

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 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, April 10, 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, Tim Straszacker of Horner & Shifrin Engineering, Pat Kinsella, and Mike Conley

BUSINESS PRIOR TO PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Weh opened the public hearing on Fiscal Year 2024 Budget at 7:01 p.m.

He called upon Clerk Buzzard to give the staff report. She gave an overview of the funds stating that there had been some minor changes per the last discussion at the previous meeting. She also has talked with the auditor about the deficit in the recreation fund. He is fine with Council forgiving the interfund loan between the recreation fund and general fund. Clerk Buzzard will record that through journal entries. This will be on the agenda for action at our next council meeting. No one had any changes for the budget.

There was no public present. Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, Berry absent. The hearing adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1817 Approving Budget for the Corporate Purpose of Trenton, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023, and Ending April 30, 2024. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Berry absent.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Tim Staszacker with Horner & Shifrin reviewed for Council the water study they completed for the City in 2021. He stated he understood our top priority was to install a new water tower and eliminate the underground storage facility. The whole project is broken into three main components; replacing the main transmission line from Summerfield, installing of a new water tower on the west end of the city, and rehabbing of the existing water tower. Alderman Brown asked if there was a specific order for completion? Director Brockhahn said that the pressure on the transmission line has been reduced to relieve breaks, so replacing that line would be top priority. Then installation of a new tower, then rehabbing of the existing tower. There was discussion of exact location of the new tower. Mr. Staszacker stated that the foundation of the new tower needs to be sized correctly especially in light of the underground mines. Pat Kinsella was consulted to research this. He passed out maps of area mines. He suggested doing some test drilling to be sure that no mine is hit. Cost estimates for that would be in the \$2000 - \$3000 range for preparation work and about \$5000 each per hole drilled. The number of holes will be determined by what the maps show.

Total project cost is estimated near \$5.5 million in 2023 dollars. Funding options are the State Revolving Fund (SRF), or Rural Development. With SRF they have a loan forgiveness program, and the city may be eligible for up to \$1 million in forgiveness. The loan through them is currently at a rate of 3.7% for 20 years. If Rural Development there is no loan forgiveness and they currently have a rate of 3.7% for 40 years. Mr. Staszacker reviewed the time frame from design through construction. Mike Conley asked if Mr. Staszacker could quantify the reduction in water loss the city experiences. He said it would take some calculations, but he estimates that it would eliminate a large percentage. Director Brockhahn stated that the city would also save on

power. There would be no pumps. Alderman Mohme asked the Mayor if he would like to have the finance committee look at water rates necessary to sustain the loan. Mayor Weh said that staff would work that up and bring it to the committee. Mayor Weh will discuss this further with council and let Mr. Straszacker know what our next step is. Director Brockhahn said that our existing tower is in a TIF district as is the underground storage facility so portions of the project can be paid with TIF funds or portions of the loan payments can be paid with TIF funds. Mayor Weh said that council needs to take into consideration the proposed Ameren Sursee-Aviston transmission line. Currently that won't affect our new tower but that can change.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

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Director Brockhahn informed the council that a resident called City Hall and wanted to know why the City opposed the Ameren Sursee-Aviston transmission line project. This transmission line does not benefit the City. We have one source of power now and will have one source of power after this line goes in.

Chief Joellenbeck announced a DEA drug take back date of April 22, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Resolution 20230410 Providing for FY24 Motor Fuel Tax Program. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Berry absent.

Director Brockhahn discussed with council the replacement of the intersection of N King Oak and Indiana. The curbing is not part of the MFT program and can be paid from TIF. This will go out on bid. The asphalt is part of the MFT. No one had any opposition to this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Transfer of \$80,372.44 from General Fund to Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Second Alderman Kniepman. All yes, Berry absent. This came to light during the closing of the FY21 MFT program. That year the city spent about \$28,000 more than we were approved to. Additionally, an invoice in the amount of \$810,372.44 was paid with MFT funds and was not part of the MFT program. If the MFT fund is reimbursed the \$80,372.44 that will take care of everything.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1818 An Ordinance Restructuring Sanitary Sewer Rates. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Berry absent.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1819 An Ordinance Establishing Garbage Fee. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, Berry absent.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Brown made a motion to Enter Closed Session for 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Second Alderman Deien. Council entered closed session at 8:09 p.m.

The council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Berry (absent), Brown, Deien, Mohme, Kniepman, Sampson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry absent. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk