

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2021

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 22, 2021 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, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Mike Conley, Mark Brown, Officer Lampe, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Carl Durkee, Officer Mora and family, Ryan Olier, Dennis and Stephanie Sellers.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Ryan Olier of the FOP Labor Council made a Lifesaver Award presentation to Trenton Officer Anjeles Mora for her efforts in saving the life of public works employee Dennis Sellers last month when he suffered a heart attack. Officer Mora thanked the Council for purchasing AED machines and for the quick response of the Sugar Creek Ambulance Service. Mr. Sellers was thankful that Officer Mora was on the job that day and thankful to the Sugar Creek Ambulance Service.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones complimented the public works department on a fine job clearing our streets after the wild snowstorms we recently had. He went on to remind everyone that Trenton participates in an electric aggregation program for its residents and therefore our residents are protected from price spiking during emergencies. Trenton residents would not experience what Texas residents did recently. Administrator Marquart asked that residents move their vehicles off the road when we have snowfalls deep enough to plow. Even if just to drive around the block while the plow is on your block.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck informed the Council that today Governor Pritzker signed into law HB 3653 which will transform Illinois' criminal justice system. This is not good for police in Illinois. Administrator Marquart asked for everyone to review their Charter cable bills to make sure the Franchise authority reflects Trenton, IL. His showed a town in Michigan. If anyone notices something other than Trenton let him know.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Weh. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to Approve Resolution #20210222 Authorizing an Agreement for the use of Right-of-Way between the City of Trenton and Clearwave Communications. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1778 Granting Special Use to Community Link to operate a Group Home at 402 E 2nd Street. Second Alderman Woods. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Sewer Bore under Old Rte. 50 in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00 to be paid from Infrastructure Fund. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jones began a discussion regarding the payoff of the loan on the property at 1106 W 1st Street. That building currently houses the public works building. Mayor Jones stated that there will be some interest savings, but more importantly it will free up cash flow in the General Fund. He went on to say that the next administration may want to consider a new public works building closer to our wastewater treatment plant, or maybe even a more centralized location possibly near our water tower.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk