

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 23, 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, October 23, 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, Officer Salvi, Steve Howe, Jim Kniepman, Mark Litteken, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein and Mike Conley

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mark Litteken gave an update on Ameren's proposed Sursee - Aviston transmission line. Everything is in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) right now. The online forum for public comments is still open and will be until January. Mr. Litteken encouraged everyone to go online and leave their comments. Written testimony has been filed by the landowners affected by this line. Ameren will have an opportunity to rebut all written testimony. There is another possible route, the Greenville route, that has not yet been taken into consideration. The reason a route through Clinton County was defeated in the past was because Ameren did not consider possible alternate routes. A hearing has been set for early January. Funding for this is still needed. For additional information contact Dan Mondt or look up CUREDIL. There is either a website with tons of information or follow them on facebook.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh thanked Caitlyn Carroll for a successful Harvest Hop. It was good for the city and he looks forward to next year.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Sampson said that a flag at the park needs to be replaced. The public works boom truck is out of service right now and when repaired the flag will be replaced.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Clerk Buzzard updated the council on communications with Wesclin Superintendent Filyah regarding the City's assistance with a potential capital project in exchange for Wesclin supporting our bid for extending the Broadway TIF. Ms. Filyah suggested the city contribute toward a new concession/restroom/storage/etc. facility at the football field. She said the price tag is \$1.6 million. Mayor Weh would like to know if there would be something at Trenton elementary that we could assist with. Alderman Brown spoke of some security updates the school had discussed, and would like to see actual costs, not just an email with a dollar amount. Clerk Buzzard will convey this information back to the school.

Director Brockhahn said the lift station at Deien Chevrolet has one new pump and one pump rebuilt from two bad ones. All is working well now.

The water line bore on Old Route 50 was completed last week.

Repairs to the boom truck are estimated to cost \$25,000.00. Director Brockhahn is looking at some alternative options.

Tomorrow at 8:00 the company will be here to show public works how to "burn in" the crosswalk striping.

The OSLAD grant bids were too high, and we rejected them all. After making some small modifications, the engineers are suggesting that we re-bid this in the spring. We prefer to re-bid this now and get on the contractor's schedule for spring.

Director Brockhahn is still looking at the pickleball court possibility. He is getting quotes for one and two courts both on the tennis court and independent of the tennis court.

Papers have been signed for the EPA loan application for the water extension project. Tim Straszacker, engineer on this project, will be at a meeting in November to present an update to the Council.

Chief Joellenbeck said this Saturday from 10 – 2 there will be a DEA Drug Takeback event at the police department. Just drop any items in the bin that is in the lobby always.

The Chief stated that if we don't order a new Tahoe now we won't get it next year. The Impala is aging, the camera fell out and broke. To outfit a new car, the radio has been purchased but the remaining equipment pricing fluctuates too much to have a quote now. Alderman Mohme said a new vehicle is not in the budget and he prefers to wait until closer to the end of the fiscal year.

Mayor Weh stated that if you push back ordering then you push back delivery too. Director Brockhahn was asked what the vehicle needs of the public works department were. He said that one of his F550's is a 1999 and one is a 2000 model. There was one originally put in the budget this year but was taken out to balance the budget. Alderman Deien said that we need to prioritize our needs and asked if the police could purchase a used vehicle. Chief Joellenbeck said no.

Alderman Sampson is in favor of purchasing a public works truck and police cruiser in the next fiscal year and if they both come in then we can figure out the financing. Alderman Mohme suggested using the Police Equipment Fund toward the police vehicle. The Chief said much of that was restricted and could not be used for this. The mayor suggested the Capital Improvement Fund for a police vehicle. Alderman Mohme reminded him that this fund is purchasing the pickup that has just come in. It was decided to have a finance committee meeting on November 6, 2023 at 6:30 to discuss the needs for both the police and public works departments.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Joellenbeck introduced to council Steve Howe, a retired Maryville police officer that would like to continue to work in police work. He has worked for Trenton part time in the past.

Alderman Brown asked if Mr. Howe would be on nights or the power shift. Mr. Howe stated he likes working nights. Chief Joellenbeck said the shift would be bid per the FOP contract. Mayor Weh said he has been told that Mr. Howe would be a perfect fit for Trenton. Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Hiring of Steve Howe as Police Officer. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance 1831 Granting Special Use Permit at 380 E. Ohio. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Purchase of Neptune 360 Software and Mobile Data Collector from Schulte Supply. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion Approve Ordinance 1829 Providing for the Levy Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024 for the City of Trenton, Clinton County, Illinois. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance 1830 An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Special Allocation Funds for the Redevelopment and Improvement of Car Dealership Located at 555 N. Madison, Trenton, Illinois. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Korte Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. to do a Directional Water Line Bore at a cost of \$9,900.00. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trick or Treat in Trenton will be on Halloween night from 6-8 pm. Mayor Weh announced that hanging of the Christmas lights will begin on Saturday at 9:00 and again on Sunday at 10:00 am weather permitting. He is asking everyone to come out to help.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rakers made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk