

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 12, 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, December 12, 2022, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was City Administrator John Marquart, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Treasurer Linda Reibold and Mike Conley

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh announced that the next council meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, December 27, 2022 will be cancelled. The next scheduled meeting for the City Council will be on Monday, January 9, 2023. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe, prosperous New Year.

Next Mayor Weh informed everyone that after 40 years in this business, City Administrator John Marquart has submitted his resignation and intends to retire effective January 31, 2023. A replacement search has already begun. Congratulations were offered by all.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Sampson said that a camera is flashing in the corner of the park near the intersection of N Pin Oak and 4th street. Administrator Marquart said that it is a street light and he is checking into it with Ameren.

Alderman Deien asked how things were coming along with filling of the vacancies in the public works department. Administrator Marquart said that he was moving forward with one person, and he was still looking to fill the second vacancy.

Alderman Brown asked if the police were going to sell the Tahoe that was taken out of commission. Chief Joellenbeck said no.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

City Administrator Marquart informed the Council that Constellation New Energy has sent out letters to our residents regarding the electric aggregation and their letters are confusing too, just like the Ameren letters were. If anyone contacts you just tell them to do nothing. Some residents may get an “opt in” letter if they previously were not part of the aggregation program. Final numbers on the N Adams and N Jefferson Street paving are in. The contracted price was \$172,600.00 and the actual cost was \$165,800.00. The next step for TWM Engineering will be to re-rate the streets in January and present their findings to the Council in February.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda included a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 28, 2022 Regular Council meeting, a motion to approve the October 2022 Treasurer’s report, a motion to approve the November 2022 Bills, and a motion to approve the November 2022 payrolls.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Award Roof Repair Bids to Joiner Roofing for a Total amount of \$117,469.50. City Hall roof total of \$68,381.00 to be paid from TIF and Police roof total of \$49,088.50 to be paid from Capital Improvement. Second Alderman Kniepman. Alderman Brown questioned using 100% TIF funds for the City Hall roof. He preferred a lesser amount from TIF as the city does not pay into the TIF fund and the balance taken from Capital Improvement. After much discussion Alderman Berry made a motion to amend the previous motion, Awarding Roof Repair Bids to Joiner Roofing for a Total amount of \$117,469.50. City Hall roof total of \$68,381.00 to be paid 60% from TIF and 40% from Capital Improvement and Police roof total of \$49,088.50 to be paid from Capital Improvement. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Accept offer of \$16,000.00 and Authorize the Sale of City Owned Property at 203 E. Broadway. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Authorize the Purchase of 305 Water Meters at a cost of \$73,200.00 from Schulte Supply to be paid with ARPA funds. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Prior to action on the next agenda item, a motion to approve Ordinance 1810 Amending Ordinance 1768 Granting a Special Use on Parcel #05-05-20-206-036 To Allow a 2 Family Duplex in an SR-1 Zoning District, Alderman Brown asked for discussion. He said he read the packet and had questions about amending a previously granted special use. He reached out to Mary Lee, chair of the Plan Commission to ask what their recommendation was on this. She informed him that this did not go before the Plan Commission, and she expressed concern because this would need to go to the County to have the lot split. Alderman Brown cited the City code prohibiting amendments to special uses. There was more discussion and City Administrator Marquart agreed to contact the property owner and let him know that a new special use would be needed to split this duplex into two single units. This will go to the Plan Commission in January. Mayor Weh called for a motion. This ordinance failed due to lack of a motion.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor wished everyone a good, safe holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk