

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 2019.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, City Administrator Doug Brimm, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Police Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Officer Dave Jordan, Collin Hill, Connie Allison, Mark Brown, Mike Meyer, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

Connie Allison spoke to the Council about flooding that happens in her area, 2nd street East to Cedar, not related to the heavy rains that we had today. She read in the paper that the City will be paving the streets and does not understand the logic of paving prior to fixing the drainage. Mr. Meyer also spoke of ongoing flooding at his home on East 2nd street. He was promised back in 2013 that this would be fixed. Mayor Jones asked if either one of these residents had water in their basements. They did not. Mayor Jones understands the issue is surface water. The public works department has made great strides in recent years to address that problem. With today's rain the power box in the rear of the homes was surrounded with over 2 feet of water. This is a safety issue. Superintendent Wehrle said that there were flash flood warnings being issued all morning so flooding was to be expected. After more discussion it was decided that Mr. Brimm will reach out to Ms. Allison and Mr. Meyer and the city engineer to look at the possibility of increasing the size or number of inlets to the storm sewer in that area.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Weh observed that O'Fallon City Council will be addressing the recreational cannabis issue at their meeting tonight. He thinks we should begin those conversations too. Mr. Brimm stated that he has been in discussion with Attorney Joe Heiligenstein about that and Mr. Brimm would like to have Attorney Heiligenstein present when the council has this discussion. Mayor Jones stated that there will be some serious policy discussions that will need to take place and he prefers that the Attorney be here.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle was going to inform the Council of storm sewer repair needs on 3rd street and 4th street. He has now added 2nd street to the list.

The basketball court has been completed and the old basketball poles have been removed. All of the rock around the restrooms at the center of the park is going to be removed. We do not want rocks thrown at the glass backboards.

City Administrator Brimm read to the Council his resignation letter. He has accepted the City Administrator position in Columbia, Illinois and his final day in Trenton will be September 6, 2019. Mr. Brimm thanked Mayor Jones for his support over the years. This decision was not one that Mr. Brimm took lightly, but this is an opportunity both professionally and personally that he could not pass up.

Mayor Jones said that this is no secret in that the Columbia paper published this last week. He was not going to stand in the way of Mr. Brimm. One thing that Mr. Brimm proved was that even for a town our size there is the need for a City Administrator and we will begin the process of finding a replacement right away. Mr. Brimm has graciously offered to facilitate the transition.

Mayor Jones announced publicly that he will not be seeking a third term. He also announced that Treasurer Bette Wehrle will be retiring at the end of this month. Her replacement will be appointed at the August 26, 2019 meeting with a September 1, 2019 start date. Ms. Wehrle has served the City for 40 + years and will continue to serve in her role as school crossing guard. Joe Palas has agreed to accept the Treasurer's position and he does plan to attend most of our meetings.

Mayor Jones said that the July numbers are in front of everyone and we have received the first installment of the property taxes. Our financial position is good. The park season is largely over and a lot of our major expenses have been made. The water fund had a surplus for the month which is the first time in a long time. This may be due to Superintendent Wehrle finding that water leak.

The aldermen offered congratulations and thanks to Mr. Brimm for his service to the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as read. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried. The consent agenda included the minutes of the July 22, 2019 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes of the July 29, 2019 Special Council Meeting, July 2019 Payrolls, July 2019 Bills, June 2019 Treasurer's Report and Waive Bidding Requirements for Purchase of 2020 Chevrolet Silverado.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Woods made a motion to Authorize Purchase of 2020 Chevrolet Silverado W/T from Deien Chevrolet in the Amount of \$23,239.00. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to Authorize the Purchase of Five-Year 75,000 mile Extended Warranty for 2020 Chevrolet Silverado W/T from Deien Chevrolet in the Amount of \$2,033.00. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Authorize the Purchase and Installation of Equipment for 2020 Chevrolet Silverado by Global Technical Systems, Inc. in the Amount of \$2,656.88. Second Alderman Woods, all yes. Motion carried.

The vehicle that Superintendent Wehrle currently drives is a 1999 Silverado and has transmission problems, the floorboard is rusted through and the gearshift is minimally operational. Council deemed this vehicle unsafe and would like to declare this surplus property and dispose of it. Superintendent Wehrle stated that most of the problems have been repaired. The vehicle only has 77,000 miles and would be good to use to run around town. Mr. Brimm suggested holding onto this vehicle at least until we take delivery of the new 2020 truck is delivered which should be in about six weeks. Superintendent Wehrle will get costs of floorboards and bring that back to our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Authorize the Purchase and Installation of (2) Prisoner Transport Seats for Chevrolet Tahoe Patrol Vehicles from Global Technical Systems, Inc. in the Amount of \$2,399.98. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

The John Deere Turf machine has a blown engine. The motor is a Kawasaki brand which does not meet US emission restrictions and therefore we are unable to get parts or a replacement motor. The proposed purchase of a Kubota tractor is better suited for the way the turf machine had been used, especially for diamond preparation. In addition, the Kubota has a 60" deck and can be used to mow. We would like to trade in the John Deere Turf machine and a John Deere lawn tractor.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Authorize the Purchase of BX2380RV60 Kubota Tractor from Okawville Equipment in the amount of \$12,709.93. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried. This will be paid from general fund, park and sewer funds.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1758 Authorizing the Trade In of Personal Property (John Deere X700 and John Deere 1200A). Second Alderman Kniepman, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Authorize the Purchase of (100) 5/8" x 3/4" Neptune Water Meters from Schulte Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$19,995.00. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried. This is part of the original plan for water meter replacements throughout the whole city and will be paid from the Infrastructure Fund.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Authorize the Purchase of Meter Accessories from Midwest Municipal Supply in the Amount of \$11,915.36. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried. These accessories consist of 60 meter yolks, tiles and lids. This too will be paid from the Infrastructure Fund. Mr. Brimm said that \$40,000 was put into the budget this year for water meter replacement.

Superintendent Wehrle informed the Council that the paver is here. Christ Brothers out of Lebanon will come over and train our employees on the operation. Superintendent Wehrle would like to begin paving on N. Oak to work out the bugs. He would then like to do E 5th street because that got torn up with the construction of the wastewater treatment plant. S. Monroe is next. That is a small street and would not need to be touched for many years to come. He would like to push off doing 3rd street until next year due to the cost of the materials. He doesn't want to spend all of the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) money in one year. All of the streets that will be paved will have the camera run prior to paving. Mr. Brimm said that it may be possible to amend this year's MFT program to include this whole cost. Superintendent Wehrle said that he would like to do S. King Oak in phases. Laying 9 inches of asphalt with 2 lifts will save the City a ton of money being done in-house. The apron of S. King Oak at Broadway will still be concrete.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Mohme 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 and 5 ILCS 120 2/(c)(2) Collective Bargaining Second Alderman Kniepman, all yes. Motion Carried. The Council entered closed session at 8:22 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:12 p.m. Roll Call: Deien, Mohme, Kniepman, Sims, Weh, Woods. All present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Brimm said the Plan Commission will meet on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to hear a special use application submitted by the owners of 9 W. Broadway for the purpose of a gaming parlor. The second hearing for the Plan Commission has been cancelled, the applicant withdrew her application.

When asked about the status of the Dairy King, Mr. Brimm stated that Ms. Maue has submitted preliminary plans. He believes that she has purchased both properties. Superintendent Wehrle said that water has been disconnected at both properties.

Mr. Brimm also informed the Council that he was approached last week about a ribbon cutting at the new basketball court.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Mohme made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk