

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 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, September 11, 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 Andy Brockhahn, Officer Salvi Treasurer Linda Reibold and Mike Conley

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

Today is the anniversary of the 9/11 attack and Mayor Weh asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives on that day.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Several aldermen complimented the oil and chip of city streets last week. The work was done quickly and there was much less dust than in years past.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Director Brockhahn stated that the oil and chip project is done for this year. Next, he will be working on some concrete projects around town.

Chief Joellenbeck said that he has a letter honoring the camera quote through 2024. He also warned that there is a resident that fell victim to a Publisher's Clearinghouse scam and said the grandparent scam is happening too.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry absent. The consent agenda included a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 Regular Council meeting, a motion to approve bills for the month of August 2023, a motion to approve payrolls for the month of August 2023, and a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of July 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clerk Buzzard gave an update on the Broadway TIF extension project. We have received letters of support from everyone except the library and Wesclin school district. The superintendent of the school wants to be made whole. What that dollar amount is has proven difficult to calculate, especially without knowing the EAV for each year. It is possible that the city could contribute toward a capital project that the school has, and clerk Buzzard has requested that information from Superintendent Filyah. Clerk Buzzard will work on some possible options.

Sunny Tut has submitted an application for TIF assistance for his new gas station. Clerk Buzzard asked for the council's guidance on putting together a redevelopment agreement. There was talk of 60% reimbursement, similar to other redevelopment agreements, but Clerk Buzzard asked 60% of what? Generally, everyone agreed that language should be incorporated allowing payment

from either TIF or Business District funds. There is still uncertainty on whether the TIF extension will be approved, and we don't want to have something tied to TIF only and not be able to make payments to Mr. Tut. There was a discussion about a sales tax rebate. There was also discussion about putting a cap on the total redevelopment agreement, and including language that ceases payments if the ownership of this development changes. Clerk Buzzard will look into the agreements Mr. Tut has with other municipalities and put together some options for the council to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Weh informed the council that it is time to begin tax levy preparations. He believes with the current economy and level of inflation that it is not a good time to increase the tax levy beyond the 5% allowed without requiring a truth in taxation hearing. Everyone agreed. Clerk Buzzard will begin to work on that, possibly with the assistance of the finance committee.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Samson made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry absent, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk