

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 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, August 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, Police Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Treasurer Joe Palas, Superintendent of Public Works Kurt Wehrle, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Hank and Ian Henderson, Mike Conley, and Officer Andrew Lampe

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Jones read aloud a proclamation supporting Constitution Week the week of September 17 through 23, 2020.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Ian Henderson, Eagle Scout candidate, discussed with the Council his project to replace the batting cage at the main diamond in the City Park. He would like to install a new, double batting cage. The estimated cost for that would be around \$30,000.00. Mr. Henderson will be talking with the Park Boosters and with Wesclin baseball and some smaller organizations for donations. He would like the public works department to tear out the old batting cage, put rock down, and pour the concrete pad. He has a volunteer that would do the concrete finish work. After some discussion, the Council would like Ian to come back with a final plan (single or double cage) and final costs.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Jones clarified that the announcement by Illinois Department of Public Health made today regarding additional mitigation plans for Region 4 will not go into effect until September 2 if necessary. The decision will be based upon positivity rates over the next week. We hope that the numbers stay low and we do not have to put more restrictions in place.

The preliminary August IPTIP numbers are higher than last August. We will have final August numbers at our next meeting.

The first installment of property taxes has been received. Mayor Jones stated that general fund receipts were down less than 1% and TIF receipts were down 7.95%. The equalized assessed valuation (EAV) was up and revenue was down.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Weh questioned our mosquito spraying this summer. We currently do not have anyone certified to spray. We had employees scheduled for the class but those have all been cancelled this year due to COVID-19.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Clerk Buzzard announced that petitions for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election may start being circulated on September 22, 2020. Trenton will have one seat in each ward up for election in addition to the clerk and mayor. Anyone interested in obtaining a packet can see Clerk Buzzard.

Attorney Heiligenstein reported that there is a pre-trial next Tuesday on the case on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The attorney for the defendant didn't show for the pre-trial scheduled in July and the judge has ordered him to attend next week's meeting. Attorney Heiligenstein hope to have good new in 30-60 days.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the August 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Marquart informed the Council that on August 18, 2020 we had a bid opening for the combined pool project of concrete work and pool liner replacement. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$235,000.00. Bids came in at \$276,117.70 and \$335,775.00. The difference is with the pool liner. There was a price increase and prevailing wage had not been factored into a quote obtained months ago. Mr. Marquart recommends rejecting all bids and putting this out again. We will refine the scope of the project with regards to the amount of concrete work that we want done. He also recommends not splitting the bids. The pool lining and concrete need to mesh and we don't want to have two different contractors pointing fingers at each other if something were not to go according to plan. Alderman Woods made a motion to Reject All Bids received for City Pool Project. Second Alderman Weh, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Authorize City Clerk and Treasurer to Open Checking Accounts for North and South TIF Districts. Second Alderman Woods, all yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Sims made a motion to Approve Resolution 8242020, FY21 MFT Program in the amount of \$120,000.00. Second Alderman Woods, all yes. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

City Administrator Marquart stated that the City's Comprehensive Plan was created in 2204 and has never been updated. Updates are recommended at least every five years. This document is a very important tool, outlining the City's foundation for economic development, future land use, etc. Mr. Marquart recommends contracting with Heartlands Conservancy to update our Comprehensive Plan. They will conduct the stakeholder meetings and work with our Plan Commission to give us a completed product. This was budgeted in the Capital Improvement fund this year. If they begin right away Mr. Marquart is hopeful to have the Council Approve the Plan by April 2021. Mayor Jones stated that he tasked Mr. Marquart with completion of this prior to Mayor Jones leaving office. A Comprehensive Plan is also an integral part of the grant process and we are applying for a couple of grants right now.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk