

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 27, 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, June 13, 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, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Sunny Tut, Eric Tegler, Diane Mannhard, Brad Schneider, Mike Phalin with Clearwave Communications and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Phalin with Clearwave Communications is here to ask for Council approval to provide fiber internet to all residents of Trenton. The City and Clearwave have worked together to allow them to run main trunk lines along old Route 50 and to some select businesses in town. This project would take place in 2023 and be at no cost to the city. Fiber lines would be buried where they can be, otherwise they would be ariel. They would ask for a dedicated city employee to perform locates, or they would pay a third party to do that. Mr. Phalin reviewed for Council their current pricing structure for various speeds of service. When asked about a franchise agreement, Council was told that state law exempts them from franchise agreements. The city would get funding through maintenance fees that Clearwave collects. Excavation permits will be required, and engineering drawings will need to be submitted prior to any work being done.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Tut said that he will be changing the layout of his new gas station so he will be starting his process all over.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Brown stated that the gravel in front of Press Coffee/Trenton Sun was supposed to be a temporary fix until we commenced with our downtown project. Now, more than two years later, what can we do for this business owner? Suggestions would be concrete, although that is not fiscally responsible, grass, or pavers. After more discussion Mayor Weh instructed public works to remove the gravel and put in grass. Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun said he would be responsible for mowing of the grass. Alderman Brown also brought up several areas of curbing that are in need of repair.

Alderman Mohme asked again for numbers related to both phases of the downtown redevelopment project. City Administrator Marquart said that he is just back in the office today and hasn't had time to get that data. The city still has not gotten formal word that we were not awarded the grant for what we are calling phase 1. What we are calling phase 2 encompasses all areas of phase 1 and the total grant request is \$1.5 million. The City would have a 15% contribution, about \$230,000.00 and we expect to hear if that is being funded by this fall. Mr. Marquart said the city will file for an ITEP grant again this year, and we don't expect word on the OSLAD grant until this winter. Alderman Deien asked if it was normal for engineers to write grants. Mr. Marquart said that there are grant writers, but TWM engineering was successful for Shiloh.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck reminded everyone fireworks are illegal in Illinois.

Attorney Heiligenstein said he would work on the Clearwave agreement. His interest is to protect the city especially if Clearwave starts to go beyond true telecommunication services.

City Administrator Marquart read an e-mail from Aaron Hoerchler thanking the city for their assistance with the Booster Bash. Mayor Weh commented that it was great to see the park used.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Accept 10' Easement from Mr. & Mrs. Eric Tegler.

Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Continue to a Date Uncertain Approval of Ordinance #1800 Granting Multiple Variances to property at 305 W Broadway. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Clerk Buzzard found in minutes of July 2016 reference of smoke testing conducted by the city. Minutes indicated testing south of the railroad tracks. There was no indication of any findings resulting from the testing. It is known that testing was also conducted on the west side of town. Alderman Brown asked what the process is when a cross connection is found. What is the time frame given to the homeowner to come into compliance, and where will this be paid from? City Administrator Marquart said the Sewer fund, TIF fund, and Capital Improvement fund could all be used to pay for this. Superintendent Brockhahn explained the whole smoke testing process to the council.

Chief Joellenbeck told the council that 2 of the police tasers are no longer covered by insurance. New tasers have a more efficient design. He would like to replace all 4 and then they would be covered for 5 years. The cost is \$11,092.00 over 5 years and cartridges are currently \$40.00 each.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Berry made a motion to enter into Closed Session for 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, or Performance of a Specific Employee. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 8:11 p.m.

Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:27 p.m. Roll Call: Sampson, Kniepman, Berry, Brown, Deien, Mohme. All present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk