

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MAY 13, 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, May 13, 2019.

**ROLL CALL**

Deien, Kniepman, Mohme. Sims, Weh, Woods. All present

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Officer Jordan, Jim Wagoner, Mark Brown, Michelle Maue and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Brown stated that he may run for Alderman in two years so he plans to attend as many meetings as he can.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Superintendent Wehrle stated that many of our street signs are missing or faded. He will work with City Administrator Brimm to possibly identify a company that could not only print the signs but install them also.

City Administrator Brimm reported to the Council that the portable radios for the police department have been purchased and deployed. Even with new radios there are still situations when our officers are having difficulty connecting with dispatch. Chief Joellenbeck has discussed this with Clinton County. We did our part with purchasing of new equipment, now it is up to the County to do the same. Chief Joellenbeck offered one additional solution and that would be to add a mobile repeater to each vehicle. This would cost approximately \$5,000.00 per vehicle. It was stated that fire and EMS also have difficulty with communication. The County's equipment is out of date and desperately needs to be update. Mr. Brown stated that he has contacted a County Councilmember regarding this situation and would be happy to forward to Mr. Brimm his e-mail correspondence. For the present, our officers will track specific problem points.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Weh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Woods, all yes. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the Minutes of the April 22, 2019 Regular Council Meeting, Minutes of the May 6, 2019 Special Council Meeting, Approval of Bills for Month of April, 2019, Approval of Payrolls for Month of April, 2019, Approval of Treasurer's Report for Month of March, 2019, Approval of Hiring Zach Swaim for Seasonal Laborer Position at an Hourly Rate of \$10.00, Approval of Hiring Jacob Stevenson for Seasonal Laborer Position at an Hourly Rate of \$10.00, and Approval of Hiring Jace Kennedy for Seasonal Laborer Position at an Hourly Rate of \$10.00.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1746 Adopting a Business District Plan Relating to an Area within the City; Making Findings of Fact with Respect to Such Area;

Designating and Establishing a Business District for Such Area Pursuant to the Business District Development and Redevelopment Law; Authorizing the Imposition and Collection of Taxes within Such Business District; Providing for Further Authority; Establishing an Effective Date and other Related Matters (North Trenton Business District). Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1747 Approving the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project for the North Trenton Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Second Alderman Sims, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1748 Designating and Approving the North Trenton Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Second Alderman Sims, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1749 Adopting Tax Increment Financing in the North Trenton Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Second Alderman Sims, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1750 Adopting a Business District Plan Relating to an Area within the City; Making Findings of Fact with Respect to Such Area; Designating and Establishing a Business District for Such Area Pursuant to the Business District Development and Redevelopment Law; Authorizing the Imposition and Collection of Taxes within Such Business District; Providing for Further Authority; Establishing an Effective Date and other Related Matters (South Trenton Business District). Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1751 Approving the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project for the South Trenton Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1752 Designating and Approving the South Trenton Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1753 Adopting Tax Increment Financing in the South Trenton Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Second Alderman Kniepman, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve Resolution #20190513 Releasing Certain Closed Session Minutes. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to Approve Resolution #20190513-1 Authorizing 2019 Motor Fuel Tax Program. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent Wehrle informed the Council that for the sewer line extension north of highway 50 project there are some spots that are more than 18 feet deep. Our excavator is not capable of reaching those depths safely so we have been renting one from Korte & Luitjohan at a rate of \$4,500.00 per month. Superintendent Wehrle said that when he was looking to rent one the going price was \$9,000.00 per month. We have been renting this excavator for six months now and Superintendent Wehrle would like to purchase it. Mr. Korte is asking \$30,000.00. Comparable machines have been found in the \$38,500.00 range. It was stated that if we rent for one more month then this will be paid for. Mayor Jones said that the equipment line of credit could be used for this purchase. Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve the Purchase of Komatsu

PC300LC-6LE Excavator from Pete Korte in an Amount not to Exceed \$30,000.00. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Resolution #20190513-2 Appointing a Member of the Trenton Plan Commission (Jim Wagoner). Second Alderman Sims, all yes. Motion carried.

Rebecca Thole, owner of It's a Miracle! at 14 S. Main submitted an application for a special use to construct a porch at that location. Said porch will sit on City property, which is permitted on a case-by-case basis in the Central Business district. The Plan Commission held a hearing on April 24, 2019 and unanimously recommend granting the special use permit. Some general questions were answered. This will be on the next meeting's agenda for action.

Master M, LLC submitted an application for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of 321 and 327 W. Illinois from Single Family Residence (small lot) SR-2 to Highway Business (B-3). The developer plans to demo the existing houses and expand the parking lot of her business. In addition the drive through lane will be reconfigured in an effort to remove waiting cars from the highway. The Plan Commission held a public hearing on April 24, 2019. Several adjacent homeowners spoke both against and in favor of the proposal. Since the Plan Commission hearing one of the parties that spoke in opposition contacted City Hall to voice support of the proposal. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezoning. Many of the fine details of the redevelopment have yet to be worked out. This will be on the next meeting's agenda for action.

Mr. Brimm informed the Council that there were no bids received during the bidding period for the 2004 Chevy Impala that was declared surplus property. Last week City Hall received a bid in the amount of \$215.00. If there are no objections, Mr. Brimm will move forward on the sale of that vehicle.

Mayor Jones wanted the Council to be aware of the time that staff has put in to bring us to tonight; approving the creation of two new Tax Increment Financing Districts and two new Business Districts. From inception to completion it has been at least 18 months. Trenton now has one of the best economic development packages in all of Clinton County. We have an Enterprise Zone, layered with TIF, layered with Business Districts. We have recently annexed land which is available for development. This investment made in our community is an investment in our future. Developers have already shown interest in Trenton. Staff has worked hard and we have experienced great success with the consultant on this too.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Woods made a motion to enter into closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Pending or Probable Litigation. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:35 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. Roll Call: Deien, Kniepman, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods. All present.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk