

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 25, 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, July 25, 2022, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present was City Administrator John Marquart, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Superintendent of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Officer Lampe, Christine Orr, Tim Matola, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

City Administrator Marquart read a proclamation for American Legion Baseball

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Weh directed a statement to the residents of Trenton about how we conduct ourselves while driving. Our police do a wonderful job but can't be everywhere. Mayor Weh has been told horror stories about pedestrian near misses etc. The time to take action is now, not when a catastrophe has happened. Slow down. Look. We as a group can change our habits.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Deien asked Administrator Marquart on an update on reflectors in the crosswalks. Administrator Marquart is still researching different types of reflectors, different color reflectors and will have our engineers reach out to IDOT to see what they will allow as all of the crosswalks are in a state right-of-way. The public works department will paint other crosswalks prior to the start of school. Alderman Deien asked about some type of alert for drivers when someone is in a crosswalk. Administrator Marquart said that overhead power would be needed for that. He went on to say that our grant application for the downtown area has bump outs designed to make pedestrians more visible to drivers. The crosswalk at Route 160 and 3<sup>rd</sup> street was mentioned as needing to be included in planning. This is a major school crossing.

Alderman Mohme said he would like to discuss further, either at a finance committee meeting or here, breaking apart the capital improvement fund into infrastructure, equipment, capital improvement and small capital improvement like it was before.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Superintendent Brockhahn thanked Sugar Creek Township Road District for mowing of the ditches along Broadway, and the City of Highland for use of their brand new lift truck to change light bulbs at the park.

Public works has done some road patching, but will wait to do any more until the price of patching materials goes down.

City Administrator Marquart informed council that KRB Excavating is the sub-contractor on the Jefferson Street project and will be doing all of the ADA work. That is expected to begin mid to late next week, with milling and paving expected to begin in late August.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Minutes of the July 11, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to Approve Resolution #20220725 Trenton Fest Parade. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

Initially Chief Joellenbeck proposed purchasing 4 taser units for \$11,000.00 with no additional equipment (cartridges, cases, etc.). Our insurance carrier, ICRMT, offers a matching grant program for tasers so we have submitted an application for 6 tasers with all accompanying equipment for a total of \$20,088.00. Once the grant is approved, we will purchase the equipment and submit for 50% reimbursement.

Administrator Marquart said that one of the goals from our strategic plan session was to rebrand. Christine Orr with IL South Tourism has championed this goal. She had submitted to the city some options for new logo and slogan previously and asked for feedback. Taking into consideration some of the feedback she is here tonight with some additional options. Those new options were discussed and Ms. Orr will resize the one most liked to see how that would look as letterhead and send that back for review.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk