

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2020

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, February 10, 2020 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, Dan Purdy, Brian Hunt, Michelle Maue, Mark Brown, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones read a proclamation supporting Scott Air Force Base Patriot Program and declaring Trenton a Scott Patriot Community.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dan Purdy, Jr. Vice Commander of Trenton VFW Post 778 thanked the City for their recent purchase of 40 flags that are displayed on poles throughout the City on certain holidays.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones stated that the General Fund continues to show a modest surplus. We are on target this year to have a balance budget and the same goes for next year. We will continue to monitor the water fund, and staff is working on the budget for next fiscal year right now.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Woods wanted to know if there was a grace period for side-by-side owners to drive on the streets with an expired sticker. Chief Joellenbeck said that if they are in route to have their side-by-side inspected they will not be issued a ticket.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck announced that Officer Mora will be having a fish fry fundraiser on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020 to benefit the DARE program. It will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center. The cost is \$10 per plate and take outs will be available. She will have 50/50 drawings and raffle off two Schwinn bicycles.

City Administrator Marquart said that we will have representatives from HMG Engineering at our next meeting to discuss the OSLAD grant application and our downtown street project. This week the cross connection surveys will go out to residents with a return date of mid-March. City Administrator Marquart has a meeting scheduled next week with Good Energy representatives to discuss savings with Ameren on our street lights.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as read. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda included a motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, a motion to Approve the Payrolls for January 2020, a motion to Approve the Bills for January 2020, a motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2019, and a motion to Approve the Appointment of Kelly Wilhelm to fill vacancy on Library Board. Term to expire July 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Administrator Marquart gave an overview of the redevelopment agreement between the City of Trenton and Dairy King owners Brad and Michelle Maue. Mayor Jones stated that this is the first project in the new business district. Ms. Maue thanked the Council for working with her on this expansion. She has been in town for 10 years now and loves Trenton. She feels this will set a precedent for others to bring their businesses to Trenton. Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1765 Redevelopment Agreement with Bradley and Michelle Maue. Second Alderman Sims, all yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Resolution #20200210 Adopting City of Trenton Zoning Map. Second Alderman Sims, all yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Marquart asked Illinois Clean Energy to do an assessment of the energy usage at the wastewater treatment plant and the pool. It was found if we retrofit that pumps at both locations we could save a considerable amount of power. The cost to retrofit the pumps would be in the \$34,000 range. Ameren has an incentive program that would rebate to us \$15,000, and the return on investment in energy savings would be two years. Mayor Jones said this was not a budgeted project but it could be paid from capital improvement, infrastructure, and sewer funds. Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Purchase of High Service Pumps for Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pool from Illinois Electric Works in the amount of \$19,618.00 to be paid 1/3 from Capital Improvement Fund, 1/3 from Infrastructure Fund and 1/3 from Sewer fund. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Marquart informed the Council of another energy savings project. This one is for lights in the park and at the pool. The project would be with Ameren and partner Light Brite. The total project cost is estimated in the \$26,000.00 range. Ameren's incentive is \$18,000.00 with the final cost to the city at \$8,085.00. The estimated return on investment for this project is 11 months. Light Brite will supply the lights and Litteken Electric will do the installation. It is estimated that the project will take 90 days to complete so with approval tonight new lights can be installed as the park season kicks off. Mayor Jones said the capital improvement fund could be used for this project. Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Pool/Park Lighting Retrofit Program with Ameren Illinois in an Amount of \$8,085.00 to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones said that for the next item on the agenda he is asking for an opinion only. As part of our downtown redevelopment project, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will consider the conversion of the intersection of Broadway and Main to a 4-way stop. This came up in recent discussions about the bump outs that are being considered for that intersection. If this is something that we want to do, now is the time to do it. Alderman Woods said absolutely no. He cited that traffic backups in Lebanon because of a 4-way stop. It was stated that Trenton has a by-pass where none exists in Lebanon. There was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of the traffic at that intersection. Another option would be to look at the speed limit through that part of town. The Council would like to look into reducing the speed from the 4-way stop to the post office to 25 mph, from the post office to S. King Oak to 30 mph and from S. King Oak to the city limits to 35 mph. Chief Joellenbeck will check into what is involved with making that change.

Mayor Jones said that more power incentives will be brought to the Council for approval in the near future. We are looking at all street lights in Trenton and the power at the reservoir.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk