

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 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, December 11, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Steve Howe, Kevin Tepen of C.J. Schlosser & Company and Treasurer Linda Reibold

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Kevin Tepen with C.J. Schlosser & Company gave the fiscal year 2023 audit presentation. He stated the City should be happy with the year. Overall, the general fund ended up about \$350,000.00. The TIF fund was down a bit as was the capital improvement fund. All other government funds were up also. All total, revenues were just over \$3M and expenses were at \$2.7M. Water and sewer combined were down a net \$80,000.00, but overall that revenue was slightly higher than the year before. IMRF investments were down for the year and therefore the city's was down a bit too. IMRF is actuarially re-evaluated annually and will probably bounce back quickly. Mayor Weh questioned our procedures. Mr. Tepen said that he sees no problems with our procedures. We are consistent with other communities of similar size. He has no issues working with Karen Buzzard or any of the staff. Mayor Weh then asked about clearing up the interfund loan with the park fund annually. Mr. Tepen stated that is not a bad thing to do. Some municipalities just make the park part of the general fund and then no transfers are necessary. Everyone struggles with parks. They do not break even. Alderman Mohme asked what a comfortable amount of fund balance would be to have in the general fund. Mr. Tepen said generally speaking 35% - 40% of expenses, so based on fiscal year 2023 expenses, about \$945,000.00.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Safe Holiday Season. We will have a meeting on Tuesday, December 26 at 7:00. There are some business items that will need to be taken care of.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Brown updated council on some upgrades to the computer and internet systems at SLM water. Director Brockhahn stated that SLM will send us for approval a new contract for water. This is a requirement for our EPA loan, and we discovered that our current contract with SLM does not extend to the end date of our proposed loan with the EPA. Therefore, a new contract that would cover the period matching the length of our loan will need to be signed.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Director of Public Works informed council of a water main break on Maple. It was fixed quickly today, but the resident that called this morning stated that he called and left a message on Sunday with the police non-emergency number. No information was relayed to the public works department until the resident called city hall today. Mayor Weh will follow up with Clinton County on that call.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The consent agenda included a motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, a motion to approve bills for the month of November 2023, a motion to approve payrolls for the month of November 2023, and a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of October 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Ordinance 1833 Regarding Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Purchase of Materials for the Striping of Crosswalks not to exceed \$5,000.00. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. All of these crosswalks are in the TIF district and TIF funds can be used. Alderman Mohme asked what it would take to make the intersection of Monroe and Broadway a legitimate crosswalk. Director Brockhahn said that it doesn't line up on both sides. One side actually is in the road. Alderman Mohme then asked if more of the lighted crosswalk signs could be put into the budget for next fiscal year.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance 1834 Vacating Right of Way. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried. Director Brockhahn showed council where this sliver of right-of-way is located and explained that the city would need to vacate that to allow the Wildwood 2nd Addition development to proceed.

Director Brockhahn has been looking into next year's Motor Fuel Tax project. There had been talk of asphaltting S. Main from Broadway to Illinois Street. For HMG Engineering to engineer/design that project including all of the IDOT paperwork required would cost \$27,000.00. If council wants to include this in the MFT program for next year Director Brockhahn recommends approval of the contract with HMG. This whole project area is in the TIF district. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

On Friday, December 8, 2023 we had another bid opening for the OSLAD grant concession stand project. There were 4 bidders this time. The base bids ranged from \$382,851.60 to \$595,900.00. There were two alternates requested in this bid spec. Alternate #1 was the removal of the roof and second story on the old concession stand. Alternate #2 was concrete vs asphalt for the handicap parking spaces. There was a wide range between the low and high bidders for the alternates too. There was discussion about the alternate #2 and whether pouring of concrete, although more expensive up front would be cheaper in the long run due to ongoing maintenance costs for asphalt. There were questions about some things that may have been included in the base bid that were also bid in the alternates. Director Brockhahn sent an email with some of those questions to the engineer this morning. When we have more answers, we will let council know. This may be on the next agenda for action.

The last item that Director Brockhahn wanted to discuss was also related to this project. When construction gets underway there will be no place to store everything that is currently stored under the grandstand and in the current concession stand. He has worked with someone out of Mascoutah that rents and sells shipping containers. He will get some numbers and bring that back to council. Alderman Brown has worked with River Roads out of St. Louis in the past. He will reach out to them for pricing also. When this project is completed there will still be the need for storage of mowers and other equipment that is kept at the park. Director Brockhahn suggested adding on to the east side of the pool shed. Possibly add two additional garage bays and redo the roof so that the building looks like it was always designed that way. This way the pool equipment could remain in what is the current pool shed and be separated from everything else.

After further discussion, council would prefer to build onto the existing pool shed as opposed to have additional sheds/buildings in the park.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Mohme made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk