

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 22, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, January 22, 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, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Freddie Baker, and Mike Conley.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

The fund balance report through December shows a General Fund surplus of \$153,000.00. The Water Fund is an ongoing concern. We need to act on that soon. Work started today on the Trenton House handicap ramp reconstruction. This Friday we will close on the property the City is purchasing for the water and sewer extension to the Northgate subdivision.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck cautioned that there has been an increase in vehicles going around stopped school busses. If caught, charges will be pressed. Also, this time of the year the phone scams from people claiming to be from the IRS ramp up. The IRS will not contact anyone by phone. If you get a call like this just hang up.

Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle reported that the sewer was repaired at 191 Parkview last week and roots continue to be a problem there. A leaking valve at Broadway and King Oak was repaired last week. A storm sewer backup on Front Street has been fixed but public works is still looking for the source. It is possible that a storm sewer along the railroad has collapsed. Mayor Jones asked for an estimate of repairs if we find the storm sewer has collapsed. A new resident in the Wildwood Subdivision had no water when he moved in. Upon further investigation the public works department discovered that when the water main was tapped the corp stop was never turned on. In the process of this investigation we hit a cable line. That has been repaired, and water is on for this resident.

City Administrator Brimm reported that Brad Hummert of HMG Engineering is 90% complete with his detail pages for the concession stand project. It is anticipated that this project will be bid out and work under way in February.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Weh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Council meeting, a motion to Accept Sewer Easement from Anthony J. Emig (Parcel 05-05-20-109-002), a motion to Accept Sewer Easement from Joseph and Ann Heiligenstein (Parcel 05-05-19-251-017), and Ordinance #1699 Accepting the Dedication of Right of Way from Trenton New Life Christian Center, Inc.

NEW BUSINESS

The Plan Commission held a hearing on January 11, 2018 to hear a special use application submitted by Freddie Baker. He is interested in purchasing the property at 19 S Main and would like to turn that property into three rental units. The Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the special use request with the condition that the west side of the lot is converted into off street parking with the entrance from the alley. Mr. Baker addressed the Council and detailed his plans for the building. Alderman Weh expressed his concern over noise from a nearby business. Mr. Brimm informed him that this was discussed at length at the Plan Commission hearing. No one else had any questions. This will be on the next agenda for action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Purchase of Materials for the Parkview Drive Hydrant and Water Main Project from Midwest Municipal Supply in the Amount of \$7,912.00 to be paid from the Infrastructure Fund. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Superintendent Wehrle has been working on water meter replacement calculations. He proposes replacing 100 meter tops and moving 25 meters to outside of homes per year. At this pace it will take 8 years to replace everything in town. The cost for the first year would be \$31,000.00 because 3 compound meters would be replaced in addition to the above proposed replacements. Each year after that the cost would be \$24,000.00. To fund this he is suggesting a meter fee be put on each account. This would be a flat fee of say \$3.00 per month. That would take care of all maintenance for the water fund. Mayor Jones was quick to point out that this fee would not offset the rate increase. There was discussion about the meter fee and the levels of inventory that Mr. Wehrle keeps on hand. With a \$3.00 meter fee and a 30% increase in the water rate an average water bill would be \$36.59 per month. This puts Trenton right in the middle of water rates in Clinton County. With a \$3.00 meter fee and a 25% increase in water rates an average water bill would be \$35.30 per month. There was a lengthy discussion on the amount of fund balance to keep in the water fund and the percent increase in the water rates to support that fund balance. It was decided that Mr. Brimm would put together some calculations to see how different rate increases would affect both minimum and heavy water users. The Council will also need to look at the Capital Improvement project list and Small Capital Improvement project list to set priorities for the next budget year.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brimm recapped for the Council the discussion from last meeting on next fiscal year's MFT program. Instead of projecting expenses directly in the MFT fund, the MFT fund will reimburse the General fund for actual expenses. Superintendent Wehrle will track all use of equipment and materials and present that to Clerk Buzzard for the reimbursement. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

The Plan Commission held a hearing on January 11, 2018 to review a preliminary plat submitted by David Meyer for a 3 lot subdivision on property owned by Paul Meyer. There will be only two new homes built as Paul Meyer occupies a home on the property that will become one of the lots. The Plan Commission unanimously recommends approval of the plat which includes keeping the current road as a private road. This will be on the next agenda for action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Trenton Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance Auction will be held February 17 at Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston. Let Mr. Brimm know if you plan to attend.

Also, the Chamber will be hosting a meeting Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Trenton House to gauge interest in a Community Building. Everyone is invited to attend.

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 and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 8:24 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods, Zurliene All present.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk