

City of Trenton
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 15th, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Calvin Woodrey called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:35pm.

PRAYER

City Treasurer Mike Engel led us in prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

ROLL CALL

All members of Council were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the March 25th, 2021 Special Council Meeting.
2. Minutes of the April 1st, 2021 Work Session.
3. Minutes of the April 1st, 2021 Council Meeting.

A motion to approve the above minutes was made by Vice Mayor Perry and seconded by Councilwoman Harris. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Statement of Cash Position
2. Treasury Investment Report
3. Fund Balance Status Report

City Treasurer Mike Engel reviewed the correspondence during the Council work session but stated that all funds are within compliance levels.

PRESENTATIONS

1. None.

AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC

1. Comments can be submitted via email to the clerk of Council at ldaley@ci.trenton.oh.us before meeting and will be answered during audience of Public. There were no comments submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A MOTION APPROVING THE 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSFERS. THIS SEPARATE LEGISLATION TO SHOW TRANSFERS IS RECOMMENDED BY THE AUDITORS AS AN ANNUAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE. THE SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSFER SCHEDULE IS ATTACHED HEREWITH AS EXHIBIT A.

A motion to approve the 2021 supplemental transfers was made by Vice Mayor Perry and seconded by Councilwoman Harris. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

2. A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A HIGH SERVICE PUMP FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, MODEL 6AE16G FROM CORPORATE EQUIPMENT COMPANY AT A COST OF TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$28,957.00) AND, FURTHER, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.

A motion to authorize was made by Vice Mayor Perry, followed by a second by Councilman Nichols. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

LEGISLATION

A motion to read legislation items #1 and #2 by title only was made by Vice Mayor Perry, followed by a second by Councilwoman Harris. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. City Attorney Nick Ziepfel read items #1 and #2 by title only, pausing after each to vote on each item.

1. AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CERTAIN PARTS OF THE EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE PLAN, FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(Third Reading)**

Vice Mayor Perry made a motion to adopt, followed by a second by Councilwoman Harris. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

2. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 280.05 ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. **(Third Reading)**

Vice Mayor Perry made a motion to adopt, followed by a second by Councilwoman Combs. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

*City Attorney Nick Ziepfel read items #3, #4, and #5 under legislation in their entirety. The second reading of these items will be at the May 6th Council meeting.

3. AN ORDINANCE (SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS) AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2021 FINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 29-2020 TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE WATER FUND AND THE SEWER FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading)**

4. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,750,000 ROAD IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, BY THE CITY OF TRENTON, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading)**
5. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "UTILITY CREDIT MEMO FUND", NUMBERED 028 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING, REPORTING, AND ACCOUNTING FOR UTILITY BILL OVERPAYMENTS OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading)**

REPORTS

City Attorney Nick Ziepfel had no reports.

City Treasurer Mike Engel stated that the City is trying to bring a Butler County Health Department Strike Team to bring vaccines to the area for our resident's that may have limited ability to get to other sites. He will keep Council informed as he gets more information.

City Manager Marcos Nichols had no reports.

Council Clerk Laura Daley had no reports.

AUDIENCE OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Harris thanked Mr. Engel for his efforts working with the Butler County Health dept. If you are looking for or needing an appointment, she urges you to look on the Butler County Health Dept. website for more information on where vaccinations are available now. She then reminded everyone that may 6th is the National day of prayer, the EMA will once again be hosting reading the bible from cover to cover beginning on May 6th at Founder's Park, and this should be complete within three days, reading 24 hours a day. Multiple volunteers have signed up on the EMA's website for time slots in which they will be reading.

Councilwoman Combs received a call from a concerned resident that lives near the top of Ginger Ridge, she stated that she has noticed multiple children riding their bikes on the access road to the water tower, she is concerned a child will be injured. Councilwoman Combs said she recalls this being an issue in the past and remembers talk of placing a gate there, she is thinking there may be a need. She then stated that this week is national tele communicators' week, so she would like to thank all of our dispatchers for all of their hard work.

Councilman Agee welcome Elevated fitness, he states the place has a lot of energy in which he felt at the ribbon cutting. He then stated that he understood that that our playground equipment has been audited by our Insurance company, they stated some items are showing issues causing alarm. * A discussion followed this statement, regarding what equipment needed to be repaired or replaced, where the funding should or could come from and what was going to be done to make sure our resident's children are kept safe during this time. Service Director Rob Leichman stated they plan to purchase a 6' metal fence to put up around the playground equipment until it is deemed safe. Council expressed the disappointment that this was brought to their attention at peak park season as it is their understanding that this wear did not happen over a short period of time and could have been repaired at a different time of the year rather than the peak of park season. Many options were discussed and City Manager Marcos Nichols stated they would make it a priority.

Councilman Nichols thanked everyone that was involved with the Easter service. He then asked where we are with the paving projects, he reminded administration that at the talks while trying to get levies passed to fund these projects that we stated that we would pave whether the levy passed or not, he realizes that because the levy did not pass we may not be able to pave as much but would like the community to know what the plans are for paving this year. Service Director Rob Leichman says we will be starting with East State Street as it has rated failing and is most traveled, plus there were additional funds that we had set aside for the round about that are not needed will be transferred to the State Street funding. If there is time we will begin going down the list per their rating. We plan to use funding from multiple funds to try to accomplish as much paving as we can. Councilman Nichols asked what happened to the funding that we had budgeted last year, due to it not being used due to very high bids. City Treasurer explained those funds were carried over to be used on paving.

Vice Mayor Perry expressed that he disliked the idea of spending \$6700 on a fence to keep kids off the equipment rather than spending that money towards the repairs or replacement of much needed equipment. It is troubling to him that the equipment is failing and more was not done sooner. He realizes the equipment was new in 1999 and is over to be replaced. He feels this should have been reported to the safety director sooner so that the issues could have gotten to the correct person to make sure the repairs or replacement was done as the equipment gets weekly inspections by public works. Mr. Leichman stated he knew of the equipment's condition and it just got the failed inspection by the insurance company. Marcos stated that we are working on making sure such communication is corrected. Vice Mayor Perry then stated moving onto more pleasant things, if a strike force is possible, what about using the park for the location, we could set up a drive thru vaccination site similar to how they have things set-up at the Butler County fairgrounds. Next he stated at the last Parks board meeting we set the dates for the movies in the park beginning June 12th, and dates following in July, August, and September. They had three speakers regarding the comprehensive plans for the park, also there was some talk regarding the need for handicap swings at the park as well.

Mayor Woodrey has been able to participate in a few community events recently, one being the Easter Service, it was very nice. Also just before the Work session, the ribbon cutting of the new business Elevated Fitness. This means that the building there at the 700 block of East State Street is being completely utilized. We wish all our businesses the best of luck and congratulate Elevated Fitness for the grand opening of their business.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Perry made a motion to adjourn at 8:28pm, followed by a second by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. The regular Council meeting was adjourned.