

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 26, 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 26, 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, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Collin Hill, Mark Brown, Joe Palas, Jason Meentemeyer, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Jones announced that Trenton Fest is coming up and this year instead of carnival rides there will be inflatables. We will still require background checks be done on the workers.

We have received a few applications for the City Administrator position. The personnel committee will need to convene and review these applications.

This is Mr. Brimm's last official meeting with the City of Trenton. Mayor Jones thanked him for his service to this community and wished him well in Columbia. In the interim, the department heads will continue to run their departments and will report directly to the mayor.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Chief Joellenbeck warned everyone to lock their cars and homes. There have been reports of car break-ins outside of Trenton.

Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle informed the Council that while repairing a storm sewer on E 4<sup>th</sup> street they hit a 6" water line. They could not get a valve shut so they made the repair "hot". That held overnight and the next day they were able to get someone in to put in a line stop and got the water line fixed.

Attorney Heiligenstein reported that the judge has not yet ruled on the motion to dismiss that we filed in federal court on the Tri Township Water case. In relation to one of the properties on 3<sup>rd</sup> street, there is a court date set for September 17, 2019. An interested party has come forward, a bank, but attorney Heiligenstein said that he hopes to have either a corrective order in place or the judge to rule to proceed with demolition.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Weh made a motion to Allow Liquor Sales in the Trenton City Park on September 6-8, 2019 for Trenton Fest until 12:30 a.m. Second Alderman Kniepman, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Joe Palas to the Office of Treasurer. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes. Motion carried. Clerk Buzzard administered the Oath of Office to Joe Palas.

Alderman Sims made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Collin Hill to the Position of Patrolman. Second Alderman Woods, all yes. Motion carried. Clerk Buzzard administered the Oath of Office to Collin Hill.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Brimm reported that Kyle Fuehne submitted a special use application to open a gaming lounge at 9 W. Broadway. State statute requires a liquor license for gaming to take place. On August 15, 2019 the Plan Commission met to hear this case. Mr. Fuehne informed the Plan Commission that he plans to have a cigar bar, sell high end spirits and have the gaming machines. Two liquor licenses will be required, one for on premise consumption and one for package sales. The Plan Commission recommended in a 3-1 vote to allow the special use.

Attorney Heiligenstein opened a discussion about the employer role once recreational cannabis becomes legal. He informed the Council that the employer will still be able to ban use while at work or on call, but will not have the authority to terminate an employee for use outside of the workplace. If an employer has a good faith suspicion that an employee is under the influence while at work, then the employer can require the employee to be drug tested. The employer must have a mechanism in place for the employee to contest the test results. If an employee holds a CDL license, then the federal law will prevail, which, under federal law use is still illegal. Attorney Heiligenstein anticipates that a trailer bill, with more information will be passed yet this fall. Mayor Jones said that we will need to have many more discussions on this topic. He wants to get into place the employer side of things. Then we can look deeper into the zoning side of things.

Mr. Brimm said that the City Administrator is also the Zoning Administrator. Previously when there has been a gap between zoning administrators the City has contracted with the Answerman Inc., Jerry Green. Recently Scott Meinhardt joined the Answerman and Mr. Brimm met with Scott Meinhardt do discuss contracting for this service in the interim again. Mr. Brimm passed out a proposed fee schedule for everyone's review. This equates to roughly 30% of revenues generated by building/zoning being paid out. Mr. Brimm prefers this arrangement because there may be months where there is little to no activity. In the past the agreement was based on a flat fee per month with additional fees for some specific items. The length of this agreement would be for a 60 day initial term with a 15 day notice of termination given by the City. The agreement could be extended. No one objected to going forward with this.

Mayor Jones asked for an update on the zoning code. Mr. Brimm has completed the redline of the first draft and will be meeting with Mr. Streiler tomorrow to review it. Mr. Brimm said that a hybrid approach on setbacks is being taken into consideration for areas of town that would have difficulty meeting the previously established setbacks.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Brimm thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting him in his service to the City and its residents. He is leaving the City better than he found it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk