

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 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 Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, and Officer Dave Jordan.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Woods informed the Council that the Park Boosters would like to purchase more trees to be planted in the park. They should coordinate the planting with Superintendent Wehrle.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Chief Joellenbeck reported that the radar trailer has been placed on several different streets in town and is working to deter speeding. It will continue to be moved throughout town. Chief Joellenbeck then reviewed the October police activity. Mr. Brimm stated that per Council instruction 38 code enforcement violation notices have been sent out. Three violators have come into compliance and 4 violations have been thrown out because of citing the wrong section of code. Two property owners have made contact with Mr. Brimm and Chief Joellenbeck and are working on a compliance plan. The deadline for compliance is tomorrow and those that have not yet complied will be issued a citation. There was much discussion about the penalty for non-compliance and the adoption of the 2015 Property Maintenance Code. Updates will be brought to the Council as we work through this process.

Superintendent Wehrle stated that snow is in the forecast and his department is prepared for what may come.

Mr. Brimm presented to the Council a new approach to Mr. Elmore's Eagle Scout project of revamping the basketball court in the park. This new approach would be to move the court to the east side of the existing tennis court. This would require a whole new pad to be poured, but would eliminate the cost of fencing. The area of the current basketball court would then become an extension of the parking lot. This proposed re-design would result in a net savings of \$3,900.00. Mr. Brimm will work to coordinate a meeting with Mr. Elmore, the Park Boosters and Superintendent Wehrle to discuss further details.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Wagoner made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as read. Second Alderman Weh. All yes, Hooker absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda included a motion to Approve Minutes of the October 22, 2018 Regular Council meeting, a motion to Approve Bills for the Month of October, 2018, a motion to Approve Payrolls for the Month of October 2018, a motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report for month of September 2018 and a motion to accept Bid for Surplus Property (2008 Chevrolet Impala PPV).

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1723 Approving an Agreement between City of Trenton and TOP AG Cooperative Inc. for Tax Increment Finance Proceeds. Second Alderman Woods. All yes, Hooker absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1724 Approving an Agreement between the City of Trenton and Blumoon Ventures, LLC for Tax Increment Finance Proceeds. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, Hooker absent. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Brimm has received the renewals for the City's property/casualty and workers compensation insurance policies. The property/casualty renewal through Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust came in at \$72,499.00 which represents a 2.02% increase over last year. The workers compensation renewal through Illinois Public Risk Fund is \$38,542.00 which represents a 2% decrease over last year. Mr. Brimm stated that he is very pleased with these rates especially in light of the new wastewater treatment plant coming on line and the couple of claims that we have incurred this past year.

Superintendent Wehrle reported that his department had flagger training last week. The trainer warned that it is just a matter of time before OSHA will be out to perform an inspection. The high points of an OSHA inspection were relayed to Superintendent Wehrle and he is working to be sure that we are in compliance. Todd Padfield will be out tomorrow to inspect all of our vehicles. Many of the public works employees do not have their CDL license and will work to obtain that designation soon. Superintendent Wehrle would like to purchase some additional traffic control safety equipment. He presented a list with pricing from Warning Lites of Southern Illinois. After some discussion the Council was on board with the proposed purchase, but would like to have Superintendent Wehrle look into the price of some balloon lights to add to the list. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

Superintendent Wehrle reported that he was called on Saturday night that water was spraying on Diamond #1. The water line at the cage had sprung a leak. He was able to get the water turned off.

Superintendent Wehrle would like to enclose the ditch at the intersection of Park Street and N. Pin Oak. That ditch is deep and needs to be sprayed every year. He said it looks bad. Mayor Jones said that would be a good project to put on the small capital improvement list. He wants to be sure that the N. Main Street project is completed prior to beginning this project.

Mr. Brimm said the owners at 19 W. Broadway are moving forward with their plans for a coffee shop. This would be located in the Trenton Sun, and an extensive overhaul of the building is planned. Mr. Brimm has worked with Mike and Miranda Conley on a redevelopment agreement. They have presented a total of \$93,515.00 in eligible expenses and with the same format as we have been using for recent redevelopment agreements a total of \$62,581.50 would be reimbursable over a period of five years. Mr. Brimm pointed out that this agreement does contain a clause that states the business must remain operational for a period of five years for the agreement to remain valid. That is not something new, that same clause has been incorporated into all of our recent redevelopment agreements. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that the front door of City Hall has become problematic. The mechanism is broken and quite often the wind will catch the door and blow it open. He is aware that if we do any upgrades to the door then they need to be ADA compliant. The question is what do we do now? Do we get an architect to redesign our vestibule and make sure the door upgrade is ADA compliant? Mayor Jones said that this is a potential safety hazard and to move forward with getting a design put together. The conversation continued on about other improvements that

need to be made to City Hall. Flooring is in need of repair and there are some issues of dead space in some areas and not enough space in others. It was decided to look at this as a whole project with a long term view. Mayor Jones pointed out that TIF funds could be used but he is hesitant to do that.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Woods made a motion to enter into Closed Session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining. Second Alderman Wagoner, all yes, Hooker absent. The Council entered closed session at 8:24 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:07 p.m.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jones announced that our next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 26, 2018, right back on schedule. The second meeting in December will fall on Christmas Eve and we will not be meeting that night. We will meet on Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Wagoner made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Woods. All yes, Hooker absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk