

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 26, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Andy Weh at 6:57 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Berry, Brown, Deien, Mohme, Rakers, Sampson All present.

Also present was Director of Public Works and Forestry Andy Brockhahn, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Officer Lampe, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Christy and Dan Picard, Mike Diekemper, and Brent Woods

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

With the July 4th weekend coming up Mayor Weh wished everyone a Happy and Safe holiday.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Brown stated that Aviston's crosswalk sign is a speed trap sign which is portable. Alderman Brown obtained some pricing for a permanent sign. Director of Public Works Brockhahn got pricing for a push button flashing sign, at \$6100.00 (this is for two signs, one in each direction). This flashing light would be on top of the sign. For a sign that flashes all around add another \$3000.00 per intersection. There was much discussion on how many signs to purchase and where they should be located. It was determined that the IL Route 160 and 3rd Street intersection would be most beneficial at this time. Staff will contact IDOT for installation approval. More options for the crossings on Broadway will be investigated.

Alderman Rakers said he has had complaints about the critters taking up residence at the Jailhouse Rock building.

Alderman Mohme received another complaint about the bus being back at Tyler and 3rd Street. He asked if the out-of-state plates were the proper ones for a Recreational Vehicle. He also wanted to know if where the bus is parked is at the proper setbacks per our zoning code. Chief Joellenbeck stated that the owner of the bus is meeting the 72-hour rule. Mayor Weh said that he has met with the owner of the bus, and he has been given the guidelines to be compliant with our code. All we can do now is change our code which will affect everyone in the city that has a camper or trailer. Mayor Weh asked Attorney Heiligenstein to look at our code and come up with a solution to this problem.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Director Brockhahn informed Council that we are down to just 68 water meters to be replaced. We have the meters on hand.

Curbing has been installed at the intersection of N. King Oak and Indiana.

Oil and chip prices came in lower than expected so some additional streets will be added to this year's program.

The pool inspection took place today. There were only 3 or 4 minor things found. The baby pool will open tomorrow.

Chief Joellenbeck said that next week he plans to hire a candidate that will need police academy training. The candidate is Grant Heier, and he will be asked to sign a three-year contract with Trenton stating he will reimburse the city for the cost of the academy if he were to leave employment here prior to the end of that contract term. The cost of the academy is \$6,680 plus uniforms. The candidate will be paid at a training rate while attending the academy. The next academy starts in August and commences at the end of the year.

Attorney Heiligenstein has talked with the FOP attorney, and they hope to have everything wrapped up by the second meeting in July.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Weh met with the Trenton Fest Parade committee a while back and discussed moving the staging of the parade to the streets just to the north of Broadway. This would eliminate the need to close Broadway and we would not need IDOT permission to have our parade. Everyone seemed to agree. Recently, an email was received by the mayor from the Trenton Fest committee expressing concerns about the narrow streets on the new proposed location, and that business were complaining of lost business without the parade staging on the south side of Broadway. The Mayor asked the committee members in attendance tonight which business complained, but that was not answered. The committee stated their main concern now was the safety of everyone in the parade and the residents that would be inconvenienced by the parade staging in front of their homes. The mayor agreed, safety is always a concern. After more discussion it was decided to leave the parade route as has always been. A resolution will be on the next agenda for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Weh recapped the discussion held at the last council meeting regarding video gaming café liquor licenses. Everyone was ok with amending the hours of operation from closing at 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Everyone was also ok with amending the wording to allow seltzers. The remaining difference of opinion was to allow “airline” bottles, or shots to be sold, and whether to allow a full class A license. Mayor Weh said a full class A license is problematic because of the live entertainment that is allowed with that class license. The council was cautioned to be aware of the changes they were considering and who else may come along and request a class D license. Christy Picard expressed her objection to not being allowed the same freedoms as gaming parlors in Lebanon. The council decided to amend class D license and allow all items requested.

Mayor Weh recapped the council’s previous discussion of permits being required for mobile homes, and an age limit of 10 years being put on any home moved into our mobile home park. Attorney Heiligenstein will verify that the 10-year limit is allowed by law. A sample permit was presented to council, and they would like to adopt that with a \$50 fee, similar to all other permit fees. Attorney Heiligenstein will also look at the wording in our code for charging a annual fee to the mobile home park owner.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1822 To Add Territory to the Clinton County Enterprise Zone. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Albers, the Village of Aviston, the City of Breese, the City of Carlyle, the Village of Damiansville, the Village of Germantown, the Village of New Baden, the City of

Trenton and the County of Clinton for the Clinton County Enterprise Zone. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Bid from Rooters Asphalt for the HMA Subbase at S. King Oak & E. Indiana Intersection in the amount of \$36,380.00. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. There was \$25,000 put into MFT for this project. The balance will be paid with TIF funds.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rakers made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk