

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Andy Weh (who attended via phone) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022, 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, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh informed everyone that he tested positive for COVID 19 last week and is in quarantine. He hopes to be back soon.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Mohme asked for an update on the police vehicles. Chief Joellenbeck checked with Deien Chevrolet last week and has not heard anything.

Alderman Mohme expressed concern with the fund balance report and the water fund being \$24,426 in the red. City Administrator Marquart said that will be presented as part of next fiscal budget which will include both water and sewer rate increases. Mr. Marquart has begun the budget process and hopes to have it to Council by the second meeting in March.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Superintendent of Public Works Brockhahn took shipment of the two new-to-us trucks last week.

City Administrator Marquart said the Main Street Grant application has been submitted. In addition, on January 3, 2022, he sent a letter to the acting director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity expressing his displeasure with the status of the Downtown Grant the City submitted almost 2 years ago. A copy of this letter was also sent to the Illinois Municipal League and Representative Charlie Meier. A response from IML has been received and they plan to take this to the governors' office.

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 a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 27, 2021 Regular Council meeting, a motion to approve bills for the month of December 2021, a motion to approve payrolls for the month of December 2021 and a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of November 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agenda item J1, a motion to waive competitive bidding and award a contract to Litteken Plumbing for pool repairs in an amount not to exceed \$92,000.00 failed due to lack of a motion. City Administrator Marquart informed the council that HMG Engineering gave an estimate for the project at \$147,500.00 but that included work that was not to be part of the scope of work for Litteken. Mayor Weh pointed out that Litteken will allow the public works department to supply

rock and haul debris resulting in a cost savings. He wants to go on record that this is a council decision, not his and the administrators.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Authorize Staff to seek Sealed, Competitive Bids for repair work at pool. Second Alderman Berry. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1789 Changing the Zoning Classification of Property from Single Family Residence (SR-2) to Highway Business (B-3). Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. This property is not in a TIF district.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to enter Closed Session for ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective Bargaining and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, or Performance of a Specific Employee. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes. Motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:32 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m. Roll Call: Sampson, Berry, Brown, Deien, Kniepman, Mohme. All present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk