

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 12, 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, April 12, 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 Hill, Mary Lee, Rob Jervis, Chris Harpstrite, and Sarah Vogt of Heartlands Conservancy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jones read a proclamation from A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois and proclaimed May Motorcycle Awareness Month in Trenton.

Sarah with Heartlands Conservancy presented a power point presentation overviewing the newly overhauled draft comprehensive plan for the City of Trenton. Members of the Plan Commission present tonight also commented on different aspects of the draft plan. Mayor Jones thanked Sarah and the Plan Commission for all their hard work putting this together. The comment was made that if we accomplish only half of what is in the plan Trenton will be a much better place.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mark Brown stated he is not in favor of the vehicle that is on the agenda for purchase tonight. He believes a truck would be more applicable to the public works department and recommends the Council not vote for the purchase of an Equinox.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Jones congratulated those that won in last week's election. He appreciates the efforts of all candidates.

Mayor Jones reviewed the IPTIP report and stated that revenues are up \$12,000.00 over last year this time and will exceed over \$1 million in a fiscal year for the first time ever. The General Fund surplus is \$219,000 through March. Water and Sewer funds will need to be addressed by the next Council. A discussion of EAV on the TIF versus the surrounding area will happen at our next meeting.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck informed the Council of his department's involvement with apprehending suspects in an ongoing return merchandise scam.

City Administrator Marquart said that Congressional earmarks are being brought back and Congresswoman Miller is asking for a list of projects. We will submit a list to her, although she will only be allowed to submit a total of ten projects herself.

Alderman Woods asked if the new liner would be installed in the pool prior to this pool season. Administrator Marquart said yes, and there is the possibility that there will be no baby pool this season. It is still in the permitting stage with the state.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Weh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The consent agenda included approval of minutes of the March 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, a motion to approve the Bills for the month of March 2021, a motion to approve the Payrolls for the month of March 2021, and a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to Approve Consolidation of the Small Capital Improvement Fund, the Equipment Fund, and the Infrastructure Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund effective beginning of Fiscal year 2022. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Authorize the transfer of \$150,000.00 of General Fund Surplus to the Capital Improvement Fund. Second Alderman Woods. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve the purchase of 2018 Chevrolet Equinox AWD from Deien Chevrolet in the amount of \$19,670.00. Second Alderman Weh. Yeas: Weh, Kniepman, Woods, Sims; Nays: Deien, Mohme. Motion carried.

Alderman Woods made a motion to Approve Resolution #21210412 FY2022 MFT Program. Second Alderman Weh. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Woods made a motion to enter closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 8:00 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m. Roll Call: Deien, Kniepman, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods. All present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Mohme made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk