

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 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, March 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, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Mike Conley, Mark Brown, Officer Lampe, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein and Joe Berry.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones thanked the volunteers and city staff that put on the COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Trenton last week. Everything went well. This benefits our residents and the cost to the City was minimal.

Mayor Jones reviewed the financial reports. Through February month end the General Fund had a surplus of \$285,000.00. The water fund is still an issue and the sewer fund is declining. All other funds are in good shape. The IPTIP revenues through March are up almost 10% over last year. As the pandemic draws to an end the City stands on solid financial ground. This is due to good budgeting. It also says our businesses did well through the pandemic.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Weh said the COVID-19 vaccination clinic ran well under the direction of City Administrator Marquart, City Clerk Buzzard and Chief Joellenbeck. He gave a big thank you to City Hall staff too.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

City Administrator Marquart explained that there was no weekly update sent out last week due to the crash of our e-mail server. That has been fixed and city email is back up and running. Aldermen will be given instructions on how to now access their mail.

The renewal of golf carts/side-by-sides has been shifted from a calendar year to fiscal year so stickers will go on sale April 12, 2021.

There is nothing on the agenda tonight regarding the pool filtration system because there were no bids received. We will re-bid this project in July or August.

Trenton is expected to receive between \$325,000.00 and \$350,000.00 from the America Recovery Act. Half of this will be received this summer and the balance will be one year from receipt of the first half. These funds are restricted to COVID expenses or infrastructure (water & sewer) expenses.

Mayor Jones asked about the downtown project grant. Administrator Marquart stated that the last time he spoke with someone from the Rebuild Illinois program they were still reviewing grant applications. Over 300 had been received. When questioned about the ITEP grant we applied for Mr. Marquart had no idea where that stood.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1779 Amending Chapter 8 Article I, Section 8-6, 8-7 and 8-8 of the City of Trenton code of Ordinance. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

City Administrator Marquart proposes consolidation of the Small Capital Improvement Fund, Equipment Fund, and Infrastructure Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund. Mayor Jones said this would be easier for budgeting.

Mayor Jones would like for the Council to consider a transfer of the General Fund surplus to the Capital Improvement Fund like we have done in years past. He estimates this to be between \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00. We will know more when we have final March numbers.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Woods wanted to put the City on notice that if the state will allow, Trenton Fest will be held the 3rd weekend in August this 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