

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 22, 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, May 22, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Director of Public Works and Forestry Andy Brockhahn, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Don Williams of the Trenton Park Boosters and Pastor Bob Marsh

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Don Williams addressed the council about the sun shade that the Park Boosters proposed for the new baby pool. Due to configuration changes in the baby pool, the shade structure will now have to be 1450 sq ft in size, and with that the price tag comes in at \$32,871.00. The Park Boosters have committed \$20,000 toward this project. If the City is willing to make up the difference in price, then the boosters will still commit their \$20,000.00. If not, then they will move on to another project. Per Attorney Heiligenstein, if the city decides to go forward with this project then the city should waive competitive bidding even though the boosters are funding a portion of the project. There was much discussion on funding of this project. After reading the paperwork, Director Brockhahn found that the city may be able to save almost \$9,000.00 if we do the core drilling and post planting. Director Brockhahn will contact the company to discuss further. Put this on the next agenda for further discussion and possible action.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Dan Walton lives in the apartments at Main & Illinois Streets. He is not satisfied with the lack of parking for residents, especially with the many restaurants in the area. He wants the city to designate 4 reserved parking spots for residents. He was informed that there are 3 off street parking spaces reserved for the residents of that apartment building.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh wished congratulations to all area graduates. He wished everyone a happy, fun, safe, Memorial Day Weekend and invited everyone to attend a Memorial Day celebration on Monday at the park. After the ceremony there will be a gathering at Hank's Bowl with food provided.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Deien asked when the crosswalks would be painted. Director Brockhahn said closer to the beginning of school.

Alderman Brown talked of a flashing sign used in crosswalks in Aviston. He thought it might even be portable. He will get more details and report back to council.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Director of Public Works and Forestry Brockhahn informed council of a radio communications agreement between the City and Clinton County allowing them to clamp a ring on our water tower and mount a 3 foot dish on that ring. We would also move the police antenna currently located on the roof of City Hall to the water tower. It is anticipated that this would be a temporary location for that equipment.

There is a hole in one of the filters for the pool. It will be replaced tomorrow, and if that goes well then we are still on target to open the pool this weekend.

Chief Joellenbeck wants everyone to cut their grass.

Attorney Heiligenstein has reviewed the intergovernmental agreement between the City and Clinton County for the communications equipment on the water tower and it looks good to him.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2023 Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Appointment of Caitlyn Crain to Plan Commission term to expire March 2026. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Deien abstained, Berry absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1821 Approving Special Use for 215 E Broadway. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Award Bid to Mayer Landscaping in the amount of \$19,597.10 for curbing and guttering at S. King Oak and E. Indiana. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Enter Closed Session for 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry absent. The council entered closed session at 7:47 p.m.

The council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m. Roll Call: Deien, Mohme, Rakers, Brown, Sampson, Berry (absent)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk