

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING May 23, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:02 p.m. at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Hooker, Mohme (absent), Woods, Zurliene, Sims

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, Attorney Tim Palen, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, and Chief Mike Jones

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones read a proclamation naming May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones informed the Council that he and Mr. Brimm have just returned from the Library board meeting. Library Director Linda Richter has been attending the weekly department head meetings as she is head of one of the City's departments. We are working on more communications and more transparency and the Council will be getting more library information in their packets. The library board is a well-run board and their finances are in great order. Mayor Jones reminded the Council that the library is another department of the City which is under the Council.

Smoke testing continues and a few things have been identified, nothing major. The public works department will continue working on this.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Mr. Brimm informed the Council of a situation at 117 E Indiana. He stated that on Friday, May 20, 2016 the Trenton police were called by a neighbor to that property. The neighbor stated that there had been no one at the property for a week and he was concerned for animals that had probably been left in the residence. Officer Joellenbeck and Chief Jones responded to the address and were able to see a cat through the window that appeared to have its head stuck in a jar of some sort. Officer Joellenbeck reached the tenant by phone and permission was given to allow entrance to the premise and to surrender the animals to animal control. Animal control rescued the animal that was observed through the window and two more. Officer Joellenbeck upon entering and observing the property called Mr. Brimm to come out to the property. Upon arrival at the property the owners were contacted and permission was given for an emergency inspection. Mr. Brimm contacted Jerry Green, city health/safety inspector and an inspection was immediately completed. Based on the many code violations and volume of insect infestation and animal excrement found inside the home the home was condemned. The owner was given fifteen days to comply with code, provide an acceptable plan to comply with code, or to demo the structure. Mr. Brimm met with the homeowner to view the property and discuss the condemnation. Yesterday the tenant and homeowner cleaned out much of the property, and Republic Services did pick up most of what was put out. The homeowner has an exterminator coming on Friday. The grass was cut today. Our goal initially is to make sure the exterior of the property meets code. If there is no progress after the 15 days then we will go to Carlyle to get a court order to demolish the property.

Mayor Jones said that we will have no leniency on this property. It has been a problem for a long time.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that there was a pre bid meeting on Wednesday for the wastewater treatment plant. There were 18 contractors present, mostly plumbing and electrical but several general contractors too. An addendum will likely be sent out this week as a result of the meeting. Bids are due June 6, 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve Ordinance #1635 Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve Police Department HVAC replacement by Leroy Kaiser Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$17,084.00. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried. This will be paid from the small capital improvement fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Pool needs for the 2016 season have been identified as follows: 4 new filter elements at a cost of \$1,542.76, a 25lb bag of shock at \$83.99, forty-eight buckets of chlorine tablets at cost of \$6,679.20, and twelve containers of algacide at a cost of \$179.40. This comes to a total of \$8,485.35 and will be paid from the Recreation Fund. This was included in the budget for this year. Superintendent Wehrle went on to inform the Council that as the pump was being lowered into the pit today the lowering device broke and damaged the impeller on the pump. Attempts to straighten it out were unsuccessful so the pump was taken to Lakenburger in Germantown to be fixed. They will have it fixed and ready for installation tomorrow.

The salt shed on 5th Street will be demolished to make room for the new wastewater treatment plant so we will need to construct a new one. The previous "new" salt shed became an equipment storage facility so an additional structure will be build adjacent to the equipment shed under the water tower. Superintendent Wehrle designed this shed with a door on one end. A drawing of the design was passed out. The new building will face east/west and the concrete block base will be 8 feet tall to accommodate the backhoe. There will be a separate storage area in the rear for items that are currently stored on 5th Street. The know costs for the vinyl cover with door are \$12,990.00 and estimated cost for the concrete block base is \$2,200. This will be paid from the small capital improvement fund. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

With our focus on economic development and with new regulations being implemented by the State Mr. Brimm would like to look to the outside to redesign the City's website. The library has just been informed that the State, which has been hosting the library's site, will cease to host library sites. Looking to bring the library's site together with the City's site, Mr. Brimm reached out to Tech Know Solutions out of Breese for a quote. To host all 25 pages currently on the City's site and add the library we were quoted \$4040. Mr. Brimm anticipates the actual cost to be much less because there several pages can be eliminated and others can be combined. The funding would be 50% TIF, and 10% each from General Fund, Water, Sewer, Park and Library. Mayor Jones asked the Council to seriously consider this because a website is one of the first places people look when deciding on where to live or where to locate a business. Mr. Brimm said that Tech Know Solutions has experience with municipal sites, and although there are other

companies out there that perform this work the fees are much higher and there would be additional monthly charges.

It has been brought to the attention of staff that the house at 21 E. Broadway may have asbestos siding under the vinyl siding. This was not known to the previous owner. As part of the abatement process the EPA requires a study to be completed to identify, with certainty, what materials contain asbestos. Plans had already been made in this fiscal year to have a study done on City Hall as it is believed that the ceiling tiles may contain asbestos. Two companies were contacted for bids. ATON, LLC provided a price of \$2,475.00 to test both locations. Environmental Consultants, LLC provided a price of \$2,150.00 to test both locations. Environmental Consultants, LLC can do their testing this week and get results to us by next week. They can identify abatement contractors and we can have abatement approval on the June 13, 2016 agenda so that we can move forward with demolition of 21 E. Broadway prior to the beginning of the wastewater treatment plant work. Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Environmental Study for 21 E. Broadway and 14 W. Broadway by Environmental Consultants, LLC. in the amount of \$2,150.00 to be paid by TIF. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

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, and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Pending or Probable Litigation, and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the Public Body. Second Alderman Sims, all yes Mohme absent. Motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:50 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:33 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme (absent), Sims, Woods, Zurliene

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Wehrle said that the Park Boosters want to create another diamond in the area north of center field of diamond #1. This area has been a swampy area and Mr. Wehrle has been moving dirt and working on drainage. The boosters will seed that area tonight.

Mayor Jones said that there has been wild animal activity along the creek. Several residents have seen foxes there. They will run from humans, but may possibly attack a rabbit or small dog.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes Mohme absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk