

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 23, 2019

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, December 23, 2019 followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were City Administrator John Marquart, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Police Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Treasurer Joe Palas, Officer Collin Hill, Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineering, Boy Scout Samuel Lucas

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Weh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Alderman Woods absent. The Consent Agenda included the Minutes of the December 9, 2019 Regular Council meeting, a motion to Extend Liquor sales Hank’s Bowl until 4:00 a.m. on January 1, 2020 and a motion to Extend Liquor sales at 7-West until 4:00 a.m. on January 1, 2020.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Mohme made a Motion to Approve Ordinance #1761 Amending Chapter 4, Article II, Section 4-26 of the Municipal Code of the City of Trenton, Illinois by the Addition of a New Liquor Class. Second Alderman Kniepman . All yes, Alderman Woods absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1762 Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Trenton, Illinois by the Addition of Article VII, Chapter 42 Imposing a Municipal Cannabis Retailer’s Occupation Tax. Second Alderman Mohme. Roll Call: Sims, yes, Weh, no, Deien, yes, Mohme, yes, Kniepman, yes, Woods, absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Purchase of Engine for 1991 F700 Dump Truck from Jasper Engines in an Amount of \$3,607.00. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, Alderman Woods absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to Approve Template for Right-of-Way Resolution and Agreement. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Alderman Woods absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Engineering Services for 4<sup>th</sup> and Adams Street Interceptor Sewer Realignment with HMG Engineering in an amount of \$4,500.00. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Alderman Woods absent. Motion carried. Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineering explained that during heavy rains there is still a backup at the manhole at this

intersection. The water goes down, but slowly. This re-engineering will create a bend as opposed to a hard ninety degree angle and will increase flow and reduce backup.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Authorize Establishment of Checking Account for North Trenton Business District. Second Alderman Weh. All yes, Alderman Woods absent. Motion carried. The Council directed this account to be opened at FCB Bank in Trenton.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

At the last meeting the subject of replacing pole flags for the American Legion was discussed. Clerk Buzzard got a quote from Carrot Top Industries for 40 flags with wood poles and unfurlers for \$1,669.04 including shipping. The Council was in favor of this purchase and will have it on the next agenda for approval. It will be paid from the small capital improvement fund.

City Administrator Marquart met recently with Sarah Tebbe of HMG Engineering regarding the submission of an OSLAD grant application. He confirmed that lighting can be included in the grant as long as it is part of the overall project. He also informed the Council that applications are now due by May 1, 2020 for this next award cycle.

The first meeting for the energy assessment at the wastewater treatment plant has taken place and they will look at the pumps to possibly include them in the study too.

There was a lengthy discussion about the OSLAD grant. A committee meeting will be called to set the scope of the project, get estimates and see if other organizations would be willing to partner with the City on costs. The mayor discussed funding options for the City's portion of the grant; getting a low interest loan and paying it with Capital Improvement Funds. City Administrator Marquart was tasked with checking rates at the local banks. The grant timeline was discussed and with work not possibly starting for more than a year some of the items being considered for the grant may need to be handled earlier. These will be discussed further at a future meeting.

City Administrator Marquart said that he has contacts with a reserve unit from Scott Air Force Base and they will be doing some clean-up work at the Nature Preserve this spring.

Mayor Jones will call a committee meeting in January for this summer season at the park. Paul Josias has already said he would take the baseball/softball and soccer coordinator positions again this year. We will reach out to Norm Wiggins to see if he is interested in the pool manager position again.

Superintendent Wehrle told the Council that Brian Berberich would like to decorate the park at Christmas next year. We could ask the public for donations of lights and get with the Chamber of Commerce to see if they would assist. The Council was in favor of this idea.

Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineering reported that a verbal OK was given from Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on our downtown street project. A variance may still be needed but we won't know until we have solid numbers. He will have the area surveyed late next week and we should have solid numbers to give to IDOT in February. With that we should get the ok to do a bid letting in March and be able to commence with the project this summer.

The S. King Oak apron is complete. The contractor will spray it on Thursday and it should be open to traffic on Friday. The snowfall delayed that opening.

Mayor Jones reviewed the November Fund Balance report. He anticipates a general fund surplus close to \$100,000.00 this year. We have done more projects and therefore won't have the surplus we have had in previous years.

Superintendent Wehrle informed the Council that he had purchased pipe for the Northland Acres sewer project then the Dollar General sewer project came up and he used that pipe for that. Therefore, he will need to purchase more pipe. He will get pricing information and bring that back to the Council.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jones wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Weh. All yes, Alderman Woods absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk