

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 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, April 22, 2024, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Chief Joellenbeck, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, and Mike Conley

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Clerk Buzzard reminded anyone that has not already filed their Statement of Economic Interest to do so. The deadline for filing is May 1.

Director of Public Works Brockhahn said that now that the Motor Fuel Tax program for this year has been approved, he will have a list of the roads to be oil and chipped for the next meeting.

The Park Boosters have requested closing of a portion of Ash street and making Park Street one way for the upcoming Booster Bash. No one had an objection to those requests.

Chief Joellenbeck announced a DEA Drug Take-Back day for April 27 from 10 am – 2 pm at the police department.

Three of the in-car cameras have been installed by GTEC with 2 more scheduled for tomorrow.

A new router was needed for the police department.

Chief Joellenbeck informed everyone that the new police vehicle will be \$635 more than what was budgeted. This is a 2023 model, not a 2024 and the options are different. Mayor Weh said that he will have the Chief present a side by side comparison of options and numbers for the next meeting on these vehicles.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Minutes of the March 8, 2024d Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Purchase of 2022 Ford F660 from Morrow Brothers Ford in the amount of \$95,787.00. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Weh asked if anyone had not seen the response from Wesclin Superintendent Filyaw relating to the Tax Increment Finance extension. Basically, we have four options: 1) accept their

offer, 2) sit on our offer of \$120,000 annual payments, 3) let this TIF expire and start a new TIF or 4) extend a new offer to the school. Mayor Weh thinks that the \$120,000/ year is very steep and not cost effective. Those payments will not leave much room to work with. He asked the Council to weigh in on how much of the water infrastructure project will be paid for with TIF funds. There are still too many unknowns regarding our funding for that project. The city will not know if that project is funded, and to what extent, for another couple of months. There is still time to make that decision. Mayor Weh stated that he needs to respond to Superintendent Filyaw. There was discussion about which option to go with. Most agreed that giving the school any more money was not something they were willing to do. Pros and cons of starting a new TIF were discussed. After more discussion, most everyone was on board with starting a new TIF. Mayor Weh would like to make one more offer to the school, and after more discussion it was decided that Mayor Weh would reach out to the school with our original offer of \$120,000.00 per year. If they don't accept that offer, then we will walk away from the TIF extension and look to start a new one.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Brown 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 Rakers. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried. Council entered closed session at 7:45 p.m.

The council re-entered the regular session at 8:30 p.m. Roll call: Berry, Deien, Sampson, Brown, Rakers. Mohme absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, Mohme absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk