

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 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, September 24, 2018.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Hooker stated that it was cool that all of the businesses came out to support the Park Boosters.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Chief Joellenbeck said that there has been an increase in phone scams. Just hang up. The new Tahoe is in and is at Whiteside Communications getting the equipment installed.

City Administrator Brimm informed the Council that there will be a Zoning Hearing on October 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to hear several cases. One application is from Dairy King. They are purchasing a piece of property to the south of their current location to expand their parking lot and drive through. Another application has been received from St. Mary Church to have a day care center operate from the prior school building. The last two cases are from Top Ag. One application is to rezone a parcel of property that they are purchasing, and the second application is to annex a parcel of property that they currently own but has never been brought into the city limits.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Second Alderman Weh. The consent agenda included a motion to Approve Resolution #20180924 –Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes, Approve a Motion Exercising Power of Administrative Review of Decision of Zoning Hearing Officer (398 South King Oak Street), a motion to Approve Ordinance #1718 Granting an Area-Bulk Variance for 398 South King Oak Street (Huelsmann Distributing), and a motion Approving the Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. All yes, Wagoner absent. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve Appointment of Brian Berberich to the Position of Laborer. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Wagoner absent. Motion carried.

Kevin Huelsmann asked whether the Charter agreement was able to help him. Mr. Brimm stated that the franchise agreement was finalized but the City was unable to do anything for Mr. Huelsmann. Mr. Brimm explained to the Council that Mr. Huelsmann would like to expand the

e-commerce side of his business and to do that he needs internet service from Charter. Currently Charter does not have access right at Mr. Huelsmann's business. The closest is at Willow Walk Learning Center. To run an underground line to Mr. Huelsmann's business from Willow Walk would cost Mr. Huelsmann \$20,000.00. There is an overhead line just one block away but Mr. Huelsmann has had difficulty convincing Charter to run an overhead line. Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1719 Authorizing the Execution of a Franchise Agreement Between the City of Trenton, Clinton County, Illinois, and Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC d/b/a Charter Communications. Second Alderman Hooker, all yes, Wagoner absent. Motion carried. Mr. Brimm stated the terms of the franchise agreement have been updated to reflect current statute. The term of the agreement has been reduced from 20 years to 5 years. Mr. Brimm said that will allow us to negotiate if there are changes in technology.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Resolution #20180924-01 Designating a Developer for Development of Certain Property at 542 East Kentucky Street, Trenton, Illinois, and Declaring an Intent to Reimburse Certain Development Project Costs. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, Wagoner absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones gave a brief update on economic development. Top Ag is just getting underway with zoning hearings for their expansion. Mike Conley is looking at a coffee shop. Dairy King is expanding their footprint and two buildings that were previously not used are currently in use. The development of the new TIF and Business districts is intense. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes. We will be reaching out to the other taxing bodies soon in relation to the TIF and we have increased the size of the 2<sup>nd</sup> TIF district to accommodate interested property owners.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle drove the city today to review sidewalks. Some of them are in really bad shape. He has prepared a list of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters that are in need of repair. Superintendent Wehrle would like to hire a concrete finisher to set forms and do the finish work. Our guys can tear out and help set forms. The estimated cost to complete all of the sidewalk, curb and guttering is \$16,900.00. This cost includes the concrete finisher but no ADA ramps. The cost per ramp is \$525.00. Superintendent Wehrle is unsure of the number of ramps that may need to be replaced. The list will be prioritized and the worst areas will be barricaded until they are able to be replaced. There are two areas that are in bad shape and the sidewalks lead nowhere. Superintendent Wehrle would like to just tear them out and fill in the area and seed it. He was asked if he had time to complete this project with everything else that he has going on. He said yes, he estimates 10 days to complete this. In addition, this project can be started and stopped when needed. Motor Fuel Tax funds would be used to complete this project.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Hooker 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 and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Wagoner absent. Motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:36 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Roll Call: Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods, Wagoner (absent).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jones said that there was a lengthy discussion at the last meeting about social media and how city employees are being named. He is not convinced that there is anything that we can do about it. We can just present facts. Employees need to be above what is posted. Be professional.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Wagoner absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk