

Council Work Session Minutes

City of Trenton

February 4th, 2021

Mayor Calvin Woodrey called the Council work session to order. All members of Council and necessary administration were present. Mayor Woodrey asked for City Manager Nichols to begin. City Manager Nichols asked for Service director Rob Leichman and lead mechanic Cody Truster to begin their discussion on the motion related to the purchase of a service truck and crane. Cody explained that we have no way to lift heavy items for repair. This purchase would give us the ability to lift up to 4,000 lbs. and would also give us the ability to work off site without having to load the necessary tools, as the truck will stay stocked with necessary tools. The crane is a 20' electric lift crane. The truck will be gasoline fuel. Vice-Mayor Perry asked if a 4,000 lb. lift capacity would be enough? Cody explained that he had researched this. The heaviest item we would use this on within the city is about 2,200 lbs, so yes he feels confident this will be enough. Councilman Nichols stated this is nothing against Public Works but meant for all departments that he strongly feels we need to slow down on major purchases until we get through this Pandemic as we do not have a real idea of what the impact to our revenues it will have. Again he stated he understood the need for the crane truck but just wants all departments to keep in mind that he feels we should slow down on the major purchases. Mr. Leichman stated that he understood his concerns but feels each department is getting closer to having what we need to continue to operate at a level in which we continue to move forward. He feels he thinks Council will see the purchasing slow down for that reason. It just so happens that a lot of the equipment is coming to time to replace and equipment is definitely expensive.

Next City Treasurer Mike Engel gave an explanation on the motions for the then and now's explaining this is a compliance item, that sometimes invoices come due at the beginning of the year before proper P.O.'S can be made and this way we stay in compliance with the Auditor's office to get these paid in a timely manner. He then went onto explain another compliance item which is the motion for the budget transfers. This just shows any transfers we make within the budget to keep funds within their fund balance requirements. Next he explained the first

supplemental ordinance that is up for the first reading, explaining that this is actually a reduction to a fund to keep them properly appropriated.

Next City Manager Marcos Nichols reviewed the newly proposed sign ordinance. He explained this had already been to the Audit committee and there was some language that the committee wanted Council to consider. So the ordinance has been brought to Council for review and possible passage. City Manager Nichols stated we will have all three readings on this ordinance to give Council some time to consider all the language presented. A short discussion was had regarding the ordinance. Finally City Manager Nichols asked for an executive session. Vice Mayor Perry made a motion that Council go into 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, followed by a second by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken; 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Council went into executive session at 7:04 pm.

Vice Mayor Perry made a motion to come out of executive session and to adjourn the Council work session, followed by a second by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. The Council work session was adjourned at 7:27pm.