

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 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, Officer Collin Hill, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Barry Sieren, Treasurer Joe Palas, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones read a statement regarding criminal action to an employee's e-mail account which resulted in a change to another employee's direct deposit. It is possible that this would be covered by our cyber liability clause. Changes have been made in our internal procedures to prevent this in the future. There is a high probability that our money will be recovered.

This past weekend Officer Salvi responded to a mutual aid request from New Baden Police for a suspect with erratic behavior. It was discovered later in the day that the suspect had a high probability of being infected with spinal meningitis. Our officer was quarantined for several hours in his vehicle while waiting on word from the hospital. The resolution was that our officer was more than likely not contaminated and was instructed to go home, wash his clothes and shower. If he presented with any symptoms, he was to return to the hospital.

Mayor Jones reminded everyone that text messages sent during a meeting are subject to FOIA. Best practice is to not be on your phone while in a meeting.

The Wesclin Homecoming Parade is this Wednesday in Trenton. Mayor Jones will participate and looks forward to the event.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Clerk Buzzard reminded everyone to refrain from hitting the "reply all" when e-mails are sent to the Council. This action can quickly turn into a meeting per the Open Meetings Act.

Chief Joellenbeck warned of more car burglaries, although none have been in Trenton. There was an armed robbery in Breese this morning with very similar traits to the armed robbery in Okawville recently.

Attorney Heiligenstein reported that a corrective order was issued Tuesday in court on the Knopp property. The owner has 90 days to correct the outside of the property. If that is not done then the City could make the corrections and lien the property. There is a foreclosure still pending on the property and the bank could also decide to make the correction.

Attorney Heiligenstein has gotten no further word on the City's suit with Tri-Township Water.

The other W 3rd Street property that the City was pursuing action on is in the process of being sold to a neighbor. It is believed they intend to demo it.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Purchase of Grass Seed from Belleville Seed House in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,200.00. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried. This seed will be used to dress ditches, at the wastewater treatment plant, the W. Broadway sewer project area and the lot on Broadway next to the Post Office.

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to Approve Purchase of Rock for Various City Projects in an Amount Not to Exceed \$63,000.00. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried. The funding for this rock will be based on where the rock will be used. The Northgate project will be paid from Infrastructure, the Top Ag project will be paid from TIF, the wastewater treatment plant rock will be paid from sewer, and the basketball court project will be paid from General Funds.

Superintendent Wehrle explained that at times of heavy rain pumps are still needed at 4th and Adams. It was discovered that the cause is a hydraulic bottleneck in the manhole, which does not allow the water to flow through. It just spins. Superintendent Wehrle would like to set a couple of more manholes and divert around to prevent the spinning as it comes into the existing manhole and ultimately prevent the backup of water.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Wehrle presented a schedule of streets that he would like to pave. His first time using the paving machine was on N Oak and he stated he messed it up. He fixed the road last Friday. Christ Bros. out of Lebanon has offered to come out and train our staff on the use of our paver. Everyone agreed that this would be money well spent. Superintendent Wehrle stated that his department probably would not get to all of the roads on this list this year, so if any of the Aldermen had preferences as to how to prioritize the list please let him know.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Woods made a motion to enter 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 7:30 p.m.

The Council re-entered the Regular Meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Roll Call: Deien, Kniepman, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods. All present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk