

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING June 14, 2016

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Attorney Tim Palen, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Carol Haar, Mr. & Mrs. Williamson, and Chief Mike Jones

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Jones stated that the Booster Bash this past weekend had a good turnout. It was hot but everything ran smoothly. He recognized the park boosters for their efforts.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Carol Haar addressed the Council complaining about Kurt Wehrle's barking dogs. She said they bark for hours and that her sleep has been disturbed. Charlene Williamson stated that the dogs won't bark when Mr. Wehrle is present. They know his vehicle. Mayor Jones asked attorney Palen for the legal side of this issue. Mr. Palen stated that this is not an unusual noise during the day, at night it is understandable. City Administrator Brimm explained the process that has already taken place based on the complaint received months ago. All complaints go to the City Administrator and they are investigated, especially when a city employee is involved. Mr. Williamson expressed his dissatisfaction with the investigation that took place. Mayor Jones informed the residents present that they would be provided with a copy of the ordinance that pertains to this complaint. The Williamsons and Ms. Haar left the meeting. Mr. Brimm said that he was not trying to keep anything from the Council. He has gone out on several occasions and each time the dogs barked briefly and stopped.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

City Clerk Buzzard informed the Council that the annual audit is currently taking place. One item that was brought up was a subdivision reimbursement that has been carried forward on the books for years. They want the Council to take action to clean this up. The Council had some questions as to the procedure for doing that. Ms. Buzzard will get the information to Mr. Palen for review and get more clarification from the auditors.

Chief Jones said that Trenton Police joined the Metro East Major Case Squad in March of this year. Since then they have been activated five times and Trenton officers have participated in three of those calls. He said that Officer Ryan Olier has been recognized by the Cahokia Police Department for his participation in the most recent case handled by the Major Case Squad.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes including Jones. Hooker and Sims absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda

includes the minutes of the May 23, 2016 Regular Council Meeting, bills for the month of May, 2016, payrolls for the month of May 2016, Treasurer's report for the month of April 2016, resignation from Peter Melone from the Trenton Public Library Board, appointment of Thomas Rankin to the Trenton Library Board for a 3 year term, and appointment of Jeannie Brines to Trenton Public Library Board for a 3 year term.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve the purchase of supplies for the pool. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes including Jones. Sims and Hooker absent. Motion carried. The supplies include four new filter elements from Midwest Pool & Court at a cost of \$1542.76, one 25lb. bag of shock at a cost of \$83.99, forty-eight (48) 55lb buckets of chlorine tablets at a cost of \$6,679.20 and twelve containers of algaecide at a cost of \$179.40, all to be paid from the recreation fund.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to approve the purchase of Cover and Concrete Blocks for Construction of Salt Shed at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.00 to be paid from the small Capital Improvement Fund. Second Alderman Woods, all yes including Jones. Sims and Hooker absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Zurliene made a motion to Approve Website Design by TechKnow Solutions not to Exceed \$4,040.00. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes including Jones. Sims and Hooker absent. Motion carried. This cost will be split TIF 50% and General Fund, Water, Sewer, Park and Library 10% each.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Hiring Paul Josias as Soccer Coordinator for the 2016 season at a salary of \$1000. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes including Jones. Hooker and Sims absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Award Asbestos Abatement Contract for 21 E. Broadway to Gencorp Services in the Amount of \$12,500.00 to be paid from TIF. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes including Jones. Hooker and Sims absent. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Brimm explained to the Council that the resolution on the agenda for approval tonight opens the door to begin negotiations for a TIF agreement with the developer of Dollar General. This would start the clock so that any expenses incurred could be TIF eligible (if a qualifying expense). Mayor Jones, Attorney Palen and City Administrator Brimm have met with the developer and he has expressed his desire to negotiate a TIF agreement. Any proposed agreement would be discussed by the Economic Advisory Committee, brought to the Finance Committee and then to the full Council for approval. Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Resolution #06142016 Designating a Developer for Development of Certain Property at 532 East Broadway, Trenton, Illinois and Declaring an Intent to Reimburse Certain Development Project Costs. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, including Jones. Sims and Hooker absent. Motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Wehrle informed the Council that the recently acquired CAT D6 will need new tracks before we begin the work at the wastewater treatment plant. He has obtained a quote from AMS in the amount of \$7008.16. This will be added to the equipment line of credit. Mr. Wehrle stated that he did not notice this when testing the machine because he was operating it in mud.

We have no details on the Neptune maintenance contract so this discussion will be postponed until we get the information.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that there were five bids submitted for the construction of the wastewater treatment plant and bids were opened this afternoon. Preliminary results show Contegra being the low bidder at \$4,678,000.00 once you figure in the deductive alternate (amount being deducted for our public works department doing site preparation and demolition work). Brian Buchheit with HMG Engineering is reviewing all of the bids for irregularities. Mr. Brimm has a meeting scheduled next Wednesday with HMG to discuss the financing of this project. Currently IL EPA rates are sub 2%. As long as there are no problems with the bids, an intent to award will be on the next agenda. Mayor Jones questioned the bids and wanted to know if the numbers took into consideration the work that we will do in-house. Yes, that is the amount listed as the deductive alternate. He then asked if the 10% engineers estimate was figured into these bids. No, these bids are for construction cost only. There may be change orders as the project is underway, but the Council will have to approve each change order. Mr. Brimm went on to explain that the contract with HMG is completed and that we will have to enter into another one for the construction oversight phase. Mayor Jones would prefer to avoid a contract on a percentage basis for engineering.

Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle informed the Council that he has received a set of plans from HMG Engineering for the sidewalk & curb project at First and Main Streets. The engineers estimate for this project is \$16,724.00. Mr. Wehrle feels that with the public works department doing the majority of the work the actual cost of the project will be \$9,190.00. This will be paid from the small capital improvement fund. Alderman Woods questioned why we couldn't use MFT funds for this project. After some discussion it was decided to use MFT funds for this. The street survey that is being conducted by HMG Engineering is not yet completed. Due to the fact that MFT funds will be used for that, IDOT must approve and we have not heard anything back yet.

#### **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)(5) Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the Public Body. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes including Jones, Sims and Hooker absent. Motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 8:28 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:04 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker (absent), Mohme, Sims (absent), Woods, Zurliene, Jones

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jones said that pay raises for the non-union employees will be on the next agenda for approval.

IPTIP revenues for the last fiscal year were strong.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes including Jones, Hooker and Sims absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk