

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods, Zurliene All present.

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Sergeant Ryan Weh, Officer Joe Berry, Linda Richter, Jean Heier, Larry Davis, and Mike Conley.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones recognized Linda Richter, retiring Director of the Trenton Library for her 26 years of service to the City. He presented her with a plaque and pictures were taken.

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COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones again thanked Linda Richter for her service and wished her well in retirement. The park roof/siding project is largely completed.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Hooker would like to rework the zoning code before spring. Mr. Brimm informed him that our attorney suggested that we move forward with the re-codification and rework our zoning code afterwards. The situation with Mr. and Mrs. Wellen earlier this year was an anomaly, and Mr. Brimm would advocate redoing the zoning code after re-codification.

Alderman Weh asked the status of the concession stand project. He did not see anything on the agenda. This is a serious situation and he does not want it forgotten. Mr. Brimm said the engineers are still waiting on information from the contractors. He will reach out to HMG Engineering for an update.

Alderman Woods wanted to know if there were any plans for more camera work. Mr. Brimm said that with all of the projects on the public works plate right now that there isn't time. Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle listed several times they have had the camera out recently and informed the Council that it takes his full crew to work camera projects. At this time of the year he does not have a full crew.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Sergeant Weh reviewed the police activity for the month of November. Mayor Jones elaborated on four City Ordinance citations that were issued. He informed the Council that these were code enforcement citations. The public is noticing that the City is taking action. There are still some properties that the City is working on. We do not want to force anyone from their home. This is a long legal process.

Sergeant Weh said that the cameras for the police vehicles were installed last Tuesday and are running well. This time of the year there are thefts from motor vehicles. Sergeant Weh encouraged everyone to just lock their vehicle.

Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle informed the Council that the small package plant demolition has begun. He hopes that the new plant will be running by the end of the week and then he will begin demolition of the big package plant. He also hopes to have the temporary fence up by the end of this week. Mr. Wehrle is working with his department on vacation scheduling so that he doesn't end up with everyone off at the end of the year.

Mr. Brimm would like to have the Finance Committee Chair call a meeting to review the water rate analysis. Chairman Woods called a meeting for Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Hooker questioned the resolution that was on the Consent Agenda so it was pulled. Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the Minutes of the November 27, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, the Bill for November 2017, the Payrolls for November 2017, the Treasurer's Report for October 2017, a motion to Extend Liquor Sales at Hank's Bowl until 4:00 a.m. on January 1, 2018, a motion to Extend Liquor Sales at 7 West until 4:00 a.m. on January 1, 2018, and a motion to Extend Liquor Sales until 4:00 a.m. on January 1, 2018.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Brimm explained to the Council that the Resolution before them urges the Governor to veto Senate Bill 1451. This bill establishes the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act and severely limits municipal authority to regulate, site, or charge permit fees for wireless facilities. Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve Resolution 12112017 Urging the Governor to Veto Senate Bill 1451. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1696 Providing for the Levy Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2017 and Ending April 30, 2018. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that the next agenda item, approval of installation of South Main Street Handicap Ramp project is in limbo right now. The improvements that Trenton House would like to make to their building include installing a balcony similar to the original one on the building. The supports for the balcony along the Broadway side of the building would be on IDOT right of way. Right now everyone is waiting on a review from IDOT. Mr. Brimm would ask that the Council approve the installation of the ramp tonight. This would allow the contractor to begin work as soon as IDOT completes their review. Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Installation of South Main Street Handicap Ramp and Sidewalk by KRB Excavation, Inc. in the Amount of \$6,100.00. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Act 100-0554 which was signed into law on November 16, 2017 requires that all governmental entities in Illinois pass by resolution or ordinance a policy against sexual harassment. This must be passed by January 15, 2018. Clerk Buzzard informed the Council that although our employee handbook currently has such a policy, this does not meet the requirement of the new law. A sample ordinance was presented and no one had any questions. This will be put on the next meeting's agenda for approval.

The discussion of the 2018 Motor Fuel Tax program was postponed to our next meeting.

Clerk Buzzard informed the Council that the last time the Trenton Code of Ordinances was updated was May 1, 2011. The last time the City did a re-codification is unknown. A request for proposal for a complete re-codification was sent out and three companies answered the request. City Administrator Brimm and Clerk Buzzard reviewed the proposals and agree on the top selection. The complete re-codification process was discussed and feedback was sought from the

Council. Mayor Jones will work with Mr. Brimm and Ms. Buzzard on financing of this project. The award of bid will be on the next agenda for approval.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that Sugar Creek Township has approached the City with a request for an Intergovernmental Agreement. This does not obligate the City to provide manpower and has the standard “if we break it we fix it” language. No one had any objections so this will appear on the next meeting agenda for approval.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that with the transition in legal counsel there comes a differing of opinions. Staff has been working lately on obtaining easements for the ground that the City has recently acquired, and for a private sewer main that the City has removed and replaced with a City main. Mr. Brimm reviewed each of the easements and concessions. It is of the opinion of Attorney Heiligenstein that each of these easements needs to have Council approval, so they will likely appear on the Consent Agenda at future meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jones wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Woods, all yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk