

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2022

**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, January 24, 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, Jeff Reis and Trey Grigsby with TWM Engineering, Officer Mora, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Reis with TWM gave a presentation to the Council on the condition of the streets one year into our pavement project. The overall rating of the streets is 67%, exactly the same as last year. For 2022 their recommendation is to asphalt Jefferson and Adams from Broadway to 4<sup>th</sup> street. The estimated cost would be in the \$160,000.00 range. For 2023 part of Illinois has been identified as priority at an estimated cost of \$131,250.00. For 2024 part of Missouri would be asphalted at an estimated cost of \$163,500.00, and for 2025 the balance of Illinois and Missouri would be completed at an estimated cost of \$200,000.00. This would be paid with Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds for the portions of streets in the TIF district. When asked if oil and chip would be used in conjunction with asphalt to keep the streets up, City Administrator Marquart said no. The city will keep with the better quality of an asphalt street. There was discussion about a combination of MFT and TIF funds being used this year and the extension of the Broadway TIF as it is due to expire soon. There was also discussion on the sustainability of this pavement program.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Mohme questioned how many times the state has sent back the plans for the baby pool. City Administrator Marquart said that each time comments have come back the engineers have addressed them and re-submitted the application.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Attorney Heiligenstein reported that Tri-Township Water District has filed an appeal to the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in Chicago. He doesn't feel any different about this case now than he did before so we will wait and see. He is not sure how often they hear cases and hopes this will be on the docket yet this calendar year.

City Administrator Marquart is trying to host a vaccination/booster event here in Trenton in late February or early March. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency will do everything, we just need to provide a location. Mr. Marquart has reached out to St. Mary's Church for the use of their parish center.

City Administrator Marquart sent a letter to the acting director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity regarding the status of our grant applications. He has

copied the director of the Illinois Municipal League on this, and he has offered to take Mr. Marquarts concerns to the Governor.

The advertisement for bids on the pool work will be out this week with bid opening set for February 9, 2022 and bid award on the February 14<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

The lift station on Galen Dr. needs to be rebuilt. Two quotes were obtained, one for \$12,400.00 and one for \$9,400.00. Superintendent Brockhahn is working with the low quote to see if there are parts of the quote that can be lowered even further.

Wednesday will be the Strategic Planning session. We will be meeting at the Sugar Creek Ambulance Shed training room.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Resolution 20220124 Authorizing Execution of the Right-Of-Way Use Agreement Between the City of Trenton and Clearwave Communications. Second Alderman Brown. This is to provide internet to the library. All yes, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Deien made a Motion to Approve Ordinance #1790 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #1785, A Whistleblower Protection Policy for the City of Trenton, Illinois. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

City Administrator Marquart opened a discussion about adding another police officer. Numbers that were included in your packets were not accurate so they will be clarified and presented at the next meeting. The addition of a fifth officer would reduce the amount of time the Chief spends on the street, lower overtime for the current officers, increase police presence on the streets, allow for a power shift, give officers more time for investigations, eliminate officers working 5, 6, or 7 days straight, reduce use of part-time officers and allow for proper training. A power shift would be best in the evening so that person could slide from days to nights. Alderman Brown voiced concern over wording in the collective bargaining agreement about the number of times an officer could be moved shifts. City Administrator Marquart will put language in the next contract to address that. Alderman Mohme asked if another vehicle would be obtained for this officer. City Administrator Marquart said not right now, but down the road another new vehicle would be purchased. Overtime costs for the last three years was asked for, and the cost of another full-time officer was asked for. Alderman Kniepman expressed concern about doing this prior to the new collective bargaining agreement is negotiated in the next couple of months. Chief Joellenbeck said he will lose officers if we don't do this now. His officers would rather have their time off than overtime. When asked for data for the time of day with the most calls, Chief Joellenbeck said that could not be obtained with their current CAD system. Chief was asked how many hours per shift this additional officer would work. He envisions 10 hours shifts, but he would need to work out the logistics when this person would cover leave time of the other officers. There will be further discussion at a future meeting especially because the numbers presented tonight were not accurate. The subject of body cameras was brought up. Chief Joellenbeck informed the Council that they are expensive. Not the cameras themselves, but the software to redact faces and the cost of storing the video is very high.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk