

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, December 9, 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, December 9, 2024, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Berry, Brown, Deien, Rakers, Sampson, Sims All present

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Officer Howe, Kevin Tepen of C.J. Schlosser and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun,

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Chief Joellenbeck read a commendation he wrote for Officer Howe and the role he played in assisting the Missouri Highway Patrol in apprehending the driver of a fatal hit and run incident which occurred in Sullivan, Missouri last month.

Kevin Tepen of C. J. Schlosser reviewed the city's audit for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024. Highlights included a general fund surplus of nearly \$480,000.00. This has been solid for the last two years. Other government funds were as expected with expenses for an OSLAD grant being unique for the year. Water and sewer revenues were up and expenses held for the year. The audit showed a clean opinion for the year. The city's pension liability was at 92% funded for the year. The IMRF status fluctuates from year to year because it is so dependent upon investments. Investments have been strong this year and Mr. Tepen expects our pension liability to continue to be solid. Mayor Weh asked if the city should shore up the deficit in the park fund again this year. Mr. Tepen talked about park funds never being in the black and that many municipalities make the park a department within the general fund so that they don't need to shore it up annually. There would be no reason not to shore it up. Mayor Weh asked if there should be any changes in the methodology for next year. Mr. Tepen said no. They have no problems getting any of the information needed to complete the audit from Karen Buzzard.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

Mayor Weh stated that for the past seven weeks Clerk Karen Buzzard and Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn have been attending a Chancellor's Program in Planning and Zoning at the University of Missouri St. Louis. He asked Ms. Buzzard to give an overview of that course.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN**

Alderman Brown said that Ameren has published a map of the final design of the Sursee-Aviston transmission line. He asked if the mayor had any update on this status? Is this final or is there still an appeal that can be filed? Mayor Weh said that he has been trying to get in touch with Mark Litteken for an update.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Director of Public Works Brockhahn is unable to attend the meeting tonight but had the mayor update the council on a couple of matters. First, the new dump truck is here and is being lettered. Later tonight there is an ordinance to surplus the old truck. Director Brockhahn may wait a few weeks before he lists that on auction just to be sure there are no issues with the new truck and we still need to use the old one.

Second, Director Brockhahn wanted the council to know that he has updated information with the Capital Development Board and we are working with our inspectors to get some comparisons on the newer building codes so that we can make an informed decision about which version to adopt. Lastly, the tree root on the dais tonight is to show what happens when trees are planted too close to water lines. This root caused a water line break on Dates St.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Alderman Berry. All yes, motion carried. The consent agenda included a motion to approve minutes of the November 25, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, a motion to approve bills for the month of November 2024, a motion to approve payrolls for the month of November 2024, and a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2024.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Sampson made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1860 Providing for the Levy Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2024 and Ending April 30, 2025. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1861 Declaring 2000 Ford F550 as Surplus Property. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alderman Brown said our next meeting is scheduled for December 23, and asked if anyone would be traveling for the holidays. He wanted to be sure we would have a quorum. A couple may be out of town, but it appears we will have a quorum.

Mayor Weh read a prepared statement related to the Sunny Tut gas station. He invited anyone who has any questions to meet with him, he holds office hours every week.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk