

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 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, March 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, and Mike Conley

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Weh asked for assistance with finding a concession stand coordinator and workers for this summer season. We are close to the high school baseball/softball season starting and if we can't find someone to do the job we run the risk of not operating a concession stand this year. If anyone has questions about the job duties they can reach out to Karen Buzzard or Mayor Weh.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

The preliminary FY 24 budget has been prepared by staff. Alderman Mohme announced a finance committee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to review the preliminary FY24 budget. All are welcome to attend.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Director Brockhahn informed the Council that the ceiling tile grid work and new lighting at City Hall have been completed. Tiles have not yet been installed because twice there has been a leak in the ladies restroom. The roofing contractor has been out to look at that and claim it is a tuckpointing issue. Two tuckpointing contractors have been contacted and we are still waiting to hear back.

Signs have been ordered for the cameras in the park, new no truck parking signs for Broadway, and dog poop pick up on Broadway. They should all be installed by the end of the week.

TWM Engineering will be here at the next council meeting to present the 2023 MFT program. We are going back to oil and chip and we will cover much more surface area this year.

Last Saturday was the park clean up. There were a lot of people that came out to help and a lot was accomplished. Thank you to everyone that helped.

Bidding for the natural gas aggregation for municipal accounts took place last week. The city signed a contract with Mansfield Power and Gas for an 18 month term beginning May 1, 2023 for \$0.48 per therm.

Director Brockhahn is working to familiarize himself with the ITEP grant that was initiated by former administrator Marquart.

The city, our electrical inspector Mark Litteken, and several land owners adjacent to Trenton met recently with representatives from Ameren regarding the proposed Sursee-Aviston transmission line. Ameren officials explained their preferred route which lies directly on the west edge of our city limits. At the meeting an alternate route was proposed and almost immediately Ameren responded indicating that route would not be feasible. This new transmission line would benefit no one except the City of Highland. There is a large group that has formed in opposition to this line. They have a meeting planned for later this week and both Director Brockhahn and the mayor plan to attend. The Clinton County board is drawing up a resolution in opposition to this project. When we get a copy it will be on our agenda for approval also.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Alderman Berry absent. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda included a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2023 Regular council meeting, a motion to approve Bills for the month of February 2023, a motion to approve Payrolls for the month of February 2023, and a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2023.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Ordinance No. 1814 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 44, Article III, Section 44-68 (f) of the City of Trenton Code of Ordinances. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Director Brockhahn has met several times with the engineers regarding the OSLAD grant. He passed out drawings of the proposed new concession stand/restroom facility. Originally the location of this building was to be in the same footprint of the current concession stand. After working with the engineers, the building will be constructed behind home plate where the current grandstand is located. This will be a better, more centralized location and allow for concession workers to view the game taking place on diamond #1 through a window being incorporated into the design. Mayor Weh went on to say that with this new location, the existing concession stand will have the second story removed and the first story will be used for storage. This would also allow for construction to happen during our current summer season.

The mayor and director Brockhahn met recently with attorney Heiligenstein to review an updated Right of Way ordinance. Mayor Weh stated the ordinance spells things out more specifically than our previous ordinance. Director Brockhahn would like for our fee schedule to be higher, for restrictions to be set for the number of days a permit is valid, a limit to the number of linear feet per permit issued, and the number of crews working in town at a time. Mayor Weh said that New Baden and Carlyle have adopted similar ordinances. This will be worked on more prior to council adoption.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Brown made a motion to enter Closed Session citing 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Second Alderman Deien, all yes. Alderman Berry absent. The Council entered closed session at 7:31 p.m.

The Council re-entered the Regular Meeting at 8:03 p.m. Roll Call: Kniepman, Sampson, Deien, Mohme, Brown, Berry (absent).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Kniepman made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Alderman Berry absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk