

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 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 24, 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, Jacob Kampwerth and Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineering, Linda Evans, Mark Brown, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Linda Evans brought to the Council's attention that she has almost been hit by cars while in the crosswalk on several occasions. She would like the City to start a public awareness campaign. She also believes the street lights are too tall to shed light on what is on the ground. Mayor Jones thanked her and informed her that would be the topic of discussion later in the meeting.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

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Alderman Deien said a resident asked him why the crosswalks are not painted. Mayor Jones stated that some are on state highways. Superintendent of Public Works asked which ones and he would take care of them.

Alderman Woods stated that the basketball court is now painted and looks nice.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Superintendent of Public Works Wehrle informed everyone that the basketball court was sealed and painted last week. There is preliminary talk of a summer basketball league. He has someone that would be interested in running it.

City Administrator Marquart met with our Republic Services representative today and they would like to roll out the recycling totes in April. When the totes are rolled out then recycling pick-up will shift to every other week.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

City Administrator Marquart discussed with the Council two proposals for the OSLAD grant that the City would like to apply for. The first proposal has a cost of \$394,900.00 and would include a new concessions stand/restroom at Diamond #1, new pool decking and a new pool liner. The second proposal has a cost estimate of \$460,900.00 and includes everything from the first proposal and adds a sand filtration system for the pool. There were several other items on the wish list for this grant, but many of them can be completed by the City. Grant applications will

begin being accepted on May 1, 2020 and we want ours to be submitted at that time. We hope to hear whether we have been awarded a grant by the end of this year. If we are successful it would be ideal to have the pool work done prior to the opening of the 2021 season. The question of replacing the baby pool with a splash pad was brought up. Mr. Marquart stated that the focus of the grant money would be maintenance items and the best impact for our dollars. There was more discussion about the needs and wants at the pool. It was stated that the Park Boosters may be able to contribute financially toward some of those projects. The conversation moved on to the new concession stand/restroom that will be built near Diamond #1. The current concession stand would be removed from the third base dugout leaving that as a freestanding structure. The engineers have assured us that the dugout by itself is structurally sound. The restrooms that are currently at the grandstand would be torn out and that space would be used for storage. The grandstand would have a window cut in it and the scoreboard would be operated from that window. Mayor Jones would like to have a committee meeting to iron out the final details of the application.

The second item for discussion tonight is the downtown parking/curbing project. City Administrator Marquart stated that the final design is 98% complete. A schematic of the design was passed out to everyone. Mr. Kampwerth of HMG Engineers explained that the bump outs at the intersections of Broadway and Washington and Broadway and Main are designed to bring pedestrians safely to the back end of a car when crossing the street. There was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of bump outs. Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineers also explained that this design will require a couple of variances from IDOT, although he feels that there should be no problems with those being granted. Two handicapped parking spaces will be required by IDOT and with that addition and the design as it is now the total number of parking spaces will be reduced from the current 40 to just 28. It was stated that is one of the reasons that the City put in a parking lot.

Mayor Jones stated that the intersections will be concrete and the parking lanes will be asphalt and with the new concrete sidewalks will there be sufficient drainage to handle all of the water. Superintendent Wehrle said yes, all of the drainage will be directed to west and tie into the Washington Street line. Mayor Jones questioned the lighting. Doug Ratermann stated that although lighting is not part of this plan, all of the street lights will need to be moved so this would be a good time to put the electric underground. The City will need to get with Ameren for that.

The topic of reducing the speed limit through town was brought up again. The Council was in favor of reducing the speed from the 4-way stop east to the post office to 25 mph and from the post office to Ash Street 30 mph and from Ash to the city limits 35 mph. This request can be submitted to IDOT along with the other variances we will request for this project. Mike Conley asked to go back to the decision against making the intersection of Broadway and Main a 4-way stop. He wanted to know if it was a gut instinct or whether that decision had actual studies to back it up. The City can at any time petition IDOT to make that intersection a 4-way stop. Mayor Jones questioned how long the process for getting variances approved would be. Doug Ratermann stated that if there are no problems it could take 45 days for approval. It is possible that late spring we could go out for bids and construction could take place this summer.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk