

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 26, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods (absent), Zurliene

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Sergeant Ryan Weh, Officer Brian Salvi, Officer Joe Berry and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones recognized this year's DARE graduates and the officers involved in the DARE program. Mayor Jones also thanked the public that responded to request for information relating to the recent property damage at the park. The notice on Facebook led to results.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck stated that the subjects that caused the vandalism to the bathrooms at the park are known to the police and they all are juveniles. DARE graduation was today and Pizza Market donated pizzas for the celebration.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that the Facebook post regarding the vandalism at the park was shared over 20,000 times. This was the most successful post to date and Mr. Brimm thanked the public for their help in this matter. Mr. Brimm wanted to clear up a miscommunication regarding the Crown Roofing quotes for replacing the roof on the concession stand. It was explained to Mr. Brimm that the increased cost from Crown to complete the roof within an accelerated time frame was due to overtime expenses that would be incurred. He apologized for the miscommunication.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, Woods absent, motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the minutes of the March 12, 2018 Regular Council Meeting, Approval of Hiring of Brain Berberich for Seasonal Park Laborer Position at an hourly rate of \$10.00, Approval of Hiring of Mason Buzzard for Seasonal Park Laborer Position at an hourly rate of \$10.00, Approval of Ordinance #1703 Accepting the Dedication of Right of Way from Deien Chevrolet, Inc., and Acceptance of Sewer Easement from Deien Chevrolet, Inc. (Parcel #05-05-19-252-005).

CLOSED SESSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Joe Berry to the Position of Patrolman. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Woods absent, motion carried. Clerk Buzzard swore in Patrolman Berry.

Alderman Weh made a motion to Authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to Purchase a Smooth Drum Roller in an Amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Woods absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brimm opened a discussion about City Hall hours. Currently City Hall is open on Monday from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. With the elimination of the sale of vehicle and animal tags and the transition to once a month utility billing foot and phone traffic on Monday evenings is non-existent. Staff suggests moving to a more standardized schedule with proposed hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. This suggestion would result in increased hours for Utility Billing Clerk Peggy Wellen. After some discussion it was decided to go with this scenario for a 90 day period and re-evaluate. This will begin on Monday.

Mr. Brimm reviewed with the Council the Ordinance prepared authorizing and regulating home kitchen operations that was discussed at the previous council meeting. Attorney Heiligenstein has reviewed the ordinance and has no objections. This will be on the next meeting's agenda for approval.

Also discussed at the previous council meeting was the utility penalty cap adjustment. While Mr. Brimm was preparing an ordinance to modify the penalty cap he observed that same section of code addresses the non-pay reconnect fees. Currently we charge a \$20 turn on fee during business hours and \$50 fee for after hours. These fees have not been adjusted since 2004 and they no longer cover our cost, especially after hours. After discussion it was decided to charge \$35 during business hours and \$125 after hours. It was made clear that these charges apply only to customers who have had their water turned off for non-pay.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Purchase of Various Culverts from Energy Culvert Co. in the Amount of \$5,287.00 to be paid from the MFT Fund. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, Woods absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Brimm brought up for discussion the property at 3 Harmony Lane. This property was previously before the Plan Commission for possible rezoning but the Plan Commission recommended denial and the Council agreed. That property has now changed hands and per our code must annex. That property is served by City water but not City sewer. There has been some very preliminary talk of extending City sewer to that area. In discussing the annexation with the new owner of the property Mr. Brimm would like to suggest abating the City property taxes until such time the City has sewer to that property. Once the sewer is available then the property owner would be required to tap and City property taxes would no longer be abated. The Council was fine with that proposal.

Mr. Brimm has also been in discussions with Top Ag. They own one elusive parcel that has not been annexed into the City and at this time they would like to erect a building on that parcel. Clinton County is making them jump through hoops for that construction so Top Ag would like to annex that parcel into the City. In turn the City would vacate a portion of S. King Oak south of Kentucky Street and Top Ag would dedicate to the City an additional 30 foot wide strip in front of Car Chem to allow us to make the street the proper width. As part of this deal Top Ag has asked that the City abate their portion of the property taxes for a ten year period. This would amount to approximately \$700.00 per year. More information on this and the Harmony Lane annexation will be brought to the Council as it becomes available.

Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle discussed with the Council again a location where two residents' water lines are tied together. Here two homes at Iowa and Locust are fed from the same 1 3/4" line which comes from Kentucky Street. There is a water main on the north side of

Iowa and Mr. Wehrle would like to make two taps to service each of the residents. He would then like to dig up the corp stop on Kentucky and shut it off. Mr. Brimm mentioned that due to the length of that run if there were to be a pin hole leak it may never be detected and the City would be on the hook for all of that water loss. The Council was also asked their opinion of using PVC pipe as opposed to copper pipe for these new lines being put in. Mr. Brimm has checked with Rick Gerstner our plumbing inspector and it is no longer a state requirement to use copper. PVC is currently about \$3.00/foot cheaper than copper. When asked why use copper instead of PVC Alderman Hooker said that copper could kill foreign elements in the water. Mr. Brimm did point out that this change would require us to change our ordinance, and thus any new home built would be allowed to use PVC as opposed to copper. When using PVC a tracer wire would be necessary so that the pipe could be located in the future. After more discussion the Council wants to stay with the copper requirement.

Superintendent Wehrle said that in Wildwood Estates there are 42 cracks in the road. He counted them. Some of the cracks are getting wide and deep. Water will get in and with the freeze/thaw cycles will cause the road to buckle. He could repair the cracks but it would cost \$3000.00 in material and \$1000.00 to renovate the tar bucket. Rooters Asphalt gave a quote of \$4400.00 back in 2016 to do that work. Mr. Wehrle will get in touch with Rooters for an updated quote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Woods absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk