

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 25, 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, November 25, 2019 followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were City Administrator John Marquart, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Police Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Treasurer Joe Palas, Officer Collin Hill, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

To follow up on a previous conversation regarding grant possibilities for the park, Mayor Jones said that Sarah Tebbe of HMG Engineering will be getting involved. Mayor Jones anticipates this to be done at the committee level and then presented to the Council.

Administration has been tasked with preparing the Levy numbers for 2019 tax year. With data gathered from Clinton County, the City of Trenton EAV is up 10.5% from 2009 to present. From 2009 to 2013 the EAV remained largely flat. This is due in part to the economy at the time. From 2013 to 2019 there has been a large increase. Trenton tax base is broader, which is a good problem to have according to the Mayor. The TIF numbers were also broken out and the same trend was found. From 2009 to 2013 the TIF EAV remained flat and from 2013 to 2019 the TIF EAV had a growth of about 24.22%.

Mayor Jones read a Thank you note from New Life Christian Center.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Weh asked if the City could assist the American Legion with replacing their inventory of flags. The flags are getting worn and tattered and that is not the impression that we want to portray when someone drives through town. Alderman Weh will get costs and bring that back for further discussion.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck reminded everyone to lock their cars, and now that we are in the holiday season to be aware of porch pirates.

Again this year the Highland Police Department will be hosting their “Christmas with a Cop” where they adopt families for the holiday and take the children shopping. Trenton police will be participating by soliciting donations at the four way stop this Friday. They will shop on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Highland Wal-Mart.

City Administrator Marquart reported that work is ongoing to install water and sewer lines to the bore site at Route 50.

Last week City Administrator Marquart met with the consultant working on our new Zoning Code. Progress is being made and video gaming and cannabis are being incorporated into the code. City Administrator Marquart hopes to have something to bring to the Council for review in the first quarter of 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a Motion to Approve Insurance Renewal Package with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) to include property/casualty/liability/workers compensation coverages at a premium of \$105,832.00. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a Motion to Authorize Mayor and Clerk to Execute Final Plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision (610 & 614 W Broadway). Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

City Administrator Marquart informed the Council that the business owner at 219 W. Broadway approached him about adding to the recent redevelopment agreement that they have with the City. They need to replace the heating unit in their greenhouse and would like TIF assistance. Mr. Marquart reminded the Council that the original agreement had a 60% reimbursement on eligible items. He suggested reimbursing this addition at that same 60% which would come to a total of \$1,070.96. This additional reimbursement would be paid out as a third year payment. No one objected to amending the agreement to include this additional expense. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

The proposed 2019 tax levy was reviewed. City Administrator Marquart reported that Trenton's EAV for 2018 was just over \$46,000,000 and per the County our estimated 2019 EAV is just over \$49,000,000. As a result, the levy is very similar to last year. Mayor Jones reviewed the levy per line and pointed out the largest increase is in liability insurance. This is to bring the fund balance back in line. He requested the levy spreadsheet be sent to the Council for review again. This will be put into ordinance form and be approved at our next meeting.

Mayor Jones informed the Council that City Administrator Marquart is working on another redevelopment and should have something to bring to the Council soon.

City Administrator Marquart is working on several other projects including an energy related one. There is a lot working behind the scenes.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jones wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk