

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 26, 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, November 26, 2018.

ROLL CALL

Hooker, Mohme, Sims, Wagoner, Weh, Woods All present.

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Peggy Wellen and family, Kyle Elmore and parents, Mike Conley and Officer Dave Jordan.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor and Council honored Peggy Wellen on her retirement. A plaque was presented to her.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck reminded everyone to lock their car doors.

Superintendent Wehrle informed the Council that a resident at the intersection of N Monroe and 1st Street has been having trouble with his sewer line. The problem is that his sewer line crosses his neighbor's property before it connects to the main. This type of connection is illegal and would never be allowed now. Superintendent Wehrle would like to extend the sewer main up Monroe and install a new manhole near 1st Street and put a tap on both the east and west sides of the main. This is because another homeowner also has his sewer line crossing neighbor's property and this way at the time his line needs to be replaced a tap is already in place. Superintendent Wehrle has talked with the plumber that the resident has hired and the plumber will cap off illegal line at the main. The cost estimate for pipe, rock and the manhole is \$3,000.00. This will be paid from the sewer fund.

Last week the resident at 472 E 4th street had sewer backup. The manhole was jetted and then the line was videoed from Maple to Pin Oak. An offset was found at Olive and was fixed last week. Another offset was found at Maple and that one was dug up and fixed today. When it was fixed the flow ran backwards for a bit due to not enough drop in the line. When the line was filled enough then it ran in the proper direction. This line feeds a good majority of the north east quadrant of the city. Alderman Hooker suggested getting the engineers out here to run inverts so we know far back we need to go to fix the drop in the line. Engineers are already scheduled to come out tomorrow morning. Superintendent Wehrle estimates that we will need to go back only about 175 feet and that the repair will take 3 to 4 days to complete. He went on to say that the majority of the blockages that his department cleans out are grease buildup. Do not pour grease down the drain.

Mr. Brimm sent to the council the section of code related to code enforcement. No one had any questions.

The installation of the playground equipment purchased by the Park Boosters is almost complete.

Mr. Brimm brought up the Noah Marlar Eagle Scout project that the Council approved in March of 2017. Recently Mr. Marlar informed Mr. Brimm that he has completed 32 bat houses and is ready to install them. There was discussion as to where they should be installed, mostly in the Nature Preserve and some in the park. Mr. Marlar will coordinate with the public works department for use of the bucket truck for installation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kyle Elmore addressed the Council with an amended plan for his Eagle Scout project. His original plan to revamp the basketball court at the park has been modified and the plan now is to build a whole new basketball court to the east of the current tennis court. This approach will be less expensive overall and will free up more parking near the pool. There was discussion about lights for the new court. Total project costs are estimated at \$16,523.50 and the City has agreed to pay half. The motion on the agenda is a “not to exceed” to include room for lights if they must be purchased. Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Expenditure of an Amount not to Exceed \$10,000.00 for Kyle Elmore’s Eagle Scout Project. Second Alderman Wagoner, all yes, motion carried. This will be paid from the small capital improvement fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Woods made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as read. Second Alderman Weh. All yes, motion carried. The consent agenda included a motion to Approve Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Regular Council meeting, a motion to Approval of General Liability Insurance Renewal from ICRMT in the Amount of \$72,499.00, and Approval of Worker’s Compensation Renewal from IPRF in the Amount of \$38,542.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont’d)

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1725 Approving an Agreement between City of Trenton and Michael L. Conley & L. Sybil Conley for Tax Increment Finance Proceeds. Second Alderman Weh. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Purchase of Traffic Control Safety Equipment from Warning Lites of Southern Illinois, LLC in the Amount of \$4,135.20. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that the Plan Commission was convened on November 15, 2018 to hear two proposed map amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The first is an area west of Northland Acres that was proposed as transition area from residential to commercial/industrial. The school district had concerns with residential development a TIF district, therefore the 10 acre parcel that the City recently purchased has been removed from the proposed TIF district and will remain residential. The area to the west of that will remain commercial/industrial. The second amendment involves two properties south of Dairy King. The plan commission recommends changing that future land use from residential to commercial. This does not change the zoning of those parcels. That will remain SR-2. This would allow those parcels to be included in the business district. Alderman Hooker would prefer that whole block be included in the business district. Mr. Brimm agreed and would be happy to reconvene the Plan Commission to consider that. Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1726 Amending the Official Comprehensive Plan of the City of Trenton. Second Alderman Wagoner, all yes, motion carried.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that the preliminary EAV for Trenton is \$2.79 million which represents a 6.25% increase over last year. This alone will require us to hold a truth in taxation hearing. He asked for Council guidance on how to proceed with the levy calculations for this year. Line items of corporate, police, sewerage, lights and park are at the maximum, so do we reduce those lines to bring our total below the threshold for a hearing? Mayor Jones said that the

general fund surplus right now is roughly \$200,000.00 and he is in favor of using that to plug the gaps in the levy this year. Mr. Brimm stated the actual EAV is not yet known due to objections hearings not being completed at the County. He will work up several scenarios to present to the Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Jones reviewed the fund balance report. The City's financial position is strong.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Hooker made a motion to enter into Closed Session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining. Second Alderman Wagoner, all yes. The Council entered closed session at 8:27 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Roll Call: Hooker, Sim, Mohme, Weh, Woods, Wagoner. All present

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Wagoner. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk