

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 14, 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, November 14, 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, Director of Public Works & Forestry Andy Brockhahn, Treasurer Linda Reibold, and Mike Conley

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Weh stated that he has a great committee, and they have a good jump on decorating the park, but more bodies are needed. The committee will be back in the park this Saturday at 9:00 am and Sunday at 1:00 pm. The hope is to conclude decorating this weekend but if there isn't more help the design plan will be cut back.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Sampson said that the park looks nice. He also asked to discuss the issue of allowing chickens in city limits. He has been asked about this again. Alderman Deien said that he too has had inquiries. City Administrator Marquart said no one has contacted him, so direct inquiries to him. There are a lot of regulations involving chickens so this is something that should be brought back for further discussion.

Alderman Brown stated that at our last meeting there were questions about the status of Clearwave moving forward in Trenton. He reached out to some neighboring communities asking about their relations with Clearwave and also to Clinton County dispatch for the number of calls for hit lines. Alderman Brown relayed the numbers. There was much discussion about damages and reports of positive experiences. When the city hears from Clearwave the council will be informed.

Alderman Kniepman asked about the roof bids. All discussions to date have been for city hall only and now the police department roof is being included. Alderman Kniepman asked if both roofs were being filed under the same insurance claim. Administrator Marquart said yes. There is a pre-bid meeting tomorrow. The roofs were denied in the claim, the city was paid for the interior damage at city hall only.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Director of Public Works and Forestry Andy Brockhahn received today the smoke testing results. He has not had any time to review them.

Chief Joellenbeck announced that the police benevolent association would be collecting at the four-way intersection on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

City Administrator Marquart is exploring additional handicapped parking spots in the downtown area. He is working on the signage and looking to locate one near the dentist office on Main and near Hank's Bowl. There was discussion about putting one in the city parking lot.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Berry, all yes, motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the Minutes of the October 24, 2022 Regular Council meeting, the September 2022 Treasurer's Report, the October 2022 Bills and the October 2022 Payrolls.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Insurance Renewal Package for Policy Year Dec 1, 2022 – Dec 1, 2023 through Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust in the amount of \$119,509.00. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Resolution 20221114 Declaring Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of City Owned Property Commonly Known as 203 E Broadway, Trenton, IL. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to Approve Purchase of John Deere 60G Compact Excavator with accessories from Riechmann Bros., LLC in the amount of \$75,315.97 to be paid with ARPA funds. Second Alderman Deien. Alderman Mohme asked if there was anything else that would be paid with ARPA funds other than water meters and the new handheld and software related to reading meters. City Administrator Marquart said a new pickup truck. Alderman Mohme had Director Brockhahn get some rough numbers on the cost to purchase the remaining number of water meters and software needed to complete the conversion of the whole city and there will not be enough money to do that and a pickup truck. When we sell the surplus equipment, that money will go into the general fund, so why not pay from the general fund that amount toward the new excavator? Alderman Brown amended the motion to approve purchase of a John Deere 60G Compact Excavator with accessories from Riechmann Bros, LLC in the amount of \$75,315.97 to be paid \$30,000.00 from the general fund and \$45,315.97 from ARPA funds. Second Alderman Mohme, all yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Marquart reviewed several options for the upcoming levy and recommends the Council approve the option labeled KB. It is recommended to keep the increase at the 5%, which leaves only just over \$17,000 to work with. There was discussion about the distribution across the various line items levied for. An ordinance will be prepared for approval at the next meeting.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alderman Brown asked what the status of the police contract was. Administrator Marquart said everything is in their court.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk