

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 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 Wednesday, December 26, 2018.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein and Deb Dvorscak.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Ms. Dvorscak complained about the business next door to her at 212 E Broadway. She said that the building is in a state of perpetual improvement. The problem is that there is less green space and this has caused the water table to increase and water run off to flood her property. She has spent considerable amounts of money installing a sump pump and repairing her home. Mr. Brimm stated that both the Department of Public Health and IDOT have been out and they found no violations. There was extensive conversation regarding the direction to take. Mr. Brimm will send a letter to the business owner. Ms. Dvorscak asked what the City's intention is with the Vaughn property. Mayor Jones stated that is on the agenda for action tonight.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Jones hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and has a safe New Year.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Wagoner commended the administration and Chief Joellenbeck on a fine job and quick apprehension of the parties in the Casey's situation.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Chief Joellenbeck reminded the public that all licenses for the golf carts and side-by-sides expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. To obtain a permit you must have a valid driver's license, be at least 18 years of age, use car seats for those required by law and use seat belts.

Mr. Brimm received a proposed agreement today from IDOT for the resurfacing of the parking lanes on IL Route 160. The amount that the City is responsible for is in the budget. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as amended. Second Alderman Woods. All yes, Weh absent, motion carried. The consent agenda included a motion to Extend Liquor Sales at Hank's Bowl until 4:00 a.m. January 1, 2019, a motion to Extend Liquor Sales at 7 West until 4:00 a.m. January 1, 2019, and Approval of Assignment of Tax Increment Finance Proceeds from James Broniec to Robert Ater for 1 W Broadway.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1727 Providing for the Levy Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2018 and Ending April

30, 2019 for the City of Trenton, Clinton County, Illinois. Second Alderman Wagoner, all yes, Weh absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Wagoner made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1728 Approving a Contract for the Purchase of a Tract of Land from the Estate of James R. Vaughan. Second Alderman Sims. All yes, Weh absent. Motion carried. The purchase price is \$35,000.00 and will be paid with TIF funds. This is a textbook example of blight prevention and economic development.

Alderman Hooker made a motion for Approval of Streiler Planning, LLC Proposal for Zoning Code Update in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000.00. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, Weh absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Wagoner, all yes, Weh absent. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that Dave Brandmeyer is interested in purchasing the property at 203 E Broadway. His intention is to clear it and build a new State Farm office. He does have plans for his current location at 9 E Broadway, but there are no details at this time. The resolution before you does not bind the City; it simply starts the clock running. Mayor Jones stated TIF funds can be used for property acquisition, design and architecture but not for construction.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Resolution #20181226 Designating a Developer of Certain Property at 203 E Broadway, Trenton, Illinois and Declaring an Intent to Reimburse Certain Developer Project Costs. Second Alderman Sims, all yes, Weh absent. Motion carried.

Chief Joellenbeck discussed with the Council repairs that need to be done to the evidence room at the police department. The drywall is falling in. A dehumidifier was added but that hasn't helped. Chief Joellenbeck would like to strip the drywall, add insulation and screw on new drywall. He presented cost estimates and quotes for that work. There was discussion about the location of the evidence room and the possibility of moving it upstairs. This option will be investigated further and more information brought back to the Council.

Chief Joellenbeck informed the Council that the sex offender boundary for registered child sex offenders is 500 feet from any place that children gather. There are other communities that have amended that boundary to be 1500 feet and Chief would like to look into expanding our boundary. There was discussion of making it an ordinance violation for both renter and owner if an offender moves into a property within the set boundary. Attorney Heiligenstein said that State Statute has a 500 foot boundary along with a class 4 felony for violation of the statute. He will check into this further.

Mr. Brimm asked the Council for clarification on a couple of items with the code enforcement process. There have been more issues with trailers and he passed out section 40-5-2 of the code. He would like to know the Council's thoughts on amending this to include all trailers and not just recreational vehicles. In addition, he would like some clarification on what is an improved surface. This section states trailer must be on an improved surface but there is no definition of what an improved surface is. Section 40-7-3 spells out the specifications for a parking lot and everyone agreed that is not the intention here. Alderman Hooker is in favor of either asphalt or concrete. Several other aldermen said that would be too expensive for many homeowners. Mr. Brimm will investigate what other municipalities have in their code. He will also bring an ordinance amending trailers back to the council.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jones wished everyone a safe a prosperous 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Woods. All yes, Weh absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk