

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 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, September 27, 2021, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was City Administrator John Marquart, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Superintendent of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

On Saturday the artist painting the mural on the side of City Hall was here and held a community painting day. Much progress was made. She will be back next Saturday. Mayor Weh thanked John Marquart for this, it was his idea 100% and there are hopes to do this at more locations in town.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Deien asked Mr. Marquart if he had gotten answers to the questions e-mailed to him regarding the pool, most specifically the depth lines. Mr. Marquart is still waiting on answers from the contractor. He did say that there are no issues with drainage.

Alderman Sampson reported that the flag in the park near the VFW monument is in distress.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

City Administrator Marquart reported that there is another leak at the pool. The leak detection service that we previously used said this is a low volume leak and he is unable to detect those. Another company has been contacted and we hope for them to be here the first week in October. Both grants, Safe Routs to School and OSLAD, have been submitted. We don't anticipate either of those grants being awarded until next calendar year. While at the IML Conference last week Mr. Marquart let people from DCEO know that he is not happy with the time frame for notification on the downtown grant award. It has been 18 months and still no word.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to approve Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to approve Minutes of the September 17, 2021 Special Council Meeting as amended. Second Alderman Berry. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried. There was a question about the roll call attendance recorded for the meeting. Upon inspection of the minutes, they were correct as presented.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve HMG Engineering Change Order No. Two (2) for swimming pool improvements additional work in the amount of \$13,143.06. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Authorize City Clerk to open designated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds account. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1784 Granting Multiple Variances to Property at 237 W. 4th Street. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Brown asked about the status of the water study. City Administrator Marquart said they are working through the analysis of our system. They have recently incorporated the 2020 Census data, and a draft report is anticipated in October. After Mr. Marquart and the mayor have reviewed the draft report a presentation to the council will be scheduled. Alderman Brown asked if the report will address how best to raise water rates. Mr. Marquart said that it will outline a capital plan.

Mayor Weh cited section 2.06(g) of the Open Meetings act regarding the public's right to speak at a meeting. He read from the act that the public has a right to speak directly to the Mayor, not the Aldermen or any employees, that there will be no debate, and any questions asked will be followed up on at a later time and the manner of follow up will be determined by the Mayor. He went on to say these guidelines will be strictly followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Berry. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk