

# **Council Work Session Minutes**

## **City of Trenton**

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Via zoom**

Mayor Calvin Woodrey called to order @ 6:31pm. All members of Council except Councilman Agee were in attendance. The Mayor turned the meeting over to City Manager Marcos Nichols. CM Nichols asked Interim Police chief Dave Rosenfelder to begin his discussion on the motion related to Chevrolet Tahoe Purchases. He explained the motion is to purchase two Tahoe's from Ganley Chevrolet not to exceed \$80,000 for use of our patrol officers. Councilman Nichols asked if this will now replace all of the crown vics in the fleet. Interim chief explained we still have three in service as backups.

Next Service Director Rob Leichman discussed his motion regarding the purchase of a new back hoe. Public works currently has two backhoes. We will be replacing the older one which we have been using strictly for salt use. The backup will be sold on an equipment auction. We hope to get \$5000.00 to \$8000.00 for it. The new one will be bigger and stronger than what we currently have. Next he discussed the Ordinance that will be voted on regarding creating a position for a part time administrative assistant and creating a pay scale for the position. This is up for adoption this evening. He explained in the short time that they have an assistant, that it has been very helpful.

City Treasurer Mike Engel discussed the correspondence items that were on the agenda for this evening. Fund balances look really good, general fund and sewer fund look good. The refuse fund is a little weak, due to this we may need to start the refuse rate incremental increase to start rebuilding this fund. We may need to add this as a supplemental to bring the fund to where it needs to be. Next he reviewed the income tax software that we paid for with cares funds. The finance department is looking forward to this software but the decision as to when to implement it is still being decided due to it being tax season right now and when it is implemented some things maybe shut down for a while. We know that to do the complete conversion of software, all of the financial system will be shut down for a period of time, up to two weeks. With this being known and due to some other factors, we are looking to switching to bi-weekly pay from weekly and or monthly except for those that are dictated by legislation to pay monthly or annually. He then went on to explain the \$0.29 streetlight increase to help to cover those charges, and finally quickly reviewed the five then and now's that are on the agenda. When there were no questions he deferred back to City Manager Nichols.

City Manager Nichols requested an executive session to consider confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance

and to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. Vice Mayor Ryan Perry made a motion to go into executive session for the purposes stated above, followed by a second by Councilman Nichols. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Council went into executive session at 7:01pm.

Vice Mayor Perry made a motion to come out of executive session and adjourn the Council work session at 7:29 pm, followed by a second by Councilman Nichols. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

The Council work session was adjourned at 7:29pm.