

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 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, November 8, 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, several of the public works employees, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Mohme asked where we stood with the pool and if the city was going to be paying for these additional repairs. City Administrator Marquart said that five new leaks have been identified and should be repaired by the end of the week. We are still assessing what the city will be paying for.

Alderman Mohme also asked when the 4<sup>th</sup> street paving will be complete. Superintendent Brockhahn said that after the pool repairs are complete his crew will finish with the 600 block of W. Broadway drainage and then move on to putting in some culverts and millings along the edge of the road.

Lastly Alderman Mohme asked about the status of the water study. City Administrator Marquart said that it is complete and that a presentation to the Council will be made at our next meeting. Rate structure discussions will take place in early 2022.

Alderman Brown asked if the city had found a company that could blow out the lines in the pool to winterize it. Superintendent Brockhahn said that Liteken Construction has an air compressor and can do that.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Superintendent Brockhahn again talked of having millings and culverts to be installed on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, after the other two projects are completed. Mayor Weh asked him to make this a priority project.

Chief Joellenbeck reported that one of the offenders in the catalytic converter thefts has pleaded guilty.

City Administrator Marquart informed the Council that the 4<sup>th</sup> Street paving project came in \$11,000 under the contracted amount. When we add in the cost of the culverts we will still be way under budget. He will then have the engineers update the pavement management program. In January or February of next year the streets for next year's paving will be identified so that the city can go out for bids in February or March. Alderman Mohme expressed caution with spending \$250,000.00 per year on paving when we only have revenues in the \$90,000.00 range.

**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

October 25, 2021, Regular Council Meeting, approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2021, approval of Bills for the month of October 2021, and approval of Payrolls for the month of October 2021.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Renewal of Insurance Coverage with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust for period December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2022, in an amount of \$121,747.00. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Nathan Deien of Deien Chevrolet has informed City officials of a tentative build date of January 17, 2022, for one of the Tahoes on order. He expects the second one to be built later in January. It takes 4-6 weeks to take delivery once a vehicle is built. These are fluid dates, and nothing has been confirmed. Alderman Mohme said that it was not anticipated that both vehicles would be purchased in the same fiscal year. Chief Joellenbeck said that CURES money will be paying for one and the other was built into the budget. After further discussion it was confirmed that no police vehicles will be purchased in the next fiscal year.

City Administrator Marquart opened a discussion about dump trucks for the public works department. He is recommending the purchase of two 2012 trucks which both have been completely rebuilt at a cost of \$130,000.00 total. This would be like getting two for the price of one new one. Superintendent Brockhahn will travel to Indiana to view the vehicles prior to purchase. We will declare surplus the two dump trucks we currently have and sell them on auction. That should net us \$10,000.00 and with the proceeds from the previously auctioned vehicles we will only need to finance \$90,000.00. Administrator Marquart has talked with Community Bank, and they will finance this amount over seven years with \$14,000.00 semi-annual payments which can be made from either the general fund or the capital improvement fund. Superintendent Brockhahn spoke of a plan to replace/upgrade his whole fleet and equipment. Alderman Mohme asked to see that plan. Administrator Marquart said it would be presented to Council at the appropriate time. An ordinance declaring our dump trucks surplus will be on the next agenda.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Brown made a motion to enter closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:44 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. Roll Call: Berry, Brown, Deien, Mohme, Kniepman, Sampson. All present.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A Happy Veteran's Day was wished to all Veterans.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Sampson made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk