

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 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, April 8, 2024, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Officer Caren Cyvas, Chief Joellenbeck, and Mike Conley

BUSINESS PRIOR TO PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Weh opened the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Interim budget officer Karen Buzzard gave an overview of the budget. There have been no changes since the last meeting. Chief Joellenbeck would like to add \$1000 to the DARE fund for a scholarship. There was no public input.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Brown, Mohme, Rakers absent. The public hearing adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1845 Approving Budget for the Corporate Purpose of Trenton, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2024 and Ending April 30, 2025. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Brown, Mohme, Rakers absent. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, Brown, Mohme, Rakers absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda includes a Motion to Approve Minutes of the March 25, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, a motion to Approve Bills for the Month of March 2024, a motion to Approve Payrolls for the month of March 2024, and a motion to Approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Weh sent an email to Wesclin Superintendent Filyaw asking for clarification on how she calculated the dollar amount she claims is the amount that would make the school district whole. Ms. Filyaw re-sent the email sent last September. Mayor Weh asked the council what they want to do. Accept the counteroffer of 85%; disagree with the offer and stick to the dollar offer that we made; cease negotiations and let this TIF expire and then start a new one; or lastly develop a new counteroffer. Alderman Sampson indicated that he is fine with giving 85% to the school. Clerk Buzzard prepared some calculations of what payments would have been for the last 4 years based on the formula presented by Ms. Filyaw, and what some projections might be. There was much discussion about what would be left after making that payment. There was more discussion on

the pros and cons of starting a new TIF. Mayor Weh would like to go through the exercise of how much TIF money we would anticipate allocating to the new water infrastructure project. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Grant Deien Chevrolet an Extension of Time on Redevelopment Agreement. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, Brown, Mohme, Rakers absent. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Deien made a motion to enter closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Probable or Pending Litigation and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Second Alderman Berry. All yes, Brown, Mohme, Rakers absent. Motion carried. Council entered closed session at 7:32 p.m.

The council re-entered the regular session at 8:50 p.m. Roll call: Berry, Deien, Sampson, Weh. Brown, Mohme and Rakers absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director of Public Works Brockhahn saw in the Trenton Sun that New Baden recently ordered from Morrow Brothers Ford, the dealer holding the state bid contract, a leftover 2023 model truck at a savings. He contacted Morrow Brothers to see if they had any more available and they just sent him a note tonight that they have an F600 on the lot for \$95,787.00.. This amount is less than the F550 that was approved in the budget. Mr. Brockhahn will look at the specs, and if this truck has what he was looking for in the 2024 model that was approved in the budget he will send an email to everyone and will put this on order.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Berry. All yes, Brown, Mohme and Rakers absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk