

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 9, 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 9, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present was City Administrator John Marquart, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Director of Public Works and Forestry Andy Brockhahn, Treasurer Linda Reibold and Mike Conley

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

The search for a new City Administrator is underway. We are going to add LinkedIn to our host of search options. Alderman Brown asked what the selection process is. Mayor Weh said that he will review all resumes and conduct initial interviews. When the selections have been narrowed to the final few then the personnel committee and department heads will be involved. This will be a team effort.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Brown asked if there was any progress on the acquisition of a truck for public works. Andy Brockhahn said that state bid has opened up and there is the Ford that we had looked at last year available, but it is now \$60,000.00. General Motors has indicated that it would be in the first quarter of this year before they would have any information. Mr. Brockhahn will check with Deien Chevrolet to see if they know anything yet. Alderman Mohme asked if we place an order through state bid for a Ford if we are committed to taking delivery. With the current market, Ford would be able to sell it with no problem. If we order through the state, we must take delivery.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

The public works department is working on replacing water meters. There are still 41 to dig up on the south side of town.

Director Brockhahn wants the council to consider storage needs at the park. The new concession stand will not have the storage that our current one does, and with the new filtration system at the pool eliminating the storage in the pool shed, space will be needed to store everything that was previously stored there.

Verizon no longer supports the 3G tablets that public works uses for the GIS system. With that, public works will be demonstrating a new GIS system tomorrow morning and Andy will get more details on what kind of tablet would best be used with the new system. He had looked at Chromebooks which were very reasonably priced.

Chief Joellenbeck reported that the police benevolent fund provided Christmas gifts to 21 children and dinners to 10 families. Things over the holidays were mild.

City Administrator Marquart reported that there is interest in forming a municipal aggregation pool for natural gas, similar to the one we participate in for electricity. This would be open to

municipalities and corporations only, not individual households. Copies of the city's gas bills have been sent for consideration.

The Broadway TIF will be expiring in 2025 and preliminary discussions have taken place about applying for an extension. The extension would be for 12 years and would need to be approved by the Illinois Congress. Due to the involved process, Administrator Marquart has drafted an agreement with Moran Economic Development for \$12,000.00 to handle this for Trenton. There was much discussion about the impending end of the Broadway TIF with all Aldermen present agreeing that an extension should be pursued. The aldermen want conversations with all of the taxing jurisdictions to take place prior to expending money for the extension so that we know up front if this will not be supported by them. In addition, a list of all TIF eligible projects was requested to see the outlay of TIF dollars through the end of the current TIF. Administrator Marquart explained that a simple resolution passed by council prior to the end of the TIF outlining all of the projects and costs would codify those expenses, even if the project does not finish up prior to the end of the TIF.

Director Brockhahn informed the council that he is working through the smoke testing report to identify problems that could easily be fixed and outline a plan for the more difficult problems. He stated that none of our storm sewers are mapped and that is something that the earlier mentioned tables and new GIS system would be used for.

Chief Joellenbeck stated that currently no one has a solicitation permit and that Ameren is not going door-to-door.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Berry. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda included a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2022 Regular Council meeting, a motion to approve the November 2022 Treasurer's report, a motion to approve the December 2022 Bills, and a motion to approve the December 2022 payrolls.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Resolution 20230109 In Support of Tax Increment Financing. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Mohme made a motion to enter Closed Session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 7:43 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:14 p.m. Roll Call; Sampson, Berry, Brown, Mohme, Kniepman, Deien (absent).

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Berry. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.