

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 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, October 11, 2021, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was City Administrator John Marquart, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Superintendent of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Don Wallace with American Legion baseball, other members of the American Legion baseball organization and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Don Wallace of Illinois American Legion State Baseball Chairman announced that Trenton will host the 2022 Junior Legion State Tournament. The dates are July 28-31, 2022. Mr. Wallace asked for the City's support in this event.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Deien asked Superintendent Brockhahn whether he thought there were potential issues with the “wavy” lines in the pool. Mr. Brockhahn conveyed his concerns especially when it comes to winterizing the pool. There is still a leak, and the leak detection people should be here next week. Alderman Deien expressed his concern if the pool is unable to open in the spring. City Administrator Marquart stated that the pool will open.

Alderman Mohme asked when the water study was going to be presented to the Council. Mr. Marquart anticipates that will take place at one of the two November meetings. Alderman Mohme went on to voice concerns about the fund balance in water and general funds. Mr. Marquart said that several projects in the water area are completed, and this will go a long way in reducing our water loss. We will see a much higher ratio of water billed to water purchased. He plans to come to the council with suggestions for water rate increases in the near future. Last time water rates were adjusted was in 2018.

Alderman Mohme asked where we stand with the capital improvement project list. Mr. Marquart said that he is working on that and hopes to have something to present by the end of the year. Alderman Mohme then asked the status of replacing police vehicles and starting a plan to replace public works vehicles. A couple of old pieces of public works equipment have been surpluses and sold so there are funds available to purchase maybe a couple of newer vehicles for public works. Mr. Marquart, Superintendent Brockhahn and public works employee Dennis Sellers will be going to Springfield this week to look at surplus state vehicles that are for sale. Alderman Mohme said that a police vehicle was ordered in February 2021, and we still have not taken delivery. If we keep with the same rotation, we will be ordering another vehicle in the near future. Do we still plan to continue with that schedule? Mr. Marquart stated that another vehicle will be ordered in the next couple of months. Alderman Mohme said that it was ordered in the last fiscal year and will be paid in this fiscal year, we will order another this fiscal year and it won't be paid for until next fiscal year. Will this continue. Mayor Weh spoke with Deien Chevrolet and that is due to the chip shortage, which is expected to continue for at least another

12 months. The city actually has two police vehicles on order, with the city having the right of first refusal on the second one.

Alderman Kniepman asked about the message board sign not working on the side facing the East. Mr. Marquart is aware, but that sign is no longer supported by the company that sold it to the Chamber of Commerce. We will look further into seeing if that can be fixed. Alderman Sampson has offered to look at it.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck reported that his department has received their NIBR certification for report entry.

Superintendent Brockhahn reported that several water leaks have been fixed and there are a couple of hydrants that will be fixed when parts are received. Some sewer work is being finished on 4th street and ADA sidewalk work is scheduled for this week weather permitting. Once that is done then milling can begin on 4th street, and on to paving.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The consent agenda included approval of the minutes of the September 27, 2021, Regular Council meeting, approval of the Treasurer's report for the month of August 2021, approval of the bills for the month of September 2021, and approval of the payrolls for the month of September 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Appointment of Steve Hooker to Plan Commission to fill a vacancy. Term to expire March 2022. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1785 Declaring Blawknex Paver as Surplus Property. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk

Clerk note: Clerk Buzzard was not present at this meeting.