

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 23, 2023

**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, January 23, 2023, 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 and Forestry Andy Brockhahn, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, James Manley, Robert Ates and Mike Conley

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Brown has been contacted by residents wanting chickens in town. He asked if this could be opened for discussion. Mayor Weh said that information will be gathered and will be on the next agenda for discussion.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Clerk Buzzard said that economic interest statements can be filed directly on Clinton County's website. Aldermen that filed one with their election paperwork last month do not need to file another.

Chief Joellenbeck said that the IRS will not call or e-mail you. Any calls or e-mails are scams.

Attorney Heiligenstein discussed an ordinance that was before council recently regarding a Mr. Spaeth and failed. Mr. Spaeth is wanting to split a recently constructed duplex into two single family residences. Mr. Spaeth obtained a special use to construct the duplex as our code does not allow for that in the SR1 zoning district. Attorney Heiligenstein said that it is hard to know the intent of the code. Two options exist. One, allow the division into 2 uniplex units, or two, the property stays a duplex.

City Administrator Marquart stated this is his last Council meeting prior to retirement. He thanked the previous mayor and council for bringing him onboard and having confidence in him. He stated this has been a great run, the staff is great and encouraged Council to give them the tools to do their job. He stated that he accomplished a lot and there are still a lot of possibilities for Trenton. He urged Council to think strategically, have vision. He said that it has been an honor and a privilege. Mayor Weh congratulated Mr. Marquart on his retirement.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Agreement with Moran Economic Development for Broadway TIF Extension Services. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, motion carried. Alderman Mohme wants to be sure that Moran reaches out to the other taxing bodies prior to getting very far into this. He does not want a bunch of money spent if the other taxing bodies will not support this.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1811 Granting a Special Use at 219 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1812 Granting a Special Use at 1 W Broadway. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, motion carried.

Mayor Weh asked for comment from the public. Mr. Manley thanked Council for approving his special use but asked they change the code. This process took over 3 months to complete.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director of Public Works and Forestry Brockhahn reached out again to Nathan Deien of Deien Chevrolet about a truck. Mr. Deien stated that he has no pricing yet and no build dates yet. Mr. Brockhahn urged council to make a decision because pricing has already increased. City Administrator Marquart said that another police vehicle needs to be ordered in this fiscal year even though it won't be paid for until next fiscal year.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk