

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2019

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2019.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were City Clerk Karen Buzzard, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Police Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Officer Collin Hill, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Treasurer Joe Palas, John Marquart and Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineering.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Superintendent Wehrle asked Doug Ratermann to attend the meeting tonight to better explain the options we have with the Broadway corridor parking project. Mr. Ratermann explained that the parking on the South side of the street is fine. To duplicate that on the North side we fall short of the required distance needed from the edge of the pavement to the curb. We could adjust from a 45 degree angle to a 30 degree angle, but that presents its own problems. First, we would still need a variance from IDOT, and second we would lose almost half of the number of parking spaces on that side of the street. Mr. Ratermann pointed out if we wanted to keep with the 45 degree parking the curbing would need to be moved back about 5 feet. Mayor Jones stated that the business owners do not like the grass in front of their businesses and if it was completely eliminated that would be fine. Safety while backing out of a parking space is the number one concern, and if that comes at the price of eliminating some grass, that's fine. Mr. Ratermann will be setting up a meeting with IDOT soon and needed this direction from the Council. He will also be informing IDOT that Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle will be acting as the general contractor on this project. It will be completed in phases to minimize the disruption to the businesses. Some of the aldermen expressed that by doing the whole block at once you would save on the cost of materials and installation. Mr. Ratermann estimates that this project will go out for bids in late February, so there is still time to discuss that.

Mr. Ratermann informed the Council that IDOT has given it's blessing on the Dairy King parking lot expansion plans. Illinois street takes a deep dive at Broadway, and with the parking lot going in this could be more problematic than it already is. Superintendent Wehrle would like to regrade 150' of Illinois street to eliminate the drop. There was talk that Dairy King would share in the cost to do that work. Mayor Jones stated that fixing the road should be the responsibility of the City. He instructed Superintendent Wehrle to get some cost estimates and bring that back to the Council. Mayor Jones has also talked with Gene Norber of EDR regarding TIF and Business District incentive agreements with Michele Maue of Dairy King for this project. Someone will follow up with Ms. Maue next week on those.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Deien 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 Kniepman absent. Motion carried. The Council entered Closed Session at 7:38 p.m.

The Council re-entered the special meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Deien, Kniepman (absent), Mohme, Weh, Woods, Sims

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Jones appointed John Marquart as City Administrator for the City of Trenton. Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Appointment of John Marquart as City Administrator for the City of Trenton. Second Alderman Sims. All yes, Kniepman absent. Motion carried. Clerk Buzzard administered the oath of office to City Administrator Marquart. Mr. Marquart thanked the Council and stated that this will be both a challenge and an opportunity.

### **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

### **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

### **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Weh welcomed Administrator Marquart.

### **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Superintendent Wehrle informed the Council that the new pickup will be delivered tomorrow. The sewer project at Dollar General is completed, and the W. Broadway sewer project should be completed tomorrow.

An employee from Christ Bros. came out on Saturday and worked with Superintendent Wehrle and some of his department on the operation of the paver. Some adjustments were made and tips were learned. Superintendent Wehrle said that most of the paving that was planned will be put off until next year. He would like to scarify the road before just putting asphalt on top.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Weh. All yes, Kniepman absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk