

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:03 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, and Chief Mike Jones, Officer Anjeles Mora, Officer Brett Wiebler Dan Kohlbrecher, Brian Berberich, Mark and Barb Lockowitz, Gary Hilmes, Heather Florczyk and Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

Dan Kohlbrecher with the Trenton Chamber of Commerce informed the Council that the Chamber will be hosting a holiday decorating contest for the businesses in Trenton. There will be a traveling trophy and local bands and choral groups will perform beside the nativity scene on Tempo Bank's lot. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Applications must be filled out so that the judges will know who is competing, and they can be found on the Chamber's website. This will take place on December 9, 2016.

Gary Hilmes addressed the Council with plans for land that he owns on the west side of town. He would like to develop the lot that was the Glanzner furniture store as highway retail, and take the 7 acres that he owns behind that and put townhouses and duplexes on them to serve as a buffer between the single family homes and the industrial park. He is asking the Council for an inducement resolution so that he can market the retail lot and re-plat the residential lots. Mayor Jones said that the next step would be to sit down with Mr. Hilmes, his engineers and the City to iron out a plan and then bring that back to the Council.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones said that one election is behind us and that he plans to seek a second term.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Hooker offered his assistance to Mr. Hilmes if he needed another set of eyes to review his plans. Alderman Hooker announced a Community Coordination committee meeting next Monday at 6:30 p.m. to discuss fees and times for the Trenton Torpedos next season.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle informed the Council that Phase I at Hank's Bowl is complete except for the hand rail on the ramp. The sidewalk that the park boosters poured from the pavilions to the bathroom is done, and half of the concrete work on the South pavilion is done. The rest of that concrete work will be finished tomorrow. Alderman Woods asked about the fence in centerfield which was damaged in a storm last year. Mayor Jones said details on that would be brought back to the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Mohme made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. The consent agenda included the minutes of the October 24,

2016 Regular Council meeting, Treasurer's report for the month of September 2106, bills and payrolls for October 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Redevelopment Agreement with Jim's Mens and Boys. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve a Redevelopment Agreement with Trenton Sun. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Resolution 11142016 Casting a Ballot for David Miller in the 2016 IMRF Executive Trustee Election. Second Alderman Hooker. Woods, yes, Hooker, yes, Zurliene, yes, Mohme, no, Sims, yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Brimm gave an overview of the redevelopment agreement for 313 E. Broadway. He asked Terry Calvert to seek bids for all items of work to be performed by Crown Roofing and those were provided. Per the finance committee all work to be performed by Crown Roofing was reduced to a 40% reimbursement and all life/safety items remained at a 90% reimbursement. Alderman Hooker made a Motion to Approve a Redevelopment Agreement at 313 E. Broadway. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve 2017 General Liability/Property/Casualty Renewal with Illinois Counties' Risk Management Trust. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a Motion to Approve 2017 Worker's Compensation Renewal with Illinois Public Risk Fund. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried.

Mayor Jones informed the Council that the sewer fund had a fund balance of \$487,856 as of October 31, 2016. The fund has been running \$10,000 to \$15,000 surpluses every month due to the prior rate increases. All design engineering has been paid for on the new wastewater treatment plant, and prior discussion had the city requesting that money as the first disbursement on the loan to pay off all other outstanding debt in the sewer fund. The current outstanding debt is just over \$141,000. As was discussed in committee and prior meetings, the rate increase is to prove to the Illinois EPA that the City can repay the full amount of the project if we borrow that much. It is the recommendation of the finance committee to increase the sewer rate, pay off all outstanding debt with fund balance now, and use our current surpluses to pay expenses. If at the end of construction we have too much cash flow then the Council can lower the rate. Mayor Jones also pointed out that time is of the essence. The contractor will not issue any more extensions. Alderman Woods made a Motion to Approve Ordinance #1648 Establishing Sanitary Sewer Rates. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a Motion to Retire All Existing Sewer Debt Utilizing Sewer Funds. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a Motion to Approve Ordinance #1649 Updating Salaries. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Mohme made a Motion to Authorize City Treasurer to Open Checking Account for Local Deposit of Motor Fuel Tax Receipts. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Superintendent of Public Works, Kurt Wehrle would like to purchase a tandem axel dump truck to haul dirt from the wastewater treatment plant. Our current dump trucks can haul 6 to 7 cubic yards of dirt at a time. A tandem axel dump truck can haul 14 cu yds per load. This would

eliminate the cost of hiring a trucking company to help haul dirt. Mr. Wehrle ran through the costs associated with hiring a trucking company. He found a couple of good used trucks in the \$8,000 range. When you factor in the cost of fuel and that you can sell the truck for about \$5000 after the project is complete, he figures the City could save \$18,000. Mayor Jones asked if there would still be savings if the City didn't sell the truck after the project is complete. Mr. Wehrle said yes. Mr. Wehrle and Mr. Brimm will look into this further and bring more information back to the Council for a decision.

Mr. Wehrle went on to inform the Council that pump #1 at the Wildwood lift station is down and Missouri Machinery is repairing it. No idea on cost of repairs yet. Also, for the past six weeks the Clearwater valve at the reservoir has not been operating. Mr. Wehrle has been adjusting it manually and has it down to a science so he does not feel the need to pay \$5000 to have it fixed. Alderman Woods asked if anyone else knows how to do these manual adjustments. No. Alderman Woods does not think that is a good thing.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk