

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 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, March 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 Sury, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Sally & Randy Arcega, Jim Deien, Engineer Doug Ratermann, Barb Lockowitz, Connie Focht, Gordon Underwood, Roger Holtgrave, Kevin Huelsmann and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

Connie Focht of 1 E Indiana told the Council of her concerns about the 4-way stop at Main and Indiana. People do not stop and this is dangerous. Roger Holtgrave of 221 S Main presented a petition signed by area residents. Chief Joellenbeck said that he will make sure there is more police presence in that area and get the speed trailer out soon.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones said that Press Coffee opened this morning to a good turnout. Congratulations to the Conley family on this new venture.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Wagoner reported that Mr. Atkins contacted him about rock blocking the culvert in the alley behind his house. He believes this was caused by the neighbor when he replaced his sewer line recently. Superintendent Wehrle said he is aware of the situation and will address it when he has the time.

Alderman Hooker said the resident at 631 S Main said a telephone pole fell recently and Ameren came out, did some work, but left things incomplete. When will that be finished? Chief Joellenbeck said that pole was replaced several weeks ago and it takes some time for all of the utilities to come out to move their lines to the new pole.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Clerk Buzzard said that it is time for the semi-annual review of closed session minutes. Stop in her office to review any of the minutes.

City Administrator Brimm recognized Officer Mora and the Wesclin 5th grade on their DARE Graduation today.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Wagoner made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Woods, all yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1739 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property (2004 Chevrolet Impala). Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1740 Approving an Agreement Between the City of Trenton and Equity Success, Inc. for Tax Increment Finance Proceeds (2 W. Broadway). Second Alderman Sims, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve hiring Norman Wiggins as Pool Manager/Concession Stand Coordinator for the 2019 Recreation Season at a Salary of \$6,000.00. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve hiring Fred Dintelman for Seasonal Park Maintenance at an Hourly Rate of \$10.00. Second Alderman Wagoner, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Purchase of 2 Flink HD8 Series Tailgate Spreaders from Woody's Municipal Supply in the Amount of \$12,380.00. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that Barb Lockowitz was here tonight to discuss the use of TIF funds for repairs to her roof and soffit resulting from previous storm damage. Mrs. Lockowitz said that Crown Roofing told her only her soffit was damaged in the storm. She would like the Council to grant TIF funds to replace her roof. She has an estimate from Crown Roofing which she did not bring tonight but thinks it is around \$7700.00. Mayor Jones asked her to obtain more estimates and informed her that if TIF funds were to be used for this she would also need to move her water meters outside of her building at the same time. Mrs. Lockowitz said that this was attempted by Brefeld and there was a problem drilling through the building.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brimm discussed with the Council the updated employee manual that was in the packet. The employee manual has not been updated since 2010. There are a few items that Mr. Brimm is still working with Attorney Heiligenstein on and when those are worked through an update will be given to the Council.

Our current contract with Republic Services was signed in 2015 for a five year term. Republic Services is interested in going fully automated in Trenton and has put together a proposal for such. The current rate is \$19.83 per month and per our current contract will adjust to \$20.54 per month effective July 1, 2019. Republic Services proposes a maximum \$1.75 per month increase for automated rollout effective at the time of the rollout. Each residence would receive two containers, a 95 gallon one for refuse and a 65 gallon one for recycling. Recycling pickup would shift to bi-weekly. Republic Services is asking for a four year contract extension with a 3% annual increase July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024. Mr. Brimm conducted a survey of some neighboring communities to see their rates and found an average increase of 2.33%. He will contact Republic Services to see if our increase can be negotiated any lower before bringing this back to the Council. Questions about the size of the containers were answered with smaller containers being available to the elderly if requested. Other Aldermen want to be sure that we are getting something of value for negotiating this contract a year early.

Doug Ratermann with HMG Engineering spoke with the Council about the “downtown” streetscape project. It was decided that the initial area would be Broadway from Washington to Walnut. He asked for the Council's vision for this project. Do they want old style, traditional, or modern? He needs to know the big picture so that he can put together all of the pieces. There was much discussion about which direction to go. It was decided that moving the parking on the north side of Broadway and improvements to the pedestrian crossings are top priority. Mayor Jones talked of forming a special committee to work on some of the smaller details with staff and Mr. Ratermann.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Huelsmann asked the Council when the City would have the sewer line to his building. His new building is almost ready but there is no sewer for him to tap. Superintendent Wehrle will evaluate his work schedule and give him a time frame.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Woods. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk