

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, February 26, 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, Brett Benhoff of HMG Engineering, attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Evan and Tom Buckles and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones and several of the Council attended the Chamber of Commerce Dinner/Dance/Auction. A notice of a majority of a quorum was posted and Mayor Jones stated that no City business was discussed.

He also attended the Chamber's meeting to discuss a potential community building. He said that 25-30 people were in attendance representing several different community organizations. The Chamber asked if TIF monies would be available and Mayor Jones stated that the property being proposed is not in the TIF district. The Chamber also questioned whether the land, the site of the former VFW building, would be donated from the City for this project. Mayor Jones would like to have a plan presented to the Council and told the Chamber that he felt the taxpayers should weigh in on a decision like this. The Chamber will hold another meeting next month.

Mayor Jones and Mr. Brimm met recently with Gene Norber, our TIF consultant. Things are moving along, and Mr. Brimm will gather some additional information for Mr. Norber.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck reported that Sergeant Weh hosted a DARE breakfast at 7-West yesterday. It went well. No totals are available yet.

City Administrator Brimm reported that everyone on City water received a cross connection survey. We are required by the IEPA to conduct this survey. He encouraged everyone to complete the survey and return them to City Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve an amount Not to Exceed \$3,500.00 for Pool Concession Stand Equipment Purchases. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Hire Paul Josias as Baseball/Softball Coordinator for the 2018 Season at a salary of \$2600.00. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Weh made a motion to Award Diamond #1 Dugout/Concession Stand Rehabilitation Project to Joseph F. Becker, Inc. in the Amount of \$8,875.00. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, motion carried. This will be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1701 Amending Water Rates. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried. During the discussion of this ordinance concerns from some of the Alderman about amending the ordinance for a higher rate increase were put to rest with the assurance that the water fund would be evaluated in a year. At that time if revenues are not where they need to be another rate increase can be discussed. Right now there are too many variables to justify a larger rate increase.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Waive Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorize the Purchase of 60 Neptune Trident 10 Water Meters and Accessories from Schulte Supply, Inc. in the Amount of \$26,989.80. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1702 Amending Rules for the Testing of Water Meters. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

City Administrator Brimm informed the Council that the franchise agreement with TCI cable has expired. TCI has been bought out and is now what we know as Charter. Mr. Brimm is working with attorney Heiligenstein on a new agreement. Everything is being kept status quo except for the term of the agreement. Typically franchise agreements are for 20 years. With the changes in technology Mr. Brimm is working to change the term to five years. If all goes well, this will be on the next meeting's agenda for approval.

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)(11) Pending or Probable Litigation. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:28 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 7:43p.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jones informed the Council that there were no major issues related to the rain this past weekend. There was no flooding at the parking lot either.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk