

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 27, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Andy Weh at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Berry, Brown, Deien, Mohme, Rakers, Sampson (absent)

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Steve Howe, Tim Straszacker of Horner & Shifrin and Mike Conley

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Tim Straszacker with Horner & Shifrin presented to Council an update of the water infrastructure project. The ILEPA loan application is completed and has been submitted. The application has been assigned for review and we should hear something in the March/April timeframe on whether our project will be funded. A new requirement is an environmental clearance. The EPA is wanting to be sure there are no historical artifacts on the project area. We were able to narrow this scope to just the area of the new tower as the rest of the project area is not new territory. Tim went on to discuss the location of the new tower, the foundation of that tower, and the SCADA system that will be used to pump water from tower to tower. Our existing water tower only will require an overcoat of paint. It will not need to be taken down to bare metal. That will result in a cost savings. Tim then reviewed the time frame from EPA approval to project completion.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Brown stated that the crosswalk that public works repainted at Main and Broadway looks great. He asked the cost per crosswalk and said that there are more that need to be done. The Superintendent of Public Works Brockhahn will look into the cost.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve minutes of the November 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Sampson absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Purchase of 3 In-Car and 3 Body Cameras from Midwest Public Safety in the amount of \$13,013.00 with installation from S&S Lighting and Communication in the amount of \$1,740.00. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Sampson absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Before calling for a vote on the next item on the agenda, Mayor Weh stated that there are three options to the Council. First would be to surplus the Tahoe in question. The second would be to table the decision until we hear back from the insurance company on what the cost to insure that vehicle is, the third would be to keep the vehicle. The Mayor's recommendation is to surplus the

vehicle. Alderman Mohme made a motion to Approve Ordinance 1832 Declaring Surplus Property. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Rakers abstain, Sampson absent. Motion carried.

Attorney Heiligenstein gave a general overview of the Paid Leave for All Workers Act which will go into effect on January 1, 2024. The Illinois Municipal League (IML) has published much information on this and take the position that this is yet another unfunded mandate aimed not at municipalities, but municipalities have gotten caught up in the red tape. The City of Trenton already has in place leave for all full-time workers, and effective January 1, 2024 will put into place a policy offering one day of leave for all part time workers. This policy will be codified by ordinance and that ordinance will state that we are “opting out” of the Act. This ordinance is directly from IML. We will pass this at our next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Brown asked how to move forward with the Wesclin School Board on the TIF extension issue. Attorney Heiligenstein suggested offering a dollar amount settlement as opposed to offering to fund a project. We would like to have something to present to the school board for their December meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, Sampson absent. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk