

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 22, 2024

**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, January 22, 2024, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present was Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Officer Steve Howe, Officer Grant Heier, Chief Joellenbeck, and Attorney Joe Heiligenstein

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Rakes asked why the City was pursuing a new water tower as opposed to another form of water storage. Director Brockhahn cited free energy; gravity works for our geographic area, and ground storage tanks are a thing of the past.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Director Brockhahn said that in preparation for the weather predicted for today, he had the trucks loaded with salt yesterday. They hit the roads this morning by 4:30.

The pavement management program is now off the books. The contract with TWM Engineering has been terminated.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Mohme and Berry absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Weh asked for thoughts related to the response from Wesclin School Board on our proposal. The City has tried to negotiate but our attempts have failed. Our offer has been rejected with them being offended by our offer and yet they have made no counteroffer. Mayor Weh does not recommend negotiating against ourselves. He recommends we wait and see if a counteroffer is forthcoming from the school. We need to know that we can still afford to enter into redevelopment agreements with our businesses and not pay all of our money to the school. Attorney Heiligenstein discussed the percentage of their request compared to our TIF budget and also to the school's budget. A meeting with our TIF Consultant is scheduled for this Friday. We plan to discuss our options with him. It was discussed that it is time to lobby our businesses; inform them of what is going on. Alderman Brown has prepared a public relations piece and has planned to have the chamber of commerce send this to all members. The Mayor will be attending the chamber meeting tomorrow night and discuss this with all in attendance. Alderman Brown will also ask that Mike Conley put this information in the paper as a letter to the editor. We are not throwing the school board under the bus, but we have a responsibility to our business owners. We see our biggest challenge right now is educating the school board members on what is being

presented to them. There was a lengthy discussion on where to go from here. This will be on the next agenda for further discussion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alderman Sampson thanked Megan Donjon for taking down the tattered flag at City Hall during the recent storm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Berry and Mohme absent. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk