

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 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, February 14, 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 with TWM Engineering, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Congratulations were sent to Superintendent Brockhahn and his staff for the outstanding job they did with the recent snowfall.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Brown was contacted by Nathan Deien of Deien Chevrolet regarding the status of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) application that was submitted several months ago. City Administrator Marquart said that he would follow up with the consultant, the last time they spoke he was still determining which items would be TIF eligible. Once that is determined it should only take a week to put the agreement together.

Alderman Brown thanked Mr. Marquart for getting the Capital Improvement project list out. Alderman Brown noticed the hiring of new employees on the list and asked if that should be a budget item as opposed to capital. Mayor Weh said this is more of a total project list, not necessarily just capital improvements. Alderman Brown then asked what the Masonic Lodge project was. Mr. Marquart said there is a sinkhole at the entrance to their parking lot. We will fix that, improve the drainage there, put down new asphalt and replace the sidewalk.

Alderman Mohme asked when the Council would see the budget. Mr. Marquart said at the next meeting or the first meeting in March.

Alderman Mohme then asked if there were plans to move forward with the downtown project if no grant funds were awarded to the City. Mr. Marquart said a conversation would need to be held because prices have increased since that grant application was submitted. He noted that a majority of the original downtown project was also included in the second grant application we recently submitted.

Alderman Mohme asked that the water rates be looked at sooner than later as the fund balance keeps going deeper into the red. Mr. Marquart said that he is looking at rates now and will have something to Council in the next couple of months. Superintendent Brockhahn said that our water supplier, SLM, is also looking at a rate increase near the beginning of the fiscal year and that it might be wise to wait until we know what that is so we don't hit our residents twice.

Alderman Mohme asked about the status of the police mutual aid agreement was. Mr. Marquart said most of the agreement was good with the exception of the hold harmless clause, indemnity, and insurance. Chief Joellenbeck stated that there was a misconception that officers could just go help on a call. The must be requested to assist. When asked, Chief Joellenbeck has not yet

checked on the prices of body cameras. He stated that AXON seems to be the best, but there are still concerns with the cost of storing data.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Superintendent Brockhahn said the snow removal went well. Now his department is fighting water leaks in service connection lines.

Chief Joellenbeck said one of the new Tahoes will be here in the next week or two. He reminded everyone to lock their cars.

City Administrator Marquart said Republic Services missed pickup of recycling on the west and south sides of the city due to the snow. There was conflicting information regarding when that would be picked up, and it will be this Friday, which is the regular day. Alderman Brown asked if there would be a credit on residents bills for missing the pickup. Mr. Marquart said no, but Republic would pick up any overage that didn't fit in the tote.

March 3, 2022 is the tentative date for the COVID Booster clinic hosted by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. It will be at St. Mary's Parish Center.

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 January 24, 2022 Regular Council meeting, a motion to Approve Bills for the month of January 2022, a motion to Approve Payrolls for the month of January 2022, and a motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the paving of N Jefferson and N Adams from Broadway to 4th Street. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Reject all bids submitted for the pool replumbing project. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Waive Competitive Bidding and Accept Litteken Construction Bid for construction component of the bid only in an amount of \$107,720.00. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Authorize Staff to seek Sealed Bids for the Plumbing component of the pool replumbing project. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a motion to authorize staff to seek separate sealed bids for the construction and plumbing components of the pool replumbing project. Due to the way votes went on the motions above, this action was not necessary.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Authorize Hiring of Additional Police Officer. Second Alderman Brown. There was a lengthy discussion about how to finance this additional officer and questions on what was being cut from the budget to do so. Scheduling was discussed, and it was said this additional position would eliminate part-time officers, greatly reduce overtime, and not start until next fiscal year so the budget could accommodate this additional expenditure. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1791 Declaring Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of 2002 Chevrolet Silverado. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Brown thanked the public works department on how they handled a water leak a couple of weekends ago. They were very responsive and got the problem fixed right away.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk