

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 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, February 12, 2024, 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, Officer Karen Cyvas, Chief Joellenbeck, Treasurer Linda Reibold, Mike Conley and members and parents of the Wesclin Middle School Girls Basketball Team

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Weh read a proclamation honoring the Wesclin Middle School girls basketball team on their win at state. Congratulations were extended and pictures were taken.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh offered congratulations to the ladies of the Wesclin Middle School again.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Mohme asked how the budget was coming along. Mayor Weh said that staff was meeting again tomorrow and things were progressing. We could possibly be ready for a finance committee meeting prior to the next council meeting.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

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 January 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, a motion to Approve the Bills for the month of January 2024, a motion to Approve the Payrolls for the month of January 2024, and a motion to Approve the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Weh said that the city will take a wait and see approach in regard to the offer made to the Wesclin School Board. The School Board will meet next Tuesday, and it will be interesting to see if they will debate the offer made or just take a vote. Mayor Weh has had no communication with the school since our last meeting. One of the aldermen has had a dialogue with one member of the school board. He has encouraged that member to try to get a discussion going regarding our offer and at the very least have them make a counteroffer. Mayor Weh said that we would inform the public of this situation and we have done that. This will not be argued in the newspaper. There was a lengthy discussion on how our businesses support the school and now the school is not willing to support our businesses. There was also discussion about using TIF funds on infrastructure projects and which projects may qualify. General consensus was to make one more offer to the school before we abandon the TIF extension option.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1838 Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Resolution 20240212 Authorizing a Representative to Sign Loan Documents for Trenton Water System Improvements. Second Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried.

Director Brockhahn informed Council that we had a meeting with Micro-Comm, providers of the SCADA telemetry system, regarding the equipment for the new water system. The City will save money if this item is removed from the scope of work and not included in the loan amounts, and we contract directly with them. We are waiting on their final numbers so that we can plug this into the budget.

Chief Joellenbeck reviewed the proposed ordinance with changes to Chapter 48 of the city's code of ordinances. This is all to restrict parking of recreational vehicles in the city. This change includes a clarified definition of an improved surface, limits parking of trailers, etc. to 2 per residential lot if setback requirements are met, limits parking in driveways to 24 hours and sets limits of gross weight to 18,000-pound max. Alderman Mohme asked if tickets would be issued if setbacks were not met. No clear answer was given by Chief Joellenbeck. There was lively discussion on what is actually changing in this new ordinance. Most of what is listed already exists in our code. Several other aldermen weighed in on this issue and would like to have the driveway restriction removed and also the improved surface in rear yards removed. An updated version will be presented for discussion at our next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk