

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 9, 2018

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Trenton City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Officer Joe Berry Nathan Deien, Michelle Hrebec and Laura Vahlkamp of Kaskaskia College, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Jones read a proclamation for Kaskaskia College naming April Kaskaskia College Month. Representatives from college present at the meeting invited the Council to an open house at the Trenton Education Center this Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jones then read a proclamation for First Responders Day in Trenton, April 21, 2018.

Superintendent of Public Works, Kurt Wehrle entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that he and Chief Joellenbeck have been looking into options for a police fleet that would eventually have every vehicle under warranty. This process would begin by replacing one vehicle every year, thus minimizing the cost to the taxpayers. Miles Chevrolet has a Tahoe on state bid, and Deien Chevrolet may be able to beat the state bid price. Mayor Jones said that if Deien could get close on price that we would purchase locally. As of the end of March the General Fund surplus is approximately \$171,000.00 and the Equipment Fund has a balance of over \$17,000.00 with a monthly income of about \$1900.00. We could use the Equipment Fund line of credit to pay for this and pay off the line of credit with surplus at the end of next fiscal year. This process could be repeated year after year and there would be no impact on the General Fund. There was discussion about the difference in a police vehicle versus a standard vehicle, and that a police vehicle will wear differently due to how it is driven. Nathan Deien reviewed different extended warranties and told the Council that he would quote \$100 over his cost for any extended warranty that we might be interested in. The 2008 blue Impala would be the vehicle taken out of service. Chief Joellenbeck will get more firm numbers. No one on the Council objected to the approach of replacing a vehicle per year.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Jones stated that we have had a lot of rain in the last couple of weeks and virtually no issues with drainage. The new wastewater treatment plant has accepted considerably more water than the former plant. The work that the public works department has done on ditches and storm sewers has paid off. More work is scheduled to be done.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Weh asked if there would be the opportunity for restitution for the vandalism at the park restrooms recently. Chief Joellenbeck said yes.

## **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Clerk Buzzard informed the Council that we are in receipt of the first rough draft of our revised Code of Ordinances from Municode. Once we have reviewed this draft we will schedule a conference call to review the modifications before it goes back to Municode for final preparation.

Chief Joellenbeck reviewed the March crime statistics for the Council. He also informed them that he has applied for a grant for cameras. If granted this will reimburse us for the recent in car cameras that we purchased. There was another overdose in town. The victim has survived. Chief Joellenbeck would like to form a community based support group for those dealing with drug addiction and their families.

Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle was under the impression that once the new wastewater treatment plant was on line there would no longer be the need for additional pumps during periods of heavy rain. With all of our recent rain a pump was needed at Adams Street, but not right away, and no pump was needed on Oak Street. The public works department investigated the need by putting the camera into the lines on the west end of town. It had been determined that this area is where the influx of water was coming from. On west 4<sup>th</sup> Street a steady stream of water was found to be running into a manhole, and further down on that street a waterfall was found running into another manhole. Near Westgate Baptist Church a sump pump was found pumping directly into the sanitary sewer. In the alley behind Monroe Street between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street the sanitary sewer pipe is broken. Mr. Wehrle stated that he is surprised a sink hole has not yet developed there. These mentioned items will be fixed ASAP. Mr. Wehrle wanted the Council to know that the purchase of the camera system was money well spent. As time allows the camera will be used more, and more of these infiltrations will be found and fixed.

City Administrator Brimm asked that the Finance Committee chair call a meeting soon to review the budget. Alderman Woods called a meeting for Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to review the FY19 budget.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Mohme absent, motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the minutes of the March 26, 2018 Regular Council Meeting, Approval of Hiring Antonette Ross for Concession Stand Coordinator Position for the 2018 Season at a Salary of \$2700.00, Approval of Bills for March 2018, Approval of Payrolls for March 2018, Approval of Treasurer's Report for February 2018, and Appointment of Ann Albers to Trenton Library Board.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1704 Authorizing Home Kitchen Operations. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1705 Amending Chapter 38, Article II, Section 38-2-1 of the City of Trenton Revised Code of Ordinances Providing for Utility Services Customers Use and Payment Regulations. Second Alderman Zurliene, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Jones stated that with the fiscal year about to conclude the general fund surplus is estimated at \$170,000.00. As has been the practice in recent years, \$100,000.00 of that surplus he would like to transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund. The balance he would like to see the Council use to pay off the Small Capital Improvement Line of Credit (approx.. \$42,812.00), purchase an Intoxometer for the police department (\$8,000.00) and install generators and power transfer switches at City Hall and the public works garage (approx.. \$16,000.00). The Council was in favor of these expenditures and they will be on the next agenda for approval. There was

general discussion about the project list for the Capital Improvement Fund and the Small Capital Improvement Fund. We are not looking to complete any additional projects this next fiscal year as the public works department still has plenty of projects to complete, but engineering may be done for future projects.

Superintendent Wehrle would like to purchase an ATV for the public works department. It would be used mainly for reading meters and can be used to spray weeds and plow snow. Mr. Wehrle got a quote from Breese Lawn & Garden for a Polaris in the amount of \$11,900.00. This would include a wench which is needed for the snow plow. He also got a quote from Holzhauer for a Kawasaki Mule at \$11,888.00. Both quotes include turn signals and other options to make the ATV compliant with our current code. After questions and discussion the Council said this purchase could be paid from the Equipment Fund. It will be on the next agenda for approval.

In working with Gene Norber of Economic Development Resources on a potential second TIF district he has suggested a flooding survey for the area being discussed. Mayor Jones explained that flooding indicates blight and blight is what determines whether a TIF district will be granted. Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve a Flooding Survey for Proposed Tax Increment Financing District by Kaskaskia Engineering Group in an Amount not to exceed \$3,100.00. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Brimm and Superintendent Wehrle met with Mr. Schumacher last week to discuss his involvement in the park this summer. Mr. Schumacher wishes to reduce his time and work on an “as needed” basis. Mr. Schumacher agreed to fill in for Craig Klein when he is pulled away to other jobs as oversight to the part time help employed this summer. Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Hiring Pete Schumacher for Seasonal Diamond Maintenance Position at an Hourly Rate of \$11.00. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alderman Woods reminded everyone of the Finance Committee meeting next Monday night at 6:30 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, Mohme absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk