

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 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, June 12, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Officer Lampe, Treasurer Linda Reibold, Christy and Dan Picard, Parker Hopkins and family and Savannah Green and family.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Chief Joellenbeck presented Parker Hopkins and Savannah Green with “Do the Right Thing Awards” for reporting a house fire they observed as they were walking down the street one night recently. Had this not been reported there could have been significant damage to that house and several surrounding homes also.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh offered congratulations to all of the participants, volunteers and coordinators of this weekend’s Booster Bash softball tournament. It was a successful tournament and a good event for our park. All of the proceeds will go back into our park. He again thanked the volunteers but most of all thanked the Public Works department. The park looked beautiful. A lot of manhours were put in by Director Brockhahn’s team.

Mayor Weh announced his committee appointments for the next two years. They are as follows:

	CHAIR	MEMBER	MEMBER
FINANCE	Mohme	Brown	Sampson
PUBLIC WORKS	Brown	Deien	Rakers
PUBLIC SAFETY	Berry	Sampson	Deien
COMMUNITY COORDINATION	Sampson	Berry	Mohme
PLANNING & ECON DEVELOP	Rakers	Mohme	Brown
PERSONNEL	Deien	Rakers	Berry

Alderman Mohme was named Mayor Pro Tem and Alderman Deien was named second Mayor Pro Tem.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Mohme stated that the pool was very nice on opening weekend. The only complaint he had was no baby changing stations at the pool. He talked with Director Brockhahn about this. Alderman Mohme was informed that two of them have been ordered.

Alderman Mohme mentioned that Ameren’s summer rates are significantly lower than the contracted aggregation rate that the city has. Residents can opt out of the aggregation but will not be allowed to join it again for one year. Ameren can change their rates whenever they want to.

Alderman Rakes said that he has fielded questions about which roads will be addressed this year. He will get with Director Brockhahn to find out which ones are scheduled for this year.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck informed Council that Officer Krummrich has left the department for employment elsewhere. He has been talking with a potential candidate. Mayor Weh said this candidate is local and going through the vetting process. He will be sent to the academy at the end of August. This will be discussed more at our next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, Brown absent. The consent agenda included a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2023, Regular Council meeting, a motion to approve the bills for the month of May 2023, a motion to approve the payrolls for the month of May 2023, and a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of April 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Buzzard gave an overview of the video gaming café liquor license discussion item. Owners of Luck Lefty Gaming Parlor, Christy and Dan Picard have approached the city to ask for some modifications to the class D liquor license they hold. They would like us to amend the hours of operation to allow them to remain open until 2:00 am, not the 1:00 am that the license states. They would also like to have the type of liquor they are allowed to sell to be expanded from just beer and wine, which the license allows, to also include all seltzers and hard liquor sales of 50ml bottles. Dan Picard spoke saying he does not want to compete with the other establishments in Trenton, he just wants a level playing field with other gaming parlors in Clinton and St. Clair counties. It was suggested that the Picards simply apply for a class A license, which would allow them full pour capabilities. There was discussion about the number of those available, whether the number allowed by ordinance would need to be increased, and how that would be regulated for the gaming parlors that will be located inside of gas stations. Included in the discussion was the intent of council when the class D license was established, allowing for video gaming cafes to even located in Trenton. When Attorney Heiligenstein is back in town we will get with him for proper language for some possible modifications to the class D license.

Mayor Weh was approached by one resident of the mobile home park and questioned about the city's limitations on moving mobile homes into the park. She was told more than 15 years ago that the city would not allow homes over 10 years old to be moved in. Recently an older home was moved in. Our code does not address the age of a mobile home. We have no application process, and as far as inspections are concerned, the only one done is the occupancy inspection, just like any other residence in Trenton. Clerk Buzzard had some examples from other municipalities on their age restrictions and permit requirements. General consensus was that a 10-year rolling age limit was desired. Samples of permits were requested. Further information and discussion will be presented at our next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Enter Closed Session for 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, Brown absent. The council entered closed session at 8:09 p.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, Brown absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk