

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 23, 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, May 23, 2022, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present was City Administrator John Marquart, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Matt Buydos of Elliott Data Systems, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

City Administrator Marquart introduced Matt Buydos of Elliott Data Systems. Mr. Buydos presented to the council a plan for installation of cameras in the city park. There would be 7 cameras placed strategically in the park to focus on the playgrounds and concession stands. The video would be stored on-site in the concession stand. Mr. Marquart stated that Clearwave Communications will be providing wi-fi to the concession stand on N. Pin Oak at no cost to the city. He went on to say this system will be for security purposes only despite what is being said otherwise. The system is expandable if additional cameras are wanted in the future. Mr. Buydos went on to explain the cost of this system. Questions about the system were answered.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Weh offered congratulations to all graduates.

Chief Joellenbeck introduced Trenton's newest officer Nick Krummrich.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Mohme asked if there was a hold up with the Tahoe that is still sitting at Deien Chevrolet? City Administrator Marquart said there is no hold up. Chief Joellenbeck is trying to coordinate the outfitting of the vehicle.

Alderman Mohme asked the Mayor if the department head performance reviews had been conducted and discussed with Council while he was out. Mayor Weh said that there will be no discussion with Council and that he was working on the last one at this time. Reviews are confidential.

Alderman Mohme asked what the status was of the American with Disabilities (ADA) upgrade to the restrooms at City Hall. Mr. Marquart said that discussions about combining both men's and women's restrooms into one and moving it to where the current closet and men's room are and relocating the closet to where the current women's room have taken place. Final designs have not been done and once they are we will go out on bids for this project.

Alderman Mohme asked the cost of the mural at Trenton Processing. Mr. Marquart said \$5000.00 and the work will begin on Sunday.

Alderman Mohme asked if the City could do something about the state of the area in front of Press Coffee. The City tore that up and put gravel in, and two years later we are still waiting to see if we will be awarded grant money to complete the downtown project. Can we at least take

care of the weeds. Mr. Marquart will get that taken care of. The discussion went on about whether this would be completed if grant funding was not available. Mayor Weh again said he is committed to seeing that done. Alderman Mohme expressed his concern over paying for this project.

### **COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Superintendent Brockhahn informed the Council that his department will be flushing hydrants beginning next week. The pool is ready to open. A back up pump is on order.

Chief Joellenbeck said it is summer, so everyone needs to cut their grass. He has issued 16 warnings already.

City Administrator Marquart said that more people viewed the digital marketing information in April than in March. He is going to send to council the branding ideas for Trenton. The census may have undercounted the population of Illinois by 2% and therefore the city of Trenton may have its population reviewed. Mr. Marquart will be following up on this because of the financial impact it has on the city. Per the 2020 census, Trenton lost population of 25 people.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Berry made a motion to Approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Brown absent. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1797 An Ordinance Amending the Trenton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 48, Section 48.32 Selected Definitions, Video Gaming Parlors, Principal Use. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, Brown absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1798 Granting Special Use permit and Variance to Kaskaskia College, 526 E Broadway. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, Brown absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1799 An Ordinance Granting a Variance at 610 N Main. Second Alderman Berry. All yes, Brown absent. Motion carried.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

No motion was made to enter Closed Session. The City Administrator called the roll, with all responding yes, Brown absent. The agenda cited 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining as the exemption for closed session. The Council entered closed session at 7:45 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, Brown absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Transcribed by Karen Buzzard, City Clerk (was not present at this meeting)