

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING JULY 25, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, July 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, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Attorney Tim Palen, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Officer Ryan Olier, Chief Mike Jones, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle and Kelly Ross of the Breese Journal

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

The Trenton Police Department will be participating in Illinois Speed Awareness Day on July 27th. This is sponsored by the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association to bring awareness to the dangers associated with speeding. Mayor Jones expressed concern regarding the situation with the State of Illinois. The City is financially sound, but his concern is that revenues will suddenly drop off making budgeting impossible. Mayor Jones received positive feedback on limb collection after last week's storms.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Jones reported that the Cahokia Police Department sent a thank you note to Officer Joellenbeck for his participation recently with the major case squad. Chief Jones has also received much positive feedback from our residents on our police. He thanked the residents for their support of the department.

Superintendent Wehrle stated that the asbestos abatement on the house at 21 E. Broadway is completed and the fire department will use that house for a training exercise prior to the house being demolished. There will be no fire, just smoke. The curb and sidewalk project at 1st and Main is completed. Mayor Jones said that the small capital improvement project list has only one more project (Branch Court drainage), so all of the Alderman are asked to bring suggestions for more projects. Mr. Wehrle said the new salt shed canopy will be installed on Wednesday. Mr. Brimm recognized the public works department for their limb clean-up efforts and reminded the public that we do have weekly yard waste pick-up. Mr. Wehrle said that he has never seen so many trees trimmed in town at one time. A finance committee meeting needs to be scheduled to review a TIF application submitted by Hank's Bowl.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2016 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Authorize a Library Fundraiser in the City Park. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1639 Establishing a Prevailing Wage. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Resolution #07252016 Requesting Closure of Broadway (TrentonFest Parade). Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Amendment Number 1 to Professional Services Agreement Between HMG Engineers, Inc. and City of Trenton for Wastewater Treatment Facilities – Design Engineering. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Amendment Number 1 to Professional Services Agreement Between HMG Engineers, Inc. and City of Trenton for Wastewater Treatment Facilities – Construction Engineering. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

The Community Coordination Committee has met a couple of times and it is their recommendation to approve the changes proposed to Chapter 28 of the City Code of Ordinances. Mr. Brimm explained that the number of members of the park board has dropped below the required minimum, so it is the committee's recommendation to dissolve the board and have the duties absorbed by the committee and City staff. Mr. Brimm reviewed the major changes in Chapter 28. Alderman Hooker said this is the result of growing pains coupled with changes in City personnel. He thanked the park board for their service. Mayor Jones said that with the changes in personnel, he agrees that this had to be done.

The TrentonFest committee has again this year requested the extension of park hours until 1:00 AM on Saturday, September 10, 2016 and Sunday, September 11, 2016, and the extension of hours for the sale of alcohol until 12:30 AM on Saturday, September 10, 2016 and Sunday, September 11, 2016. This has been granted in years past and no one saw this as a problem this year. It will be on the next agenda for formal approval.

Alderman Woods called a Finance Committee meeting for Monday, August 1, 2016 at 6:30 PM to review the TIF application submitted by Hank's Bowl.

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 Zurliene, all yes. The Council entered Closed Session at 7:24 P.M.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:12 P.M. Roll call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Woods, Zurliene, all present.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Mayor's Appointment of Tim Palen as Police Captain. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried. Mayor Jones said that Mr. Palen will also be the City Attorney, and that being said there are some situations that he will not be able to represent the City on. That will all be outlined in a press release that will be sent. This is a non-union position. After an exhaustive selection process we are pleased to have Mr. Palen on board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk