

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING JULY 8, 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, July 8, 2019.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Police Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineering, Officer Dave Jordan, Mark Brown, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mayor Jones called upon Doug Ratermann to speak now even though he is on the agenda later. Mr. Ratermann passed out drawings of the downtown corridor showing the pedestrian islands and the increased area for cars on the north side of Broadway to be able to back out of parking spaces. He talked of a site distance hazard from Trenton Processing to NAPA and talked of shifting the center line of traffic to create a straight shot between those points. The next step would be to talk to IDOT. Mr. Ratermann stated that this is already all right-of-way. His main question would be what the pavement surface composition is. Questions about trees, planter boxes and lighting were answered. Mr. Ratermann gave a rough estimate of \$900,000.00 for this project and said that he would talk to IDOT about cost sharing if the City paves the drive lanes. There is still a concern about drainage, especially where the pedestrian islands are. Mr. Ratermann has figured piping into the cost estimate but will need to take a closer look into where the storm drains are located. Everyone was in favor of Mr. Ratermann moving forward and setting up meetings with IDOT.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Jones said that he is still working on his committee appointments but the Finance Committee will be chaired by Alderman Woods, with Alderman Weh and Alderman Sims. Alderman Woods called a Finance Committee meeting for next Monday night, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. to review the FY20 budget.

Mayor Jones stated that Trenton and all of Clinton County were very supportive of Mr. Klasing. It was very touching to see the procession and the funeral was memorable.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Deien asked for an update on the water drainage issues on Parkview Dr. Superintendent Wehrle said that he assumed the King Oak project would be underway and the plan was to do the concrete work for both projects at the same time. We are still waiting on IDOT for the King Oak project so Superintendent Wehrle asked permission to get bids from contractors to do the curbing and concrete work on Parkview. Mayor Jones said this could be paid from the Small Capital Improvement Fund. Alderman Woods said that W 2<sup>nd</sup> street also doesn't drain well. Superintendent Wehrle is aware of that. He was told to bundle the two projects together for a better concrete price.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Superintendent Wehrle informed the Council that the pipe and rock are in for the basketball court. This has turned into a bigger project than the cement masons agreed to, and they want the City to hire Beckmann Concrete to bring in their laser screed for the concrete finishing. Superintendent

Wehrle is concerned too and suggested that we bid this out. Mayor Jones is concerned also as this project has gotten extremely expensive with ballpark estimates for the concrete being more than the total project cost originally. Attorney Heiligenstein reminded the Council that any expenditure beyond what was originally voted on will need Council action. There was discussion about the scope of some of these scout projects and the City's commitment going forward. The Park Boosters will be contacted to see how much additional they would be willing to contribute.

Attorney Heiligenstein has been in contact with the attorneys representing the Knopp property on 3<sup>rd</sup> street. We were told that the exterior of the property was going to be completed within 7 days of the communication that Attorney Heiligenstein received. That time has come and gone and nothing has been done to the property so Attorney Heiligenstein is going to move forward with this in the courts.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as read. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes. Motion carried. The consent agenda included the minutes of the June 24, 2019 Regular Council Meeting, approval of the June 2019 Payrolls, approval of the June 2019 Bills, approval of the May 2019 Treasurer's Report and Approval of Resolution 20190708 – Wesclin Homecoming Parade.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent Wehrle discussed the purchase of a Cedar Rapids CR361 paving machine. He stated that he is not fond of oil and chip, there is always a lot of dust and his department spends a lot of time sweeping chips. Trenton has 18 miles of road with roughly 2 miles of them already asphalt or concrete. He estimates if he asphalts 20 blocks per year in ten years he would have the whole town done. He would like to start with 3<sup>rd</sup> street from Pin Oak to Route 160. The hot mix would cost about \$48,000.00 and we already own the trucks and would not pay any additional for labor. Mayor Jones said this machine could be paid from MFT, TIF and General Funds.

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to Approve the Purchase of Cedar Rapids CR361 Paving Machine in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,100.00. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Purchase of Various Culverts from Energy Culvert Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$3,841.74. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes, motion carried.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Woods made a motion to enter into closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion Carried. The Council entered closed session at 8:24 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:13 p.m. Roll Call: Deien, Mohme, Kniepman, Sims, Weh, Woods. All present.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Attorney Heiligenstein was asked about the Tri Township lawsuit. He stated that the motion to dismiss has been filed and the judge has the case. There has been no ruling yet. He will contact Attorney Paulson tomorrow for an update.

Everyone was reminded of the Finance Committee meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk