

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 28, 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, March 28, 2022, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Berry, Brown, Deien, Kniepman, Mohme, Sampson (absent)

Also present was City Administrator John Marquart, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Superintendent of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Officer Hill, Craig Klein, Troy Kapp, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Deien said that he and Alderman Sampson had residents of 5th street reach out to them to express their displeasure with the street being taken off the pavement schedule for this summer. City Administrator Marquart said that he is taking care of it.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

City Administrator Marquart informed the Council that the residents of 5th street filed a petition with the city requesting the City reconsider the decision to push back paving 5th street until 2026. Mr. Marquart went on to say after the paving this year TWM Engineering will do another pavement analysis and rate the streets. A letter explaining this process was sent to Jim Meyer.

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) was working on E Broadway on the north side of the road cleaning the ditches today.

Trenton is officially a Tree City USA. This designation will give us access to grants for tree planting. The cost is roughly \$2.00 per capita. This is good public relations for Trenton.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Resolution No. 20220328 Right-of-Way Agreement Between City of Trenton and Clearwave Communications. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes. Sampson absent.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance 1793 Approving Special Use to Allow Self Storage Facility in a B-3 Zoning District at 909 W Broadway. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Sampson absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Minutes of the March 14, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Sampson absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve and Authorize the Execution of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between City of Trenton and Teamsters. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, Sampson absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The council was informed that Summerfield, Lebanon, Mascoutah (SLM) Water District is raising their rates 14.6% effective June 1, 2022*. Our code says that any rate increase to the city will automatically be passed through to the residents. The water and sewer funds are both needing rate adjustments and City Administrator Marquart is suggesting a 16% increase in water rates the first year with a 2% annual increase after that, coupled with a 2% annual sewer rate increase. He went on to say that in any future year the council could take action to waive any increase. There were many different scenarios of increase combinations discussed and many of them had already been calculated and given to council for review. Council asked to see what impact a 2% water increase above the SLM increase and a 3% sewer increase would be over a five-year period. Attorney Heiligenstein asked if the ordinance for the rate increase would have a finite number of years for the % increase before it would be brought back before the council for review. He believes there is value in a finite period. Mr. Marquart has seen it done both ways. He will get this new scenario calculated and sent to council this week.

The next discussion was on the fiscal year 2023 budget. City Administrator Marquart had sent this to council with a memo covering the highlights. There is a lot of activity in the Capital Improvement fund based on the capital projects list previously sent to council. Alderman Mohme asked what the “projected” column was on the print-out. Mr. Marquart said that is where he projects the city will end this fiscal year. Alderman Mohme went on to ask questions about specific line items, primarily in the revenues of various funds. Several Alderman expressed concerns with budget numbers for donations and in areas where there was a one-time revenue or expense. After a lengthy discussion, City Administrator Marquart will review the budget again and send revised numbers to Council.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Deien made a motion to enter Closed Session for 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4) Pending or Probable Litigation. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Sampson absent. Motion carried. Council entered closed session at 8:25 p.m.

Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m. Roll Call: Sampson (absent), Berry, Brown, Deien, Mohme, Kniepman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Sampson absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk

*The SLM increase is effective May 1, 2022 with that increase being billed to our residents with the June 2022 billing.