

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 28, 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, August 28, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Officer Salvi and Officer Cyvas

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh offered congratulations to the Trenton Fest staff and those new at the helm. Thank you to Chief Joellenbeck for his extra efforts and to Andy Brockhahn, the park looked beautiful. A final thank you was given to all who contributed in any way to make Trenton Fest a success.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Mohme asked for an update on the body cameras. Chief Joellenbeck said they have not been ordered yet. The in-car cameras will be replaced when we get the body cameras because they will work in tandem, and we will get a better price; the cost will not go up. Alderman Mohme asked if we weren't going to get body cameras now. Chief said he will not teach two different systems of in car cameras. Alderman Mohme asked for a commitment from the company that they will not raise the price. Chief Joellenbeck said in 6 months the price will probably be better. He also said that he has a ship date of September 25, 2023 for the bullet proof vests.

Alderman Mohme opened for discussion rewriting the job description of the Clerk to include a stipend for achievement of different levels of certification. We pay other departments for certifications that they achieve, and the clerk is a vital position to the city. The clerk is an elected position and any salary adjustment would not be effective until the beginning of the next term of office. Alderman Mohme also wants to put into ordinance a training requirement within a certain amount of time. There was some general discussion, and all were in agreement. Clerk Buzzard will pull together the clerk job description and some possible wording for the proposed changes.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Director Brockhahn informed everyone that street sweeping for the roads that will be oiled and chipped will take place at the end of this week, with road oiling taking place September 6 and 7 with September 8 set aside as a rain date.

SLM Water District will be switching to free chlorine on September 5. It will take a couple of days for that to reach us, and we will put a notice out on facebook to inform the public. There may be a heavier chlorine smell. The water is safe.

Mayor Weh updated the council on the TIF extension talks with Wesclin school. He and clerk Buzzard attended the school board meeting and spoke briefly. Last week Superintendent Filyah and several board members came here and met to discuss further. The school wants to be made

whole, but no actual dollar amounts were discussed. There was an intergovernmental agreement mentioned where the City would pay the school district on an annual basis. More information is being gathered by both sides, and as this progresses the council will be kept informed.

Chief Joellenbeck said that he has a couple of part time officers willing to fill shifts. One of them is willing to work 1000 hours in a year, therefore IMRF will come into play. Alderman Mohme asked how the \$28/hr. for part time officers came about. Chief Joellenbeck said that rate of pay won't bring in any more part time officers.

Attorney Heiligenstein met with the representative from the Fraternal Order of Police in June and July to negotiate the police contract. It finally has been settled. Wage increases for the three-year term will be 4%, 4% and 3% respectively, the bank of compensatory hours is now maxed at 36 per year, and the longevity pay has been increased by \$250 per tier. The other changes were just minor language clean-up changes.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Minutes of the July 14, 2023 Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1826 Amending TIF Agreement with Press Coffee. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with FOP. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Increase in Part Time Police Officer Pay to \$28.00/hr. effective immediately. Second Alderman Sampson. Alderman Rakers asked if there would be anything pop up before our next meeting which would cause this to be re-visited. He was told no. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Sunny Tut, owner of Tut Properties, Inc., has asked for TIF assistance for the construction of his new gas station in Trenton. Our TIF consultant has prepared totals of both TIF eligible expenses and business district eligible expenses. The council needs to decide what to incorporate into a redevelopment agreement. Based on previous agreements with other businesses, the council does not want to exceed a 60% reimbursement of eligible expenses. They also questioned some of the terms of a couple other redevelopment agreements with the intention of fashioning this one in a similar manner. Clerk Buzzard will pull together Dairy King and Dollar General and send them to council for review. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Sampson made a motion to enter Closed Session for 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried. The council entered closed session at 8:37 p.m.

The council re-entered the regular meeting at 9:54 p.m. Roll Call: Mohme, Deien, Berry, Brown, Sampson, Rakers. All present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk