

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 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, December 27, 2021, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh hopes everyone has a quiet and safe week. He wished everyone a Happy New Year including those serving abroad. Over the past several months there have been numerous acts of vandalism at the park. Our swings have been destroyed, restrooms have been vandalized and Christmas lights have been cut and gutters damaged. Per Mayor's orders, the restrooms have been locked. The mayor went on ask for the public's assistance. If you see something call the police. If offenders are caught, they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Superintendent Brockhahn informed the Council that his department unlocks the restrooms during the day because there are a lot of residents that walk in the park.

Chief Joellenbeck urged residents to call the police if they see vandalism happening in the park.

Attorney Heiligenstein reported that the city received a favorable decision in the court case filed against Tri-Township Water District. The judge sided with the city, declaring we have the right to service the area northwest of the Highway 50 and Route 160 interchange. We just must wait to see if an appeal is filed before we can move forward. Tri-Township has 30 days to file an appeal. If they don't within that time frame, then the decision is final.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021, Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Berry. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1788 Providing for 2022 Tax Levy. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Berry made a motion to Extend Liquor Sales at Hank's Bowl until 4:00 a.m. on January 1, 2022. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Extend Liquor Sales at 7-West until 4:00 a.m. on January 1, 2022. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Resolution 20211227 Authorizing Application for Main Street Capital Grant Under the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, motion carried. City Administrator Marquart still does not know how much this grant request will be. The city contribution will be 15%, and he estimates the grant amount we will ask for will be in the \$800,000.00 range.

City Administrator Marquart informed the Council that after the most recent detection of leaks by American Leak Detection Co, they suggested that the city replace all the drainage lines and inflow into gutters all the way around the pool and into the filtration system. This would eliminate all leaks. Litteken Plumbing was contacted and quoted \$92,000.00 to complete the work. They can start the job tomorrow, and it will be completed in two weeks. The cost can be reduced by anywhere from \$17,000.0 to \$32,000.00 if public works assists on the job by supplying rock that we already have on hand and doing some hauling work. There was much opposition from the Council on waiving the bidding requirements for this. City Administrator Marquart encouraged the Council to move on this stating that Litteken can start right away, there would be no delay for drawing up bid specifications, waiting for bids to be received, reviewing bids, and awarding a contract. Alderman Brown stated that we owe the taxpayers to go out for bids, especially when this project is already at least \$100,000.00 over the contract. There was much more discussion on bidding. Attorney Heiligenstein cautioned that bids may come back higher than this quote. The Council needs to act in the best interest of the city. A list of projects for next fiscal year was asked for again, and where this contract would be paid from was also questioned. City Administrator Marquart said this would be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. When asked the status of the baby pool, Mr. Marquart said plans are being submitted to Department of Public Health by our engineers. He still does not have an estimate on the cost of the baby pool. Council asked for City Administrator Marquart to get an engineer's estimate for this contract so that there is something to compare to Litteken's bid. When asked how long the bid was good, City Administrator Marquart said that there is no formal bid, it was a verbal price. Attorney Heiligenstein guided the council on the options available to them tonight.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Continue to the next Regular Meeting the motion to waive competitive bidding and award contract to Litteken Plumbing for Pool Repairs in an Amount not to exceed \$92,000.00. Second Alderman Berry. Brown, no, Deien, yes, Mohme, yes, Kniepman, yes, Berry, yes, Sampson, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk