

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 26, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Brent Woods 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, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Mike Conley, Mark Brown, Officer Hill, and Sarah Vogt of Heartlands Conservancy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Weh reminded everyone of the Chamber of Commerce BBQ and City Wide Yard Sales this Saturday.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Clerk Buzzard stated that she would be hosting a Newly Elected Officials orientation on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 3:15 p.m. at City Hall. This is open to all elected officials.

City Administrator Marquart plans to attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting tomorrow night and will ask them to pay ½ of the dues for joining Illinois South Tourism Bureau.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Resolution #20210426 Adopting the 2021 City of Trenton Comprehensive Plan. Second Alderman Weh. All yes, motion carried.

Mayor Jones entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1780 Declaring Surplus Property. Second Alderman Weh. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jones asked City Administrator Marquart to put together the highlights of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. Mr. Marquart stated that the numbers are not much different from last year. The budget includes another full time police officer, another full time public works employee, computer upgrades, supplies for West 2nd Street drainage, the Parkview drainage, the water and sewer bores on West Broadway, a new dump truck, the 2nd year for the pavement management program, the 2nd year for the Retail Strategies contract, a continuation of the water survey, the downtown improvement project, the ITEP Grant, salary adjustments and a Capital Budget Program development. General fund revenues are at \$1.8 million and expenses at \$1.55 million.

The rate structure in the water fund will need to be looked at this summer or fall. Alderman Mohme wanted to know, now that we are on the budget system and not appropriations if this is a final document. Administrator Marquart stated that adjustments could be made. Alderman Mohme asked several more questions about salaries in the police department and the addition of another officer. He asked questions about several of the projects that had previously been mentioned and where they had been put into the budget. Mayor Jones stated that the budget didn't reflect fund balances and that in some cases the City would be utilizing current fund balance.

Mayor Jones said that he has asked Administrator Marquart and Collector Buzzard to research any remaining general fund loans and have them on the next meetings agenda for approval to be paid off.

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 and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Probable or Imminent Litigation. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:57 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:21 p.m. Roll Call: Deien, Kniepman, Mohme, Sims, Weh, Woods. All present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jones said that he appreciated everyone at the table, department heads and work done by all. Thank you. Alderman Weh thanked Mayor Jones for his 8 years of service as Mayor and his years on the Council prior to that.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Woods. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk