lewis and the owners of Hank's bowl to hash this out. Attorney Palen will have something for the Council to review at the April 11th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jones wanted to clarify an issue that was brought to his attention by a resident. If anyone sees Kurt Wehrle in a City vehicle during non-business hours, he is still on City time.

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, Sims absent, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:55 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:06 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims (absent), Woods, Zurliene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Mohme pointed out that the fence that Mr. Lewis proposes installing may be illegal because of the spikes at the top. Our code section 40-5-3 requires some type of buffer. This led into a lengthy discussion about fences. Mayor Jones cautioned the Council with how they proceed with this, he does not want to open a Pandora's Box. There was more discussion on the other businesses that may be affected and Mayor Jones again queried as to how TIF funds could be used to finance the fences.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Sims absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk