

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING June 28, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Andy Weh at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2021, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Berry, Brown, Deien (absent), Kniepman, Mohme

Also present were City Administrator John Marquart, Mike Conley, Chief Joellenbeck, Officer Lampe, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Jeff Reis with TWM Engineering

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Jeff Reis with TWM Engineering presented to the Council the findings of the Pavement Management Survey that they were hired to conduct. The pavement condition index rating system rates pavement surfaces from 0 to 100 with 100 being best. Trenton has an overall score of 67%. Several options were presented with the annual amount invested as to the number of streets that could be improved. At a rate of \$225,000.00 invested annually it will take about 25 years to replace all the roads in town. Most of our road surfaces are oil and chip, and an asphalt overlay can be done on those roads. The amount of asphalt needed would depend on the road base, with each road being different. Motor Fuel Tax receipts are roughly \$8,000.00 per month so will the general fund make up the shortfall if we decided to put \$225,000.00 per year into this program? City Administrator Marquart said that Capital Improvement funds could be used. East 4th street was identified for paving this year.

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COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh wished everyone a Happy Independence Day with the holiday weekend coming up.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Brown said he will be on vacation soon and asked if remote attendance is allowed. Attorney Heiligenstein said that vacation is not normally a reason to allow remote attendance. Alderman Brown then asked whether we need to pull our only patrol officer off the road to be at Council meetings when the Chief is already here. Mayor Weh will consider that request. Alderman Brown then wanted to know if any consideration had been given to making City Hall ADA compliant and whether any discussions had been made to making better use of space here at City Hall. The Council chamber is quite cramped and there is much dead space available on the other side of the wall. Mayor Weh said that has been discussed, but right now we need to prioritize the spending of money. When asked if City Hall was in the TIF district he was told yes. Alderman Brown then asked for an update on the pool and wanted to know if pass prices would be adjusted due to the late opening of the pool. City Administrator Marquart will give an update in his report. The final item Alderman Brown had was a question about the property that the City owns off of Taylor Street and whether we have access to that property. He was told that we didn't have access to be able to get to the property to mow. City Administrator Marquart is investigating that right now.

Alderman Mohme said that in August, 2020 we contracted with Retail Strategies and they were supposed to provide to the City a list of 15 retailers that they would pursue on our behalf for location here in Trenton. Did we ever get that information? City Administrator Marquart has that information but is keeping it confidential currently. Any alderman can meet with him to review the information.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck said that there will be some testing done on the tornado sirens.

City Administrator Marquart informed the Council that the fence work at the pool will be finished today. It is anticipated that the light standards will be installed next week, and the diving board will be delivered on June 30th. As of today, the lining installation crew is expected to arrive on Wednesday. That means we will not make the July 4th opening date. Pool pass prices will be reviewed again to take into consideration the condensed season.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2021 Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Berry. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Resolution 20210628 Trenton Fest Parade. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Berry made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Brown. All yes Deien absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk