

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 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, February 13, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Director of Public Works and Forestry Andy Brockhahn, Treasurer Linda Reibold, the Seger family and Mike Conley

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Seger stated that he is here for the discussion on allowing chickens. Mayor Weh said that will take place later in the meeting.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh said that we do not yet have a City Administrator. He was presented with several more resumes today, and he has an interview scheduled this Friday with one candidate. He thanked Clerk/Collector Karen Buzzard, Director of Public Works and Forestry Andy Brockhahn and Chief Joellenbeck on leading the charge for this transition. They have handled everything in a smooth, professional manner. Mayor Weh wants the citizens and Council to know that they can rest easy with the leadership of these three.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Sampson reiterated the mayor's words. He said that he has noticed no difference in how things are being handled which speaks highly of our department heads. Alderman Mohme said that with how well everything is running is it necessary to fill the City Administrator position. Mayor Weh said that option has been considered, but he would like to have some more time to make that determination.

Alderman Mohme asked if there was any update on the downtown project. Director Brockhahn said that he has not gotten very deep into that folder yet. He will reach out to TWM Engineering to see if plans have been started.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Director Brockhahn informed the Council that the ILEPA was out last week to perform their annual inspection. Regulations have changed and now some testing frequencies have been changed to daily, meaning seven days a week. This is the year to conduct the cross connection survey, and several questions will need to be added to that prior to mailing out which will take place this spring.

We are in receipt of the plans for the OSLAD grant project and a meeting is set for this week with that engineer to discuss this further.

Director Brockhahn said that his guys have replaced almost 50 water meters this month. He hopes to have that project completed by April.

The Wesclin High School baseball and softball schedules have been received for this season.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Alderman Berry absent. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda

included a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023 Regular council meeting, a motion to approve Bills for the month of January 2023, a motion to approve Payrolls for the month of January 2023, and a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Weh opened the discussion about allowing chickens by restating that copies of Carlye's and Breese's ordinances were included in the packet sent to everyone. Alderman Sampson stated that a lot of people want chickens, but he would like to restrict roosters. General discussion about the regulations provided in the two sample ordinances continued. Setback requirements were discussed, and "policing" of our policies was questioned. An ordinance will be drafted and on the next meeting's agenda for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Purchase of Pickup truck for Public Works and Forestry Department to be paid from Capital Improvement Fund. Second Alderman Deien. Roll Call: Mohme, no, Brown, yes, Kniepman, yes, Sampson, yes, Deien, yes, Berry, absent. Motion carried. Director Brockhahn stated that Deien Chevrolet is still not able to get a vehicle. Morrow Brothers Ford (state bid) will not guarantee if we order a vehicle that we will actually get one, and if we do order one we must take delivery.

NEW BUSINESS

TWM Engineering will be at the second meeting in March to discuss our 2023 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Program. Director Brockhahn has asked for them to bring options that are not asphalt only. We need more linear feet completed for our dollars. There was a discussion about oil and chip, a hybrid of oil and chip and asphalt, and asphalt. Director Brockhahn stated that we need to give TWM a budget number so they can prepare the options we want to see. South Monroe street was discussed. It is not heavily traveled, but is in dire need of repair.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Deien made a motion to enter Closed Session citing 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective Bargaining and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(13) Municipal Utility. Second Alderman Brown, all yes. Alderman Berry absent. The Council entered closed session at 8:04 p.m.

The Council re-entered the Regular Meeting at 8:26 p.m. Roll Call: Kniepman, Sampson, Deien, Mohme, Brown, Berry (absent).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Alderman Berry absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk