

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 25, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Andy Weh at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2024, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Treasurer Megan Donjon, Rhonda Breslin with Republic Services and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun,

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

Rhonda Breslin with Republic Services spoke to the council about their services and passed out a spreadsheet comparing local services and rates. She would like the City to renew the contract with her and not go out for bid. Mayor Weh explained that it has been 10 years since we bid on this and we feel that it is in the best interest of our residents to get the most competitive pricing.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving weekend.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Sampson said that some of the park lights are off schedule; on during the day and off at night.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck said that he got pricing for speed limit signs. From Warning Lites a pair of signs are \$7,107.50. From Radar Design the cost per unit is \$3,848.00. Chief reviewed pros and cons of each vendor's product. The Mayor and Chief feel these are necessary, but aldermen are concerned about how to pay for them. This was not a budgeted item. The mayor asked the Chief if he had anything left in his budget. Chief said his budget was cut so badly there is nothing left. Chief Joellenbeck went on to ask Council for the purchase of Flock License Plate Reading Cameras. We are the only community in Clinton County that does not have them. He has asked our businesses to sponsor the purchase of these cameras. These are expensive units. Mayor Weh asked Chief to prioritize these items for purchase and Chief said that he would prefer the LPR cameras over the speed limit signs. The cost of the LPR is \$3000.00 per unit per year, you need a minimum of two units, and you must do a two-year contract. Chief said the cost would be \$12,300.00 for these units. After much more discussion Chief Joellenbeck said he would like to have at least 4 or 5 of these cameras. When asked again the price, Chief said \$12,300 for the first year for two cameras plus the cost of any poles. This price includes installation. Then the cost is \$3000.00 per camera per year. Chief Joellenbeck has access to other communities cameras and showed council members live what the quality of the video is.

Mayor Weh informed Council that we are ready to get the RFP out for the waste collection. Clerk Buzzard would like to send that out on December 2, 2024 with a bid opening date of January 8, 2025. No one objected to that time frame.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, Brown and Berry absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Weh said there was a very good meeting last week regarding the tax levy and he thanked everyone for sticking around. Clerk Buzzard prepared several options for consideration and Mayor Weh prefers option #3 which has a total levy amount of \$406,587.00. This will keep our increase at the 5% and therefore we will not have to have a truth in taxation hearing. After some general discussion everyone was on board with option 3 so this will be voted on at the next meeting.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Award Bid to Mueth Excavating in the amount of \$10,875.00 for Grading and Seeding Drainage Ditch located east of City Water Tower. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Brown and Berry absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Resolution 20241125 Accepting Carl Ottensmeier's First Subdivision. Second Alderman Deien. Berry and Brown absent. All yes, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Deien made a motion to enter closed session for 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining and 5 ILSC 120/2(c)(11) Probable or Pending Litigation. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried. Berry and Brown absent. The Council entered closed session at 6:50 p.m.

The council re-entered the regular meeting at 7:24 p.m. Roll call: Rakers, Sampson, Sims, Berry (absent), Brown (absent), Deien.

BUSINESS AFTER CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Contract with Operating Engineers. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, Berry and Brown absent. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, Berry and Brown absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk

Notes taken by Treasurer Megan Donjon