

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 27, 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 27, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Berry, Brown, Deien, Kniepman, Mohme, Sampson All present

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Director of Public Works and Forestry Andy Brockhahn, Wanda, Mike and Natalie May, Barry Seiren, Don Williams, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein and Mike Conley

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Tonight we have the privilege of Wanda May attending our meeting. Mrs. May recently turned 100 years old. Mayor Weh had a proclamation prepared and asked Clerk Buzzard to read it prior to presenting it to Mrs. May. Mrs. May briefly addressed the Council.

Don Williams from the Trenton Park Boosters informed the Council that the Park Boosters have approved up to \$20,000.00 for the purchase and installation of a sun shade over the baby pool. He is here tonight to discuss details of the project and get council approval to move forward. He has already coordinated with Director of Public Works Brockhahn for placement and timing of installation so as to not interfere with the construction work. Stamped engineered drawings will be obtained and given to the city. More of the details were discussed. Mayor Weh said this is on the agenda tonight for action, so he skipped to that section of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Park Booster project of Sun Shade over Baby Pool. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Mohme had a citizen request elimination of the annual inspections of side by sides; just keep the initial one. There was much discussion, and consensus was to eliminate the inspections done by the police, and also eliminate the annual inspection. Only an initial inspection would be required. All other aspects of the ordinance would remain the same. The revised ordinance will be on the next agenda for approval.

Alderman Brown would like to have a discussion about changing our ordinance to allow for solar on the front of houses without having to go through the Plan Commission hearing process. Attorney Heiligenstein said the Plan Commission would need to hold a hearing to amend the zoning code.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Director Brockhahn informed the Council that Litteken Construction would like to begin demo work in the pool pump house this week.

He met with TWM Engineering this week to discuss the pavement management program. Budget and options to fit within the budget were discussed. They will be here to present to Council at the second meeting in March.

Preliminary drawings for the concession stand, part of our OSLAD grant, have been reviewed with TWM and hopefully they will have updates incorporated and be able to present that at the second meeting in March too.

The ceiling repairs in City Hall will begin tomorrow night. The contractor will be working at night to minimize disruptions to employees and residents.

Our bridge inspections have been completed. The reports were just dropped off at City Hall today.

The doors at City Hall are actually ADA compliant for width. The lip leading into the outer door poses the biggest hurdle. To bring that into compliance would cost nearly \$10,000. It is the suggestion of Director Brockhahn to wait until we do the downtown project and incorporate that into all of the sidewalk work that will be done then. He is not in favor of tearing out recently poured concrete.

Chief Joellenbeck said the FOP negotiation meeting that was supposed to happen last week was cancelled by the union. No new date has been scheduled.

Attorney Heiligenstein discussed our right of way ordinance. He stated that the Illinois Municipal League (IML) has prepared a general one that was recently adopted by Carlyle and New Baden. It has clear definitions and strong indemnification language. He suggests that we consider adopting it.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Minutes of the February 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Contract Amendment for Licenses with Teamsters Union. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to Approve Purchase of Pickup Truck for Public Works and Forestry Department from Morrow Brothers Ford in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. Second Alderman Brown.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Ordinance 1810, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1768 Granting A Special Use on Parcel #05-05-20-206-036 To Allow a 2 Family Duplex in SR-1 Zoning District. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Ordinance 1813 An Ordinance Revising the City of Trenton Code of Ordinances Revising Chapter 6, Article 1 In General. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Joellenbeck explained to Council that Lexipol is a policy writing company. They monitor and keep up to date with all of the legislative changes affecting law enforcement from the Federal and State levels, and update and push out to members any changes affecting them. In addition, there is mandatory training on the new policies with questions so that understanding of the policy can be tracked. The cost for the first year would be \$11,798 with an annual fee of \$3,727 after that. This pricing includes a 10% discount because we are members of the Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF).

An email was recently received from Clearwave Communications. In that email they've indicated that they plan to begin construction in Trenton in March. An outline of the timeline as included and they are requesting a blanket right of way agreement to proceed with construction. There was much discussion about the problems encountered by our neighboring communities with Clearwave. The plans sent also indicate they plan to run the fiber on poles, above ground. Not only would this not be good for fiber, but there are large areas of Trenton that have all utilities underground, therefore no poles exist. It was said this was just a ploy to allow access to the City and then Clearwave would bore underground like they have done everywhere else. Attorney Heiligenstein suggested we send a letter letting them know that without a right of way agreement they are not allowed in Trenton. He would like to see us have this new right of way ordinance on the books prior to entering an agreement with Clearwave. He also asked if Trenton had a Simplified Telecommunications Tax. He informed us that Dupo has that tax and their right of way ordinance has that taxing language in it. Clearwave is not required to pay franchise fees, but if they provide any service other than internet then they could be subject to the Telecom tax. He will get a copy of the right of way agreement to Clerk Buzzard. She will respond to Clearwave and work on updating our ordinance. It was suggested that we request a representative to come to a meeting to discuss this further.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk