

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 13, 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, May 13, 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, Chief Joellenbeck, Treasurer Megan Donjon, Officer Grant Heier, Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineering, Mr. Schlau and Mike Conley

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Schlau has previously talked with Director of Public Works Brockhahn about the drainage problem in his rear yard and wanted to know the status of that situation. Mr. Middeke met with the city again last week and he will be going back to his engineer for updated plans. Mr. Schlau is leary that anything will ever happen. He then questioned the drainage from the proposed new subdivision. Director Brockhahn said some of the water will come Mr. Schlau's way, but some will be directed to the north also. In addition, the current drainage pipe is 24 inches in diameter and will be replaced with a 30 inch pipe to handle the extra water. The next aboutat Mr. Schlau inquired about concerns his neighbor that would like to install a basketball court in their backyard. He stated his neighbor has been talking with all the neighbors about this and that they will need a variance from the city. He wanted to know why. Director Brockhahn explained that the size of the basketball court and the additional shed the neighbor is wanting to install will exceed the maximum lot coverage percentage allowed in that zoning district. The variance process was explained. Mr. Schlau wanted to know about how that much hard surface will affect drainage. That is why there are restrictions on the amount of your lot that can be covered. As an adjacent property owner Mr. Schlau will be invited to the public hearing required for a variance and allowed to voice his views.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Rakers has been approached by Mr. Weider regarding drainage in his front yard again. Alderman Rakers was also approached by Mr. Woebbe about the house across the street from the police department. Previous unfinished work there has created a drainage problem further down the block. Director Brockhahn will look into both locations. Lastly, Alderman Rakers wanted to know if it was too late to change the plans of the new water tower and move it to the north. He was approached by K & D Countertops. They would like to see the tower moved further from their business and offered money to help move it.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Clerk Buzzard reminded everyone that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday.

Director of Public Works Brockhahn informed the council that there are possibly two grants available for downtown/main street projects coming up. We don't have a lot of time, one is through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and has a June deadline and the

other is an ITEP grant and has a July deadline. We have had the downtown improvement project engineered twice for previous grants that we were not awarded. Doug Ratterman with HMG Engineering will get us some rough costs to put together an application. He would like to look at the scoring matrix for the grants to see how we would fare. He will have more information for us at our next meeting.

Our new Treasurer, Megan Donjon, is here tonight for any questions.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry and Mohme absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda included a motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, a motion to Approve the Bills for the month of April, 2024, a motion to approve the Payrolls for the month of April 2024, and a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of March 2024.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Award the Bid for S Main Street Resurfacing Project to Christ Bros. in the amount of \$132,265.77 and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Berry and Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Director Brockhahn said that the list of roads that will be oil and chipped this year was in the packet and asked if anyone had any questions while Mr. Ratermann was here. There were none.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Purchase of Perry Weather Station with Outdoor Warning Siren for \$3,000.00/year for 3 years. Second Alderman Deien. Brown, yes, Deien, yes, Sampson, no, Rakers, yes, Berry and Mohme absent. Motion carried. Alderman questioned if there could be quite hours set on the siren. Director Brockhahn will contact the company to ask that question and a few more regarding the programming of the station.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Brown made a motion to Award Resurfacing of Tennis Court and Stripe of Pickleball Court to All Weather Courts Recreational Surfacing in the amount of \$18,425.00. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry and Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Eric Bandy, owner of Bandy's Pharmacy has applied for Tax Increment Finance assistance for an extensive renovation to his pharmacy. Clerk Buzzard asked for guidance from the Council on what kind of redevelopment agreement they are willing to enter into for this project. She let them know that Mr. Bandy is aware of the looming end date of our TIF. After some discussion, some of the aldermen want to know what the TIF fund balance will be after all other redevelopment agreements are satisfied, and what the average payout will be to several of the recent redevelopment agreements entered into. They would also like to see the agreement the city has with Jim's Suits and Tuxedos. Clerk Buzzard will get these calculations to council so that an agreement can be put together.

Mayor Weh informed council that someone is again interested in purchasing the city lot at 203 E Broadway. The city had an appraisal done several years ago, and Mayor Weh asked if a new appraisal should be done. With the change in the real estate market since the last appraisal was conducted, we may be surprised at what the current value is. Everyone agreed to go forward with a new appraisal.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Authorize Purchase of New 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD from Morrow Brothers Ford and outfit with equipment purchased from S&S

Lighting and Communications, LLC and Signs and Designs in the amount of \$55,826.00. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, Berry and Mohme absent. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Brown made a motion to enter closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, Berry and Mohme absent. Motion carried. Council entered closed session at 7:47 p.m.

The council re-entered the regular session at 9:21 p.m. Roll call: Berry (absent), Deien, Sampson, Brown, Rakers. Mohme (absent).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Brockhahn stated that the new concession stand is 95% complete. The asphalt work will be done this week and the bathrooms still need the partitions installed. Cabinets should be here next week. One thing that was overlooked in this project was the first base dugout. Director Brockhahn plans to put into the budget next year money to cover that dugout in tin to match everything else.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry and Mohme absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk