

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 25, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, Attorney Tim Palen, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineering, Chris Harpstrite, and Kevin Brinkman

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones said that going forward the discipline of any employee will be updated to the Council in closed session at the meeting following the action.

It is a coincidence that Mr. Brimm is not here tonight. Mayor Jones passed out an organizational chart that was first given to each alderman at the orientation held after the election. Mayor Jones reviewed the chart and Mr. Brimm's role per the ordinance that established his position. Mayor Jones made it clear that we have followed the ordinance that is on the books. If the Council wishes to change that, they can.

If any Council member is approached by any employee and discusses anything that is not public material and a dispute arises, then the Council member could be called as a material witness to that situation. This would result in the Council member not being allowed to participate in any Council action that may need to take place.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Zurliene was approached by a resident who had their mailbox taken out by a vehicle attending an event at the park. The resident would like parking restricted to no trucks/SUV's in that area. Mayor Jones is aware of the situation. There was a lengthy discussion about parking at the park. Nothing was decided.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Clerk Buzzard stated that pool season is right around the corner and the pool manager/assistant manager will begin hiring of the lifeguards.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Zurliene made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to pay off the Equipment Loan in an amount not to exceed \$23,500 using the fund balance from the Equipment Fund and the balance from the General Fund Surplus. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to pay off the Small Capital Improvement Line of Credit not to exceed \$25,500 from the general fund surplus. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried. Mayor Jones estimates the general fund surplus to be between \$160,000 to \$180,000. We will not know the exact amount until the month is closed out.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Transfer a Portion of the General Fund surplus to the Capital Improvement Fund. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1632 Authorizing the Borrowing of funds from Community Bank of Trenton. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried. This will establish a \$65,000 line of credit at a rate of 2.125%. This line of credit will be used to purchase a track hoe and bulldozer which will be used for the wastewater treatment plant project. Debt will be serviced from the sewer fund (\$1000/month) and the equipment fund.

Alderman Zurliene made a motion to Approve Purchase of Police Department Computer and Server from SBA Computers, Inc. in the amount of \$5,709.00. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Award Bid for 2016 MFT Oil to Mike Maedge Trucking, Inc. in the Amount of \$21,444.17. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. Doug Ratermann with HMG Engineering reviewed the pricing and bids received for the Council.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Creation of a Street Inventory Report by HMG Engineers, Inc. in an Amount not to exceed \$8,000. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried. Doug Ratermann reviewed the proposed program of inventorying the streets and rating them. This information will be uploaded into our current GIS system.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Resolution #04252016 to Expend Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Engineering Services for the Compilation of a Street Inventory Report. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1633 Declaring Bobcat 763 Loader, Bobcat Backhoe Attachment, and Bobcat Planer Attachment Surplus. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Purchase of Takeuchi TL130 Multi-Terrain Loader from Bobcat of St. Louis in the Amount of \$19,500. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Purchase of Huskie HH-1000-2 Hydraulic Hammer/Breaker from FEL-TECH Hammer Division in the Amount of \$9,700. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Purchase of 1968 Caterpillar D6C Crawler/Bulldozer from Diamond Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$12,700. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Purchase of Parts for Caterpillar D6C Crawler/Bulldozer from Heavy Equipment Resources, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$675.00. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Purchase of 2002 Case CX160 Excavator from Heavy Equipment Resources, Inc. in the Amount of \$42,500.00. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jones acknowledged that our budget is more complex than it has been in years past. Part of the reason that our surpluses have been so big is to save money for some of the big projects that we are taking on. There has been a lot of work put into this budget by staff and there have been meetings with the Finance Committee. Alderman Woods expressed concern over the Water Fund and that it will need some attention soon. Mayor Jones stated that water consumption has declined due to better efficiency, but we still have debt service that needs to be paid. We are not in a dire situation. We will use this year as a baseline and if necessary adjust water rates next year. We have made extensive repairs to our water infrastructure, but the main trunk-line will need to be replaced at some time. The surplus target in this fiscal year is lower than in previous years as we will be doing more projects this year. Salt shed and kickoff of wastewater treatment plant, drainage, and demolition for parking lot are just a few. The General Fund will remain status quo. The appropriations ordinance will be on the May 9, 2016 agenda for approval, and we will be going forward with discussions about moving to a budget system as opposed to appropriations. The reason is that it puts tighter controls on spending.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Exercise Power of Administrative Review of Decision of Zoning Hearing Officer (21 West Front Street Variance). Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion Approving Ordinance #1634 Granting an Area-Bulk Variance for 21 West Front Street, Trenton, Illinois. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Mayor Jones informed the Council that the City has been approached by someone interested in purchasing the house at 21 E. Broadway, recently purchased by the City. The interested party would move the home to another lot owned by the interested party. The house would need to be declared surplus. Superintendent Wehrle has reservations about this, mainly due to the time involved. By the time this goes out on bids, and arrangements are made, it will be a year from now before that parking lot is built. If this is not allowed, Mr. Wehrle will have the parking lot built by July. Mr. Conley asked if any proceeds from the sale of the house would have to go back into the TIF Fund. Probably. General discussion by the Council agreed that this undertaking is huge, and that the purpose of the purchase was for parking in our downtown area. Let's move forward with the parking lot.

Superintendent Wehrle received a complaint from a resident about trucks using S. Oak Street. This is a narrow street and it is hard to turn from Broadway onto S. Oak. This has resulted in crushed culverts and damage to a water valve box. Mr. Wehrle would like to have a load limit of 5 tons set from Broadway to Indiana, where the road becomes two-way. Mr. Wehrle has witnessed the trash hauler as the culprit. Mayor Jones will have Mr. Brimm get some pictures and reach out to the trash hauler. The solution may be as simple as reworking the route that the trash trucks use.

Mr. Wehrle said that on 1st Street near Mr. Woodall's home approximately 8 trees have been removed and some grading done to alleviate flooding that was happening to his home. Now a sidewalk needs to be put back in and Mr. Wehrle said that some elevations will need to be adjusted so he has reached out to Doug Ratermann with HMG Engineering for assistance. Mr. Ratermann said that the area there is so flat. Removal of the trees helped so that the water doesn't back up toward Mr. Woodall's house, but now we need to be sure that the sidewalks and curbing drain the water properly. HMG would come out and shoot grades and put together the plan for the City to put in the sidewalks and replace the ADA ramps on both corners. If needed, HMG

will stake the area. The design will not exceed \$1700 and will be on the next agenda for approval. The engineering will be paid from MFT and the project itself will be paid from the small capital improvement fund.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Phase 2 Environmental Study for 543 W Broadway by ATON LLC in an amount not to exceed \$7000.00. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried. This will be paid from the TIF fund.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Woods made a motion to enter into closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 8:40 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:28 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Woods, Zurliene. All present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Mohme made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk