

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 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, April 11, 2022, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Weh recognized the Wesclin Middle bowling team for winning 3rd at state by reading the names of the team members. Congratulations.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck announced there will be a DEA drug take-back day on April 30, 2022. There is a receptacle in the lobby of the police department at all times. He also announced that there will no longer be warnings given to those that park in the “No truck/van” parking spaces near the intersection of Main and Broadway. Parking tickets of \$25 will be issued.

City Administrator Marquart informed the council that he and Superintendent Brockhahn are working on the final bid specifications for the replacement of the City Hall roof. He hopes to get that out next week. This is a TIF eligible project so there will be no impact on the general fund. An insurance claim has been made for the interior damage.

The Illinois South tourism Bureau has conducted digital marketing for the City of Trenton for the period of March 1 through April 9, 2022. During that time, our content was displayed 13,700 times with 520 people actually clicking on our content. The cost is \$250 per month and Administrator Marquart plans to do this for one more month at least. The target area is 50 miles to the east of Trenton

Trenton is now officially a Tree City USA; we have the plaque and flag to prove it. There will be a proclamation for Arbor Day at our next meeting. In addition, we have 2 large road signs to display.

Alderman Sampson said he was approached by the owner of the Country Store about his project. Alderman Sampson wanted to know if Administrator Marquart was aware of the concerns regarding that project. Mr. Marquart said he is still waiting on them to bring in their plans for drainage. The issue is video gaming. Our code does not allow for video gaming in that type of establishment and the owner was informed of that. The code can always be amended unless the council doesn't want it. Those conversations are continuing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the minutes of the

March 28, 2022, Regular Council meeting, the bills for the month of March 2022, the payrolls for the month of March, 2022, and the Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Administrator Marquart informed the council that he made all the changes to the budget that were discussed at the last meeting. There will be a public hearing prior to the next council meeting for the budget. No one had any further questions, so the proposal presented will be on the next agenda for approval.

City Administrator Marquart sent out to the Council the scenario of water increases of 16.6% and sewer increase of 3%, with automatic annual increases of 2% for water and 3% for sewer. Per the suggestion of Attorney Heiligenstein there will be a review of the rates at 4 years. Mayor Weh stated this is a necessary step that needs to take place. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Mohme absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk