

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2019

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, February 25, 2019.

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, Officer Berry, Attorney Heiligenstein and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Hooker met with the Trenton Development Association last week and has encouraged them to look at locations other than inside the City Park.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1736 Adopting and Enacting a New Code for the City of Trenton, Illinois; Providing for the Repeal of Certain Ordinances Not Included Therein; Providing A Penalty for the Violation Thereof; Providing for the Manner of Amending Such Code; and Providing When Such Code and This Ordinance Shall Become Effective. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jones said the General Fund surplus is approximately \$220,000 and projected to be near \$240,000 at fiscal year-end. The administration department had some minor requests for equipment and that has already been purchased. The other departments have put together their list of requests.

Mr. Brimm reviewed with the Council the numbers for the purchase of a new Tahoe for the police department. Deien Chevrolet quoted \$50,054.00 complete with all of the equipment and extended warranty. Don Brown Chevrolet quoted \$46,618.01 complete with equipment but they do not offer an extended warranty. The Council prefers purchasing the extended warranty so that all vehicles will be under warranty when they are rotated out of service.

The next item the police would like to purchase is 7 new portable radios. The current portables are at least 16 years old. More importantly is the technology changes that are being implemented.

These new radios will easily be converted to the digital platform that the county will be switching over to in the future. The total cost for 7 units will be \$7,505.75.

The public works department is looking into acquiring another pickup truck. There would not be any removed from the current fleet, this would be an additional vehicle. Deien Chevrolet quoted \$23,570.00 for a Silverado 1500WT V6. Morrow Brothers Ford (state bid holder) has a Ford F-150 V8 for \$22,516.00. This new vehicle would have the capability to pull the camera trailer and jetter and our snow plow will fit it. Alderman Mohme asked if there was a plan for vehicle replacement in the public works department similar to the police department. Superintendent Wehrle said not at this time. The public works fleet doesn't get driven like a police vehicle so it is not necessary to replace them as often. Mr. Brimm was tasked with working with Deien Chevrolet to try to get the price down.

Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle would like to purchase 2 Flink tailgate spreaders. One of the salt spreaders we had was decommissioned this year and these new spreaders could spread both salt and rock chips. With this purchase we would not have to hire an outside firm to spread chips this summer when we oil/chip the roads which would be a savings for the City. The total cost for the spreaders is \$9,790.00 from US Municipal Supply.

The last item for discussion is the purchase of a 20T tandem-axel equipment trailer. Currently when the dozer needs to be moved from one job site to another we hire someone to move it at a cost of up to \$500.00 per move. The track hoe is often just driven down the road which is not good for the road. Superintendent Wehrle has been looking at used trailers, something new is not necessary, and prices range anywhere from \$2,500.00 to \$7,500.00. He will continue to search for a trailer and may ask for approval with a "not to exceed" provision at the next meeting.

Mayor Jones said that all of the above items will be on our next agenda for approval. By the next meeting we will be through February and will have a better idea of the surplus amount. He may ask to use some of the surplus to pay off the loan for the land the City purchased earlier this year, and then move some of the surplus to the Capital Improvement Fund. The equipment line of credit can be used to purchase the vehicles, and if the surplus is not as great as anticipated we don't have to pay off the loan for the land.

Mr. Brimm told the Council that he was approached by business owner Barb Lockowitz today. Her building sustained some storm damage to the roof and soffit and she inquired about TIF funds for those repairs. Mr. Brimm questioned whether she had turned that in to her insurance and she said no, her deductible was too high. Mr. Brimm reminded the Council that Superintendent Wehrle had recently worked with the business owners along Broadway to bring water meters located in basements outside in front of the buildings. There is a cost involved to the business owners and when dealing with Mr. & Mrs. Lockowitz, and the City willing to pay for up to 90%, they refused to pay to have their meters moved. Mr. Brimm would recommend if the Council were to decide to move forward with this request that moving of the water meters be incorporated into the deal. Alderman Weh asked if any other storm damage had ever been paid for with TIF funds. No. When asked if other businesses paid to have their water meters moved outside he was told yes. After much discussion the Council decided not to use TIF funds for storm damage.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Wagoner. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk