

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING JULY 22, 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 22, 2019.

**ROLL CALL**

Deien, Kniepman, Mohme. Sims, Weh, Woods (absent)

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Police Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Hank Henderson and Boy Scout, Officer Dave Jordan, Bill Rickher, Joe Berry and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Joe Berry addressed the Council stating that he has worked for Trenton Police for 7 years, the last one year and four months as a full time officer. In that time he was disciplined only one time. Turnover in the police is higher than ever before. He went on to say that the police department is a toxic work environment. Mr. Berry's abilities are well known and he is respected by his peers. He concluded by saying that he is a resident of this City and has the ability to vote in future elections.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

<b>Finance</b>	<b>Public Works</b>	<b>Public Safety</b>
Woods	Kniepman	Mohme
Weh	Deien	Kniepman
Sims	Mohme	Deien

<b>Community Coordination</b>	<b>Planning/Ec. Dev.</b>	<b>Personnel</b>
Weh	Deien	Sims
Mohme	Sims	Woods
Woods	Kniepman	Weh

The Mayor called a Special Meeting for next Monday, July 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to have the public hearing for the appropriations ordinance.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Sims said that Mr. Rakers of Rakers Automotive asked to have signs installed on the sidewalk to alert pedestrians of cars moving across the sidewalk. That is a public right-of-way so we will look into the legal side of this further.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Chief Joellenbeck announced that the new Tahoe is in and lettered. It is currently having the additional equipment installed.

Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle informed the Council that Kunz Carpentry has experienced sewer backup for the last two weekends in a row. Superintendent Wehrle popped the manhole lid at Trenton House and it was full. They jetted it and a lot of grease broke loose. Tiles were broken about 57 feet from the manhole. The public works department dug it up and in the

process hit an unmarked gas line. Ameren made repairs and the next day the public works department found three abandoned conduits. They cut them and ended up cutting an unmarked phone line. AT&T made their repairs and the public works department was able to finish that job today.

Mayor Jones asked Superintendent Wehrle to outline the projects that he has on his plate. He said, Westgate ditch; resurface streets this August; extend sewer at Huelsman; Northgate.

City Administrator Brimm has called a Plan Commission meeting for August 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. A special use application has been submitted for a liquor store/gaming lounge/tavern. There is the possibility that there will be a second issue to hear regarding a residence on the east side of town.

Mr. Brimm said that we are closer to a resolution on the e-mail issues. We hope to have it up and running by tomorrow.

At the July 8, 2019 meeting the Council approved the purchase of paver for an amount not to exceed \$7,100.00. The next day when the order was trying to be placed we were informed that machine had been sold. A comparable machine has been located for about \$8,xxx.00. We are working on shipping details.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as read. Second Alderman Deien, all yes, Woods absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda included the minutes of the July 8, 2019 Regular Council Meeting, and Approval of Resolution 20190722 – Trenton Fest Parade.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Sims made a motion to Approve Resolution #20190722-01 Approving the Final Plat and Improvement Plans for Northgate Subdivision. Second Alderman Weh, all yes, Woods absent. Motion carried. A bond or letter of credit still needs to be posted by the developer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Resolution #20190722-02 OSLAD Grant Resolution of Authorization. Second Alderman Kniepman, all yes, Woods absent. Motion carried. Mr. Brimm would like the Community Coordination Committee to prioritize projects to be included in the grant application. The State of Illinois will provide a 50% match for this grant. Some of the items to consider would be a splash pad instead of our kiddie pool, upgrades to the restrooms at the grandstand, bathhouse repairs, and lining of the pool. The deadline for applications is mid-August so Mr. Brimm encourages the committee to meet soon.

Currently Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle drives a 1999 truck with no air conditioning, floorboards or gear shift. It is not safe. He asked for direction from the Council on buying new or used. The pricing is about the same. The state bid for pickup trucks has not been renewed and current pricing is around \$24,500.00. Locally a new truck is in the same price range. After more discussion we will waive bid requirements and buy locally. More detailed figures will be brought to the Council for approval at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Brimm has been approached by the owners of the property at 125 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. They would like to donate that property to the City to be used as a pocket park. That property currently has a single family home on it that would take quite a bit of work to bring it up to code. The best thing would be to demolish the house. The problem is, the lot is not large enough to rebuild. There was much discussion about the cost to the City for demolition, and whether the City could split the land and deed it to the adjacent property owners. These questions will need to be addressed with our attorney. Mr. Brimm will gather more information and bring it back for further discussion.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Weh made a motion to enter into closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes Woods absent. Motion Carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:42 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 7:51 p.m. Roll Call: Deien, Mohme, Kniepman, Sims, Weh, Woods (absent).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jones is intrigued by this gaming parlor issue. He wonders if our gaming revenue will actually go up. The state recently increased the number of machines allowed to 6 for regular establishments and capped gaming parlors at 10.

A question about the regulation of solar panels was asked. Mr. Brimm stated that he is reviewing the first draft of the zoning code which addresses solar panels.

It was asked if Trenton would allow the sale of recreational marijuana. It is only a matter of time before this is something that comes before the Council for a decision. There was some discussion and a lot of questions asked. From the information that we have gotten through the Illinois Municipal League, much of the control a municipality will have over this will come through the zoning code. More information will be gathered and brought back for further discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, Woods absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk