

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 26, 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, September 26, 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, Officer Hill, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, and Boy Scout Jack Haines

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Scout Haines introduced himself to the Council and stated he is here to observe a meeting for a merit badge.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Superintendent of Public Works and Forestry Andy Brockhahn said that smoke testing will resume tomorrow and hopefully wrap up by the end of the week. The televising of the storm sewer lines in Wedgewood is complete and the report is not good. A meeting with our engineers is planned for this week to discuss the City's options moving forward.

Chief Joellenbeck informed everyone that the National Prescription Drug Take Back day is October 29, 2022 from 10 am – 2 pm. There is always a drop box in the lobby of the police department. Chief Joellenbeck warned drivers to slow down in school crossing zones, and to stop when crossing guards are in the crosswalk. Officers will patrol those areas and speeding tickets have already been issued.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Minutes of the September 12, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Create Infrastructure Fund and effective May 1, 2023 divert ¼% Non-Home Rule Sales tax to this fund. Second Alderman Brown. Deien, yes, Mohme, yes, Kniepman, yes, Sampson, no, Berry, yes, Brown, yes. Motion carried. The Mayor spoke in opposition of this action.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Create Equipment Fund and effective May 1, 2023 divert all Video Gaming Revenues to this fund. Second Alderman Brown. Mohme, yes, Kniepman, yes, Sampson, no, Berry, yes, Brown, yes, Deien, yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Purchase of Pickup Truck for Public Works and Forestry Department in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00 to be paid from Capital Improvement Fund. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. City Administrator Marquart explained that after the last meeting when the order for the vehicle was being placed the price had increased almost \$4,000.00. That is why this is before the council again. New quotes were obtained and now the quote from Deien Chevrolet (\$51,893.00) is within \$600.00 of the state bid quote. This would also be a 2023 model year, not a 2022. It was hoped that we would have a 3rd quote for the meeting tonight, but it was not received in time. Council agreed to purchase from Deien Chevrolet. Warrant information was not available and will be sent out to council when it is.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Ordinance 1806 Granting a Variance at 405 W Broadway. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, motion carried.

City Administrator Marquart opened discussion about the water system infrastructure improvements. About a year ago Horner & Shifrin engineering performed a water study and laid out suggestions for improvements. He sat down with the engineer and Superintendent Andy Brockhahn last week to discuss where to go now. It is desired to install a new transmission water line from the vault in Summerfield to Filmore street where a new water tower would be installed on ground owned by the City near the industrial park. Additionally, the existing water tower would be painted both inside and out. Upon completion of that the existing underground storage reservoir would be taken out of service. Both water towers would work in tandem and provide more stable pressure throughout the City. It is possible that new fire hydrants and a service line would be added to access new development to our west. Mr. Marquart has asked the engineer to put this plan together in phases and send us a contract for this engineering. He is also looking into financing options for this project. He estimates 4-6 months for design engineering, with 2-3 months for bidding and construction awards. It is yet to be determined if one contractor will be doing all of the work or if separate contractors will do the line installation, tower erection, and tower painting. This project will certainly have a 7-figure price tag. More meetings will take place and more information will be brought to council. Funding options include the Illinois EPA, US Rural Development, bonds, and local banks. When asked when we need to be looking at our rate structure to finance this new debt the council was told next summer.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Joellenbeck informed the council that the new tasers arrived last week.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk