

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 13, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2018.

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 Joe Berry, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, and representatives from the Sugar Creek Fire and Sugar Creek EMS, representatives from Wesclin Elementary School, Ryan Weh and family and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones presented Sergeant Ryan Weh with a plaque honoring him on his retirement from the Trenton Police Department. Sergeant Weh thanked everyone and said that it had been an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of Trenton. Mayor Jones reviewed Sergeant Weh's many accomplishments over his 13 years with Trenton Police Department. Angie Woll, principle of Trenton Elementary School thanked Sergeant Weh and stated that he has helped to make her students comfortable interacting with police. Steve Davis thanked Sergeant Weh on behalf of Sugar Creek Fire and EMS.

Mayor Jones informed the Council that he received tonight a resignation letter from Alderman Zurliene. She has taken a new job, and that schedule conflicts with meetings. Her resignation is effective August 13, 2018.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mark Brown asked what the plan was for the sergeant position that is now open. Mayor Jones said that at this time there is no formal plan. The focus is on finding another full time officer.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones announced that the pool will be closing this Sunday.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck reported that everyone should be on the lookout if you are expecting packages delivered. We have our first reports of Amazon packages being stolen from a front porch. Chief Joellenbeck reviewed the July police activity. He also reported that twelve citations were issued on Illinois Speed Day with one being 35 miles over the speed limit.

Mayor Jones said that he has had three reports of someone driving a golf cart through the middle of the park, not on the road, but in the park itself. If caught, the City will issue a citation and revoke the city license.

Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle reported that installation of the fence at the wastewater treatment plant began today.

Next Superintendent Wehrle reported that the telemetry valve at the reservoir has not been operating. He reported some time ago that dirt had gotten into the valve and caused it to

malfunction. An estimate of repairs at that time was \$7,000.00. Instead of fixing that valve the public works department has been manually operating a butterfly valve which produced the same result. Recently HMG Engineering had someone take a look at the telemetry valve to give us an estimate to repair it, but fixed it on site. Superintendent Wehrle has no idea what the cost of the repair will be.

The next item Superintendent Wehrle discussed was mosquito spraying. He has gotten complaints lately. He wanted the Council to know that mosquito spraying takes place every Thursday evening weather permitting. Conditions have to be just right to spray, and the chemical used is effective on adult mosquitos only. The chemical must come in direct contact with the insect.

Superintendent Wehrle reported that Wesclin Baseball Coach Dunning has put up a temporary home run fence on diamond #2 at the park. Permission to erect this fence was not granted through the City prior to installation. Superintendent Wehrle has talked with Coach Dunning and they will be responsible for maintenance of the fence, the grass around the fence, and removal of the fence for Trenton Fest. Superintendent Wehrle is not opposed to things like this in our park, just communicate them in advance. Mayor Jones expressed concern regarding liability.

Superintendent Wehrle has also heard scuttle that Mr. Dunning will be hosting a Special Olympics football game here again. The City has not been notified and we do not have a firm date. Mayor Jones asked Mr. Brimm to reach out to Mr. Dunning to get details.

The last item that Superintendent Wehrle wanted to discuss was road oiling. He wanted the Council to know that he does not oil and chip roads just to oil and chip roads. He does check the roads and those that are in need of repairs are repaired. Alderman Woods said that an engineer reviewed and rated our roads in the past and questioned whether that would be needed again. Superintendent Wehrle said that he wants the public to know that our roads will not go into disrepair.

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 a motion to Approve the Minutes of the July 23, 2018 Regular Council meeting, a motion to Approve the Bill for July 2018, a motion to Approve the Payrolls for July 2018, a motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2018, and a motion to Accept Utility Easement from Arentsen Family Trust.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brimm reported that in the process of completing the feasibility studies for the proposed business and TIF districts, Economic Development Resources discovered a discrepancy in the Comprehensive Plan map. In order to move forward with a new TIF district our comprehensive plan must conform to the TIF plan. The original comprehensive plan has an area designated for multi-family residences. The intention is to have a progression from low density single family housing to medium density single family house to multi-family housing to light industrial. The Plan Commission met last week to hear this proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and they recommend moving forward with that change. This will be on the next agenda for Council approval.

Mr. Brimm has been in conversations with Mike Conley about doing upgrades to the interior of his business. These upgrades would require the services of architects, electricians, and other professionals. In order for those costs to be recaptured in a redevelopment agreement the City must pass an inducement resolution. This would essentially start the clock running. It in no way binds the City to any financial agreement. Mr. Conley explained to the Council that he is exploring the possibility of putting a coffee shop in his building.

The City has been approached by a business owner who wishes to install video gaming machines at his gas station. New Baden recently created a Class D liquor license that will allow for open consumption at gas stations paving the way for video gaming machines to be installed on those properties. Mr. Brimm recommends keeping the status quo here in Trenton and not allowing video gaming in gas stations. Mayor Jones said that a gas station is a different environment than a bar. Families go into gas stations. After more discussion it was decided that Trenton will not consider adding a class of license which would allow for video gaming in gas stations.

Hank's Bowl will be hosting a car and bike show on September 29, 2018 and Jeremy Rakers has asked if Illinois Street in front of the bowling alley can be closed, except for the entrance to Tempo Bank. Mr. Rakers also has asked to have open cans allowed outside of the premises in a cordoned off area. No one objected. This will be on the next agenda for formal action.

Alderman Woods informed the Council that the Sugar Creek Fire Department will be having their fireman's muster at the Trenton Fest again this year. Does the fire department need to provide insurance? Yes they must present to the City a certificate of insurance with the City of Trenton named as additional insured.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Woods made a motion to enter into Closed Session citing 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:55 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:52 p.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jones thanked Alderman Zurliene for her time and effort as a member of the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Weh, all yes motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk