

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 27, 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, January 27, 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, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Nathan Deien of Deien Chevrolet, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Nathan Deien informed the Council that he cannot get any 2020 Tahoe PPV vehicles and that Don Brown Chevrolet in St. Louis has them on state bid price. He has no problem with the City purchasing from Don Brown this time and he appreciates us trying to keep our purchases in town and all that we have done for Deien Chevrolet in the past.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Jones read a letter of support to AMC Chair Shawn Martin at Scott Air Force Base for consideration for the Abilene trophy.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman talked with Norm Wiggins of the Trenton pool and Mr. Wiggins would like to replace a majority of the deck chairs this season. The Council would like Norm to get pricing information and bring back for consideration.

Alderman Woods asked whether camera work had been done on the South side of town where there has been flooding recently. Superintendent Wehrle said yes and no blockages were found.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Attorney Heiligenstein informed the Council that our lawsuit with Tri Township Water is set for trial in September although he hopes the Judge will hear motions in June and grant to us our motion to dismiss.

Superintendent Wehrle informed the Council that the water line to the Northgate subdivision is in. Now it just needs to be tested.

City Administrator Marquart informed the Council that he and Superintendent Wehrle have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow at the pool with HMG Engineering to review the items being considered for inclusion in the OSLAD Grant application. Administrator Marquart will look at the deck chairs while he is out there.

City Administrator Marquart recently spoke with the deputy director of the Illinois Housing Authority regarding a new round of grant funding for the demolition of abandon houses. The next round of funding will be available this spring. Administrator Marquart has already identified a list of about a half dozen properties that may qualify for funding.

State Representative Meier has informed City Administrator Marquart that \$40,000.00 has been included in the Capital Bill for infrastructure improvements in Trenton. He did not know when this funding would be available to us.

City Administrator Marquart and Superintendent Wehrle have a meeting scheduled later this week with IDOT to put the final touches on our downtown redevelopment project. It is hoped that bid letting will be in the March/April timeframe. Administrator Marquart will set a meeting soon with the business owners to let them know how this project will impact them.

Attorney Heiligenstein informed the Council that the Basler property has been sold and will soon be demolished. The Knopp property had a court date back in December, resulting with the bank filing a request for summary judgement. It appears the bank may take the property back, make the repairs, and sell the property.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Joellenbeck, while trying to put together budget numbers, talked with Nathan Deien for prices on a 2020 Chevy Tahoe PPV. He was informed that Deien would not be able to get any in and that Don Brown Chevrolet in St. Louis has them in stock and on Missouri State bid price. All accessories would be purchased through Deien. Chief Joellenbeck said that if purchased right now we could get a 2020 model for essentially the same price that we paid for a 2019 model. There was a lengthy discussion about why we need to purchase right now and how this vehicle would be paid for because this was not in the budget this year. Pros and cons of this purchase were debated and the state of the City's financial position today versus next year was laid out. Alderman Sims made a motion to Approve the Purchase of 2020 Tahoe PPV from Don Brown Chevrolet in an amount of \$35,050.00 and accessories for said vehicle not to exceed \$17,000.00. Second Alderman Woods. Roll call: Weh, yes, Deien, yes, Kniepman, yes, Woods, yes, Mohme, no, Sims, yes. Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Woods, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1763 Amending Chapter 2 of The Trenton Code of Ordinances, Purchase Limitations. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1764 Granting Bulk Area Variance at 380 E Ohio to Sugar Creek Township. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve HMG Task Order #2 for Storm Water Drainage at Parkview & E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in an amount of \$4,700.00. Second Alderman Woods, all yes. Motion carried.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk