

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 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 8, 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, and officer Lampe.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A moment of silence was held in honor of City Treasurer Joe Palas who recently passed.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones reviewed the January IPTIP report. The General fund has a surplus in excess of \$312,000.00 year to date, the Water fund is still an issue, the Sewer fund will need to be looked at in the future and the rest of the funds remain positive.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Superintendent Wehrle reported that Gerry Ottensmeier recently left to take a position with SLM Water Commission. We are actively looking to replace him. Dennis Sellers is doing well after his recent heart attach and is anxious to come back to work.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Sims, all yes. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda included a motion to Approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Regular Council meeting, a motion to Approve the Bills for the month of January 2021, a motion to Approve the Payrolls for the month of January 2021, and a motion to Approve the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2020.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Jones stated that the City of Trenton, under the Local CURES Act, has received \$112,000.00. The City is coordinating with Clinton County Health Department to set a site to administer COVID vaccines in Trenton. The cost to host this event will be less than \$1,000.00. The following agenda items have been identified as purchases to be made with the remaining Local CURES Act money.

The first item is the purchase of a 2021 Chevy Tahoe with warranty and equipment for the police department. Alderman Mohme questioned whether a second vehicle would be purchased because the budget already had one included. Administrator Marquart stated that it would be in the next fiscal year mainly due to manufacture delays causing months long wait times on delivery. This purchase would replace the 2012 Impala, which will be traded in to Deien Chevrolet. It has not yet been determined which dealer the 2021 Tahoe would be purchased from. Alderman Weh made a motion to Approve the Purchase of a 2021 Chevy Tahoe including warranty and equipment not to exceed \$52,000.00. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

The next item is the purchase of 30 radio read meters for the Water department. To date the City has 300+ radio read meters installed with 120 manual meters still on the list for replacement. Most of these meters are located in basements. Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the purchase of 30 Radio Read Water Meters from Schulte Supply Co. in an amount not to exceed \$30,500.00. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

The final item for consideration is a used roller for road paving. Superintendent Wehrle informed the Council that he does currently have a roller, but it is a static roller and with the type of paving that we now plan to do it may cause some damage to underground utilities. He would like to find a smaller vibratory roller. This would give a better compaction of the paving material. Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve the Purchase of a used roller for paving in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00. Second Alderman Woods. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Weh made a motion to Accept Refinance Proposal from Community Bank of Trenton using the 5-year amortization schedule at 2.25%. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. There will be a \$150.00 loan origination fee. Mayor Jones stated that some of this debt we are refinancing is in restricted funds and they will continue to make the payments. The payoff of the public works building loan will be brought to the Council soon for payoff action.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Woods made a motion to enter Closed Session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body. Second Alderman Mohme. Deien, yes, Kniepman, yes, Mohme, yes, Sims, no, Weh, yes, Woods, yes. Motion carried. The Council entered Closed session at 7:40 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m. Roll Call: Deien, Kniepman, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods. All present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk