

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 28, 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 28, 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, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Kevin Tepen with C.J. Schlosser and Mike Conley

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Kevin Tepen with C.J. Schlosser presented the fiscal year 2022 audit to the Council. He told them that overall, they should be happy with the audit findings. Revenues were up, but they are up everywhere. He attributed that to the influx of COVID related money and to the increase in income tax and sales tax. Our general fund showed a surplus of \$320,000. His only concern is the recreation fund. That fund is down again for the second year and at fiscal year end it showed a deficit of over \$400,000. There was a lot of capital outlay with pool improvements. Alderman Brown asked if the recreation fund deficit is really an interfund loan. Mr. Tepen said it should be paid back and that can be done by subsidizing the recreation fund with revenues from the general fund or by making the recreation fund a new department within the general fund. If the expenses in the recreation fund will always show loss, then there is no sense in keeping them in separate funds. Mayor Weh asked which option would be best especially if the city will be looking to obtain loans in the future. Mr. Tepen commented that most people don't know how to read financial statements and that either way should not impact obtaining a loan. When asked about the "expenditures in excess of budget", Mr. Tepen said yes, budget amendments should be made to clear that up prior to fiscal year end. There was discussion about what the statute states, and doesn't state, and he said that he is fine with making budget adjustments on the fund level and not the line-item level. There were no further questions.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh hoped everyone had a happy Thanksgiving weekend.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck announced that the police benevolent association would be collecting at the four-way intersection again this Saturday from 8 am – 11 am or longer depending on how much help he gets.

City Administrator Marquart said that the letter sent out to residents from Ameren regarding the electric aggregation program was confusing, so a press release has been created to hopefully eliminate some confusion. If anyone asks questions, just tell them to do nothing. That will ensure that they will be part of the aggregation program.

City Administrator Marquart read a letter from Clinton County Sheriff commending Officer Mora for her assistance with translation on a recent case the county had.

Mr. Marquart has obtained a list of employees and hire dates. He stated that the City recently had a long-term employee retire without any recognition. Brett Therion had served the city for 30

years. There are four more employees with more than 14 years' service, and the rest of the work force has less than 6 years' service. He feels it is important to be recognized.

The contractor for the baby pool is acquiring the plumbing materials needed for the project so that when the weather breaks, he will be ready to begin.

Cameras are installed at the park, but City Administrator Marquart is still working to get them running.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Ordinance No. 1809 Providing for the Levy Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022 and Ending April 30, 2023. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Brown stated the police do a good job and thanked Officer Salvi for finding his dad's driver's license and returning it to him.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk