

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 24, 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, July 24, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Grant Heier and family, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Grant Heier was sworn in as our newest Police Officer.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Brown asked for an update on our TIF RPA#1 extension. Clerk Buzzard stated that letters of support have been received by both Sugar Creek Ambulance and Sugar Creek Fire Protection District. Sugar Creek Township and Kaskaskia College will take action at their next meetings to pass letters of support. She has reached out to Clinton County board president Brad Knollhoff and they too will take action at their next meeting. The Trenton Library and Wesclin School still need to be contacted. A copy of the packet of information regarding our TIF extension will be sent to the Council.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn is on vacation, but he had several items that he wanted conveyed to Council. First, Illinois Department of Transportation has issued to the City a permit to install the flashing crosswalk signs at the intersection of IL RT 160 and 3rd street. The signs have been ordered. He is looking into an audible message device that would caution pedestrians when they push the crosswalk sign to wait for traffic to stop before crossing.

The bids for our MFT road oiling this year came back lower than expected so Director Brockhahn has been working with engineers to add more roads to this year's plan. Clerk Buzzard conveyed the conversations between Director Brockhahn and the engineer and had maps of the suggested additions. Council asked if First and Second streets could be added where there are currently gaps.

Director Brockhahn wants Council to decide how many soil core samples they want tested in the area of the new water tower. Council wants more information and recommendations from the engineers.

Chief Joellenbeck informed Council that the Illinois Supreme Court recently upheld the SAFE-T Act, which will go into effect on September 18, 2023. One main component of this is no cash bail. With that being said, where will funding come from. Jail and courts will need to shut down and merge. Attorney Heiligenstein said that is not exactly true. Like the federal level, some offenders will have to remain in jail until their trial happens.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1824 Granting Special Use at 1001 W. Broadway. Second Alderman Deien. Alderman Brown abstained, all rest yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve resurfacing of Monroe Street in the amount of \$8,500.00 to be done by Rooters American Maintenance, Inc. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Brown made a motion to enter Closed Session for 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried. Council entered closed session at 7:27 p.m.

Council re-entered the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. Roll Call: Mohme, Deien, Berry, Brown, Sampson, Rakers. All present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk