

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 25, 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 25, 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, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Nathan Deien, Paolo and Jessica Guazzini and Mike Conley

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Mohme called a Finance Committee meeting for next Monday at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the tax levy. He asked that Clerk Buzzard provide the current tax levy and what line items have max rates and what those rates are.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Director of Public Works and Forestry Andy Brockhahn informed the Council that the cost of the new meter reading handheld device and upgraded software was removed from the budget this year because we did not have enough of the new meters installed to justify that cost. Now we have just a handful of meters that need to be replaced. The lead time of getting this equipment is 8 months so he is asking for approval to place the order now. A new quote will be presented at the next meeting.

Chief Joellenbeck said the new bulletproof vests are in and the carriers will be in on October 25, 2023. Grant Heier is doing well in the academy.

Chief Joellenbeck asked Nathan Deien about Tahoe pursuit vehicles. Mr. Deien stated that Chevrolet now requires a purchase order to place orders. Chevrolet is scheduled to begin building next year's vehicles in November, but due to the UAW strike, that may get pushed back. Nothing is definite right now. Director Brockhahn asked if the same was true for pickup trucks. Mr. Deien confirmed it was.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Berry entered the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Sunny Tut's request for a redevelopment agreement with the city was discussed again. Staff prepared several options for repayment based on previous discussions. The council decided on an option that would reimburse 60% of TIF increment for the life of the TIF including any extension, coupled with a reimbursement of 75% of Business District revenues generated for a

period of 15 years. A total payout cap of 10% of the estimated project cost will be incorporated into the agreement. There were several non-financial parameters that had been established at a prior meeting. Clerk Buzzard will get all this information forwarded to our consultant to have a draft agreement drawn up. If possible, this will be on the agenda for approval at our next meeting.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Reject all bids for OSLAD Grant project and authorize rebidding of the project. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Resolution 20230925 Revised Preliminary Plat Wildwood Estates 2nd Addition. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Deien Chevrolet has applied for Tax Increment Financing assistance for some upgrades to their facility. Clerk Buzzard gave a general overview of the project. There will be electric upgrades and installation of EV charging stations, and drainage and concrete drive replacement work. Nathan Deien gave more details on each of the four components of the project. He talked of breaking the project into two phases with all the electric work in phase one and the concrete work in phase two. He does not intend to complete the concrete work until next year, and this way he won't have to wait until that is completed to begin repayment on his redevelopment agreement. A finance committee meeting has been called for next Monday and the details of this redevelopment agreement will be discussed then.

Director of Public Works Brockhahn informed the Council that payment for engineering fees for the MFT program were made from the MFT fund when they should have been paid from funds other than MFT. The amount of \$12,877.35 needs to be repaid to the MFT fund. It was decided to pay 50% of that from the Infrastructure fund and 50% from the General Fund.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Brown 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. Council entered closed session at 7:47 p.m.

Council re-entered the regular meeting at 7:57 p.m. Roll Call: Brown, Berry, Mohme, Deien, Rakers, Sampson. All present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rakers made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk