

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING March 9, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Kyle Jones at 7:07 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 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, Sarah Tebbe of HMG Engineering, Mark Brown, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones apologized for being late this evening.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Woods announced that Trenton Fest will be moved from the usual weekend after Labor Day to August 14 & 15, 2020. This is due to the scheduling of the carnival rides.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck stated that DARE Officer Mora's Ash Wednesday Fish Fry was a huge success.

City Administrator Marquart has drafted a letter to IDOT to request they perform a speed limit study on Broadway.

City Administrator Marquart announced a summer concert series in the park. This summer Trenton will host six concerts, on Wednesdays in June, July and August. The total cost to host these concerts will be \$1200.00. The bands have been selected and they will set up at one of the pavilions in the park.

Effective tomorrow, City Hall hours will change from the current 9:00 am – 5:30 pm to 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. There is more activity in City Hall prior to 9 than there is after 5.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The Consent Agenda included a motion to Approve Minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, a motion to Approve Bills for the Month of February, 2020, a motion to Approve Payrolls for the month of February 2020, a motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2020, a motion to Approve the Appointment of Christopher Harpstrite to Plan Commission –term to expire March 2023, and a motion to Approve Appointment of Rob Jervis to Plan Commission – term to expire March 2023. Mayor Jones said there are still seats available on the Plan Commission. If anyone knows of someone interested in serving please let him know.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Sims made a motion to Approve Final Design for Downtown Parking/Curbing. Second Alderman Woods, all yes. Motion carried. There was a question about adding flashing lights at the crosswalk at Broadway and Main. City Administrator Marquart will look into that further.

Mayor Jones and City Administrator Marquart have been looking into ways for our cash reserves to earn more interest. We have some CD's coming due in April and more this fall. Treasurer Joe Palas said that we would start slow and track our interest and possibly move more money in the fall. Mayor Jones wanted it known that he has no affiliation with the PMA Financial Network. He stated they also follow all regulations for investment of public funds. The City has no intention of taking all of its money away from local banks. Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Resolution #20200309 Authorizing PMA Financial Network, Inc. and PMA Securities, Inc. to Provide Investment Services, and Execution of the Declaration of Trust Establishing The Illinois Public Reserves Investment Management Trust. Second Alderman Weh. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Weh made a motion to Table Authorizing City Administrator to Submit Application for OSLAD Grant. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jones reviewed the fund balance report dated February 2020. We are running a surplus, but not like in years past. More projects have been completed this year. His only concern is water and sewer funds, and he will continue to keep an eye on them. The City's financial position is not much different now than it was at the beginning of the fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk