

The regular Trenton City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gary Sellers on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Guests: Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Attorney Duane Clark, Scott Rakers of HMG, Kelly Ross of the Breese Journal, Terry Draper, Sandy Glanzner, Margaret Conley, Dean Zurliene, Jerry & Elaine Bruegemann, Mary Pennington, Barb & Mark Lockowitz, Leah Stanley

Roll call: Gruender, Jones, Klein, Kohlbrecher, Mohme, Westbrook. All present.

Mayor Sellers asked everyone to introduce themselves, and then called upon Terry Draper. Mr. Draper passed out a packet of maps to each of the aldermen. He stated that as a result of being forced to hook onto city sewer there were several problems, the Lockowitz house being the biggest of the problems. That house is built on a drainage easement. Mr. Draper's position is that the sewer line is not in the right spot and the manhole is not in a utility easement. He would like for the City to move the manhole and extend the sewer line 40' like the original plans show. Mayor Sellers asked if this had been measured. Superintendent Jones and Chief Jones said that they were going to measure tomorrow morning. Mr. Draper said that he planned on putting his force main in the same place that the City proposes a swale. Superintendent Jones stated that he is not sure the swale will be going in. Mayor Sellers stated that Alderman Kohlbrecher had a better idea that would not affect this area. Alderman Kohlbrecher outlined his plan. Superintendent Jones told Mr. Draper that he was given several options for his sewer line. Mr. Draper stated that no other options will work. After a brief heated exchange Mayor Sellers said that no decisions would be made tonight. Tomorrow measurements would be made and we would go from there. Alderman Jones asked what the cost to move a manhole is. Superintendent Jones said that he had no idea. He has given Mr. Draper several options not all of them involving the manhole. Mr. Draper said that he refuses to go onto private property. Alderman Jones asked Mr. Draper why the taxpayer should pick up the tab of moving a sewer line when there are other options available to him.

Attorney Clark had nothing to report under Attorney's report.

The minutes of the August 3, 2011 meeting were approved by motion Alderman Kohlbrecher, second Alderman Gruender. All yes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2011 was accepted by motion Alderman Mohme, second Alderman Kohlbrecher. All yes. Motion carried.

FINANCE: Alderman Jones informed the Council that the City has an agreement with Ameren IP in which a tax is imposed on all consumers of electricity in Trenton and a portion of that tax comes back to the City. With electricity being offered on the open market now he would like to see similar agreements made with all of those companies to preserve this revenue source. Mayor Sellers said that he would call Constellation Energy tomorrow to set one up.

PUBLIC WORKS: Alderman Kohlbrecher read Change Order #1 for the Broadway Sidewalk project. He then made a motion to accept the change order. Second Alderman Westbrook. Alderman Jones asked why he wasn't informed of these changes prior to them happening, and why he found out from the newspaper and not the Mayor. Mayor Sellers said that the changes do not need council approval. Alderman Jones stated that this was not handled properly. The lines of communication should come from the Mayor. The Mayor called for the vote. Gruender, yes, Jones, no; Klein, yes; Kohlbrecher, yes; Mohme, yes; Westbrook, yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Kohlbrecher made a motion to accept Change Order #2 as read. Alderman Westbrook asked how the changes were prioritized. He wanted to know if Superintendent Jones was

involved in the decision process. He was told yes. Sandy Glanzner wanted to know why this was being voted on now after the work was completed and not before. Attorney Clark said that due to the fact that there was no increase in the amount spent or any additional time spent that the council doesn't even need to vote. This is just a formality. Second Alderman Gruender. Gruender, yes; Jones, no; Klein, yes; Kohlbrecher, yes; Mohme, yes; Westbrook, yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Kohlbrecher made a motion to accept Change Order #3 as read. Second Alderman Gruender. Gruender, yes; Jones, no; Klein, yes; Kohlbrecher, yes; Mohme, yes; Westbrook, yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Kohlbrecher made a motion to pass Ordinance #1505, an ordinance authorizing the sale of personal property. He explained this personal property is the mower that the City accepted bids on earlier this summer. All bids were rejected. Second, Alderman Klein. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Kohlbrecher gave an update on the lining of the sewer behind Dairy King. He said that the company that will be doing the work (Walden) would like to do it at night. No one will be allowed to use water while the lining is being installed. With two businesses on that line, Walden would like to wait until the businesses close for the night. In addition there are about six residences on that line. A letter would be sent to them letting them know what work will be done and the date of the work. The only problem is that Trenton has a noise ordinance prohibiting any of this type of work to be done at night. Alderman Kohlbrecher made a motion to allow this work to be done at night. Dean Zurliene from Walden stated that they would be set up and ready to go as soon as the businesses close. There would be some noise, but that should be over by midnight and the job should be completed by 6AM. Second, Alderman Mohme. All yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Alderman Gruender called upon Superintendent Jones. He stated that semi tractor trailers park along King Oak Street. When two are parked there it isn't so bad, but when three are parked there they block the entrance to the maintenance shed, and there is no parking for the parents of the children that play soccer on the field across the street. The Mayor asked if we could find out who it is that parks there. Superintendent Jones asked if the council would consider making it a no parking zone on King Oak. Yes, an ordinance will need to be prepared.

The Chief reminded everyone that this weekend is the Trenton Fest. Parking will be at a premium, and he asked that no one park in the IGA lot until after they close for business. The parade will be Saturday at 5:30, and staging will take place on South Main and streets near the railroad tracks.

COMMUNITY COORDINATION: Alderman Westbrook called upon the Chief to explain the item on the agenda. He said that the TEMS organization will be doing training with search and rescue dogs on October 5th. They would like to do this in the park, but the City has an ordinance against dogs in the park. Mayor Sellers said that it would be OK for them to conduct this training in the park. Alderman Klein made a motion to allow dogs in the park for the TEMS training. Second Alderman Gruender. All yes, motion carried.

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Alderman Klein called upon the Chief. He explained to the Council that several homeowners have put concrete driveways over the City right of way. The homeowners have signed agreements that if the City needs to do repairs on the right of way and the concrete must be removed that the City will not replace it. The Chief said that he will file those agreements with the County, but would like to pass the cost of filing on to the homeowner. Mayor Sellers asked the Chief to find out what the filing fee is.

The Chief went on to say that the final plat for Wildwood Estates Subdivision 1st addition is ready for approval. The only thing missing is a letter of credit. The Chief said that the letter is at the bank and ready to be picked up tomorrow. Alderman Kohlbrecher made a motion to accept the final plat of the Wildwood Estates Subdivision 1st addition contingent upon receiving the letter of credit. Second, Alderman Gruender. All yes, motion carried.

PERSONNEL: The Chief informed the Council that 3 of the part time officers hired are ready to work. One will need to complete a 64 hour course and exam, and then she will be ready to go.

MISCELLANEOUS: Mayor Sellers said that the Trenton Fest Parade will be at 5:30 on Saturday. The Chamber of Commerce has invited the council members to join them on their float. Mayor Sellers asked Alderman Jones if there was money in the budget to purchase candy to throw. Alderman Kohlbrecher said that the Chamber has that taken care of.

Alderman Gruender made a motion to approve bills and payroll for August 2011. Second Alderman Jones. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Gruender made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Kohlbrecher. All yes motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk