

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 8, 2018

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, January 8, 2018 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, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Officer John Sury, Sergeant Ryan Weh, Officer Brian Salvi, Officer Alex Wilken, Doug Ratermann with HMG Engineering and Mike Conley.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Hooker 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 7:03 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 7:06 p.m. Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods, Zurliene. All present.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle reported that with the cold weather there were reports of 14 frozen meters and one water line break which wasn't weather related. His department salted roads yesterday as a precaution.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the minutes of the December 26, 2017 Regular Council meeting, approval of the Bills for December 2017, Approval of Payrolls for December 2017, Approval of the Treasurer's Report for November 2017, Acceptance of Sewer Easement from Andrew and Melissa Trombley (Parcel 05-05-20-109-003), Acceptance of Sewer Easement from Timothy and Mary Williams (Parcel 05-05-20-109-004), acceptance of Sewer Easement from MJB Covenant, LLC (Parcel 05-05-20-109-001), acceptance of Sewer Easement from MJB Covenant, LLC (Parcel 05-05-20-109-005), acceptance of Sewer Easement from New Life Christian Center, Inc. (Parcel 05-05-19-251-018), and acceptance of General Public Utilities Easement and Temporary Construction Easement from Jamie and Farron Owen (Parcels 05-05-19-206-015 & 05-05-19-206-021).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Brian Salvi to the Position of Patrolman. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. Clerk Buzzard swore in Officer Salvi.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Task Order No. 13 with HMG Engineering for Concession Stand Structural Repairs in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,000.00 to be paid from Capital Improvement Fund. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, motion carried.

Mr. Brimm updated the Council with information for the water meter discussion. Mr. Brimm spoke with Kim Bateman from the SIUE Environmental Control Training Center about open vs closed systems. Mr. Bateman stated that an open system, one without a backflow prevention device, is not a major concern in residential applications. Irrigation systems pose the greatest risk and here in Trenton most of those are metered separately from the house system. He saw no problem with the City using meter yolks that don't have the backflow preventer installed. Mr. Brimm went on to say that it is a state code requirement to have an expansion tank on hot water heater replacements. Mayor Jones asked the timeline to replace all of the water meters that are located inside homes. Mr. Brimm will work with Mr. Wehrle to determine this. Mayor Jones said that the water fund needs to pay for this and we need a plan for all of the improvements. All of this needs to be factored into the rate increase. We can't raise rates and come back and raise them again. The trunk-line was a major concern when Mayor Jones came on the Council but with our current public works department the cost for repairs to that line is much less. Mayor Jones stated that in an emergency the Infrastructure Fund could be used for repairs. Alternatives to that trunk-line must also be figured into the rate increase. There was discussion on the age of our meters and the expected life of a meter. More data will be gathered and brought back to the Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Doug Ratermann with HMG Engineering opened a discussion of the 2018 MFT program. He has worked with Superintendent Wehrle to identify the areas that will be worked on this year. As an alternative to submitting for approval specific jobs for MFT work, the City can list all of its equipment that is used on MFT projects and MFT funds can reimburse the City based on a schedule that is put out by IDOT. Superintendent Wehrle already tracks how all of the equipment is used. He will track usage and give that to Collector Buzzard so she can reimburse the General Fund from the MFT Fund. Mayor Jones expressed concern with moving restricted money to unrestricted. The Council is fine with moving forward with this approach as long as line items are added to the budget and fund balance reports.

Superintendent Wehrle informed the Council about a situation at the Parkview Apartments. Currently there are 12 service lines feeding off of a one inch line. All of the meters are near the apartment building with just a piece of plywood covering them. They freeze often which is what happened again just last week. The property owner, Daren Reverman, would like to move the meters close to the property line and put two meters each in pits which is how they should be. He will pay to have the meters moved and the service lines run. The Council has already approved the installation of a fire hydrant in that area, so Superintendent Wehrle would like to install a water line that would loop existing water lines and the hydrant. Mayor Jones said this is the same situation that was discussed earlier. This is a water project and how do we pay for it. The hydrant can be paid from TIF as this services TIF properties. The balance of the project cost is estimated at \$9,734.00. It was decided that the water fund would pay \$5,000.00 of that and the Infrastructure Fund would pay the \$4,734.00 balance. Mayor Jones did not object, but did state that the Infrastructure Fund could not sustain this type of spending.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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Employees of the Public Body. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 8:26 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:01 p.m.  
Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods, Zurliene All present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk