

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING JULY 26, 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, July 26, 2021, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Berry, Brown, Deien, Kniepman, Mohme, Sampson All present.

Also present were City Administrator John Marquart, Mike Conley, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Stephanie Koerber, Officer Lampe, and Dennis Maher of Retail Strategies.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Maher from Retail Strategies introduced himself and gave a brief bio. He is here to give the Council an update on the work performed before they are asked to renew the contract for another year. His company focuses on real estate, both vacant land and underutilized land. Once opportune locations are identified they look at retailer that would fit our community. Then they reach out to the key decision makers of those retail companies to start dialog about locating in our community. At this point Retail Strategies has reached out to 27 retailers and are in good conversations with 2 to 3. This is a process that takes time, and they would like for Trenton to continue that process. Mayor Weh said that Trenton is growth oriented, and he would like to continue. Mr. Maher was asked if they deal only in franchise retailers or if they work with smaller owned businesses. They work with both. When asked if they reach out to Trenton's current retail owners so that there is not the chance that a new retailer will put an existing one out of business, Mr. Maher said that their data analytics would alert them to that possibility so that would be taken into consideration during discussions with the potential new retailer. Retail Strategies goal is to bring new dollars to a community. When asked if retailers would think that Trenton is too small, Mr. Maher said that everyone here buys goods and services somewhere, why not here.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh said that there is still no opening date for the pool, but when it does admission will be free. If something can be worked out with lifeguards, we would like to pool to remain open until Labor Day weekend. There will be no baby pool this year, we are still working with the state on the permit.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Attorney Heiligenstein reported that a motion for summary judgement has been filed for our suit against Tri-Township Water District and will be heard by a Federal Magistrate.

City Administrator Marquart reported our first farmers market last week could have been better. The vendors did ok but could have done better. We are looking at either the 17 or 24 of August for the next one.

This Wednesday there will be a change in the band for our Concert in the park. Makeshift, who is scheduled, has a conflict so the Magnificats will be here instead.

The batting cage at Diamond #1 is being prepped for installation.

Mayor Weh would like everyone's help with getting the word out about our concerts. Attendance has dropped. The one food truck has been doing well.
The American Legion 5th division baseball tournament will be in Trenton this week. Mayor Weh would like the ambulance crew to be aware especially because of the heat.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2021, Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1783 Granting Variance to Parking Requirement at 202 E Broadway. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Agreement with ID Networks, Inc. in the amount of \$24,426.00. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Resolution \$20210726 MFT Amendment. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trenton Fest will be August 20 & 21, 2021. Parade will be at 5:30 p.m. on the 21st. There will be a fireman muster and carnival rides.

The American Legion would like to do a 5K run/walk in conjunction with the Harvest Hop. Alderman Sampson would like any help he can get.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk