

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING JULY 11, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, July 11, 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, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Attorney Tim Palen, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Officer Ryan Olier, Chief Mike Jones, Sharon Thornton, Renee Wempe, John Bohn, Mrs. Bohn

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

Sharon Thornton has a culvert that is clogged and would like to know if the City can clean it out. She lives at 120 W 2nd. We will take a look at it tomorrow. Ms. Wempe was here to dispute a citation. Mayor Jones informed her that it has already been taken care of. John Bohn was here tonight to observe a meeting for one of his boy scout merit badges.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones had a prepared statement in response to the issue brought up at a recent Council meeting. He wanted to reassure the general public that the City of Trenton Police Department takes traffic safety very seriously. Year-to-date TPD has issued 276 traffic-related citations and 208 warning to motorists for traffic violations.

Speeding, the topic of concern voiced at the last meeting, comprised 55.4% of citations issued and 40.9% of the warnings. The average speed over the posted limit that resulted in citation in town was 16.9 mph.

In addition to continuing our normal traffic enforcement efforts, TPD will be participating in the inaugural Speed Awareness Day sponsored by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. This initiative, scheduled for July 27th, is a statewide, coordinated speed campaign where participating agencies encourage their officers to focus their enforcement and educational efforts on violations of speeding laws in their jurisdictions.

Traffic enforcement is only one component of Trenton Police Department's activities. Recently TPD personnel have been involved in a variety of investigations. This year alone, TPD officers have assisted Belleville Police in clearing several cases, ranging from auto theft to residential burglary.

One of Trenton's officers went to the neighborhood of concern and spoke with several of the residents. He took his handheld radar gun and asked residents to estimate the speed of the vehicles traveling down the road. Most all of them thought the vehicles were traveling at a higher rate of speed than radar showed they were.

Alderman Hooker brought to the Council some information on speed cushions and speed tables. Both are portable allowing them to be removed for snow plowing or street oiling. There was discussion about liability and cost of these devices.

Mayor Jones mentioned a drainage issue at a corner in town and stated that details on that would be presented later in this meeting.

The American Legion District Baseball Tournament is taking place right now at the park. Thanks were sent out to Pete Schumacher.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

City Administrator Brimm informed the Council that a sinkhole developed at the storm sewer inlet at the corner of Broadway and Walnut. When the public works department investigated and began repairs to the inlet a large area collapsed and it was discovered that the manhole was an old brick lined one with little to no mortar in the bricks. The manhole was repaired, the inlet was replaced, and the street was opened back up to traffic. Curbing that was torn out for the repair will be replaced after the parking lot goes in on that corner.

The salt shed concrete blocks are in place and we hope to have the canopy installed next week.

The West 1st Street sidewalk and curbing project will begin next week.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the minutes of the July 27, 2016 Regular Council Meeting, Bills for the month of June 2016, Payrolls for the month of June 2016 and the Treasurer's report for the month of May 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Replacement of Awnings at Police Department by Lawrence Fabric & Metal Structures Inc. in the Amount of \$1,575.00. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Replacement of Awnings at City Hall by Lawrence Fabric & Metal Structures Inc. in the amount of \$1,532.00 to be paid from Tax Increment Financing Fund. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Installation of Sign at City hall by Signs & Designs by Ronnie Deien in the amount of \$1,317.50 to be paid from Tax Increment Financing Fund. Second Alderman Zurliene. Alderman Mohme abstained, all others yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Renewal of Micro-Comm Service Agreement in the Amount of \$2,200.00. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that the previous contract for engineering services we had with HMG Engineering was for the design and bidding phase of the wastewater treatment plant. This contract that is being considered tonight covers building through commissioning of the new plant including having someone on-site for the entire construction phase. This is a lump sum contract, not a percentage one. HMG will bill us monthly based on the completion percentage of the project, but there will be no additional engineering costs without prior Council approval. This agreement was reviewed by Mr. Brimm and Attorney Palen and after discussing this with representatives from HMG Engineering, it was agreed that the indemnification paragraph (paragraph #13) would be removed and paragraph #8 would be amended to remove the \$50,000 limit. That change would make the liability limit the same as the contract amount, \$390,000, not the \$50,000 as stated. Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Professional Services

Agreement with HMG Engineers, Inc. for Construction Guidance, Resident Project Representation and Commissioning for Wastewater Treatment Plant Project in the Amount of \$390,000 as amended to remove paragraph #13 and remove \$50,000 limit from paragraph #8. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brimm has been approached by Ms. Alexis White requesting permission to hold a bake sale in the park to benefit the library. Chapter 28 of our code requires Council approval for anything sold in the park. Ms. White unfortunately could not make tonight's meeting but conveyed to Mr. Brimm her plan. She and two of her friends would like to host a "Bake for Books" fundraiser. She would like to hang flyers around town and would sell lemonade, snow cones, sweet tea, cake pops, fruit kabobs, cookies, pumpkin crème pies, orange juice, popsicles and watermelon slices. They would like to host this on August 6 or August 7 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Everyone on the Council was in favor of this. It will be on the next agenda for approval.

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 Mohme, all yes. The Council entered Closed Session at 7:30 P.M.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:25 P.M. Roll call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Woods, Zurliene, all present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk