

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 28, 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 Tuesday, May 28, 2024, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Chief Joellenbeck, Officer Steve Howe, Doug Ratermann of HMG Engineering, and Attorney Joe Heiligenstein

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh read a resignation letter from part-time officer Eric Bornemann.

Mayor Weh addressed the citizens and businesses of Trenton. He recapped that the city has been negotiating with Wesclin School District for their support of an extension of the city's main Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District which is set to expire in 2025. The city made one last offer, and the school has rejected that offer. The Mayor stated that negotiations will cease and the city will move forward with establishing a new TIF district that will begin immediately upon the expiration of the current TIF. Mayor Weh wanted it known that the demands of the school district were not cost effective for the city nor the businesses.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Minutes of the May 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, including Weh. Berry, Brown, and Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Attorney Heiligenstein pointed out that the next item on the agenda requires a simple majority of sitting council members. Tonight we do not have that. Alderman Deien made a motion to Continue to Date Certain, June 10, 2024 the motion to approve Ordinance #1842. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes including Weh. Berry, Brown and Mohme absent. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of the TIF extension. Mayor Weh covered that in his comments above.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1846 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes including Weh. Berry, Brown and Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Continue to Date Certain, June 10, 2024, the motion to Approve Ordinance #1847 Granting Special Use at 102 W Broadway. Motion failed due to the lack of a second. Mayor Weh then called for a motion to Approve Ordinance #1847 Granting Special Use at 102 W. Broadway. No motion was made. Ordinance #1847 dies due to lack of a motion.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1848 Redevelopment Agreement Bandy's Pharmacy. There was discussion about the terms and length of payout in this agreement, especially the payout period due to this TIF ending. The amount of the agreement was discussed and maximum payout of \$127,800.00 paid over 3 payments was decided upon. Alderman Deien withdrew his original motion. Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1848 Redevelopment Agreement Bandy's Pharmacy as amended. Second Alderman Deien. All yes including Weh. Berry, Brown and Mohme absent. Motion carried.

Doug Ratermann with HMG Engineering presented to council an overview of the Rebuild Downtown & Main Streets (RDMS) Grant compared to the grant that the city applied for in 2020. This grant has a 25% match with an application deadline of July 22, 2024, and an award date in the fall of 2024. The scoring matrix for this grant was discussed. There is a lot of weight put on diversity and jobs. For this grant all of the previously engineered plans will need to be updated and approvals from Illinois Department of Transportation will need to be obtained again. It is estimated that the cost would be \$3,000 - \$4,000 to complete the application. An environmental review may be required, which would be an additional cost to the city. In 2020 the estimated construction cost was \$700,000. Now it would be at least \$810,000. Mr. Ratermann informed the council that in August there will be an announcement of the ITEP Grant which is geared more toward pedestrian traffic which is where we score much higher on the matrix. Mr. Ratermann feels that the city would have a better chance at this grant. The cost for completing the application would be a bit higher, at \$5,000, and this grant requires environmental clearance. That cost could be as high as \$20,000. The grant is an 80/20 split. Mayor Weh prefers the ITEP grant. There was much discussion about which grant to apply for and what the chances were of being awarded either of these grants. The initial costs were also discussed. Mayor Weh called for a motion to Authorize HMG Engineering to Prepare and Submit a Rebuild Downtown & Main Streets (RDMS) Grant Application. No one made a motion. Motion failed due to lack of motion.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Sampson made a motion to enter closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) Setting a Price for the Sale of Property. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, including Weh. Berry, Brown and Mohme absent. Motion carried. Council entered closed session at 8:06 p.m.

The council re-entered the regular session at 8:48 p.m. Roll call: Berry (absent), Deien, Sampson, Brown (absent), Rakers, Mohme (absent), Weh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, including Weh. Berry, Brown and Mohme absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk