

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 10, 2025

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, March 10, 2025, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Officer Stogner, Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Barry Siren, Dave Brandmeyer, Rhonda with Republic Services, Representatives from AAA Waste and Aspen Waste and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun,

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

BUSINESS PRIOR TO PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Weh opened public hearing for the fiscal year 2026 budget at 6:01 p.m. Interim Budget Officer Karen Buzzard gave the staff report. There were no questions from any public. No one from the Council had any questions. Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1863 Approving Budget for the Corporate Purpose of Trenton, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025 and Ending April 30, 2026. Second Alderman Sims. All yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh stated that the weather is getting warmer so be mindful of children going to and from school. Also be aware of golf carts on the roads.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Brown said the park is super busy now and asked drivers to slow down while driving through the park.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Clerk Buzzard reminded those that have not yet filed their Statement of Economic Interest with Clinton County to do so.

Director of Public Works Brockhahn said there was a record number of people out Saturday for the park clean up and thanked everyone that helped.

IDOT has approved the MFT resolution the City submitted for this year. There will be a bid opening on March 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for MFT.

Former City Clerk Carol Metzger passed away recently.

Officer Howe has submitted his resignation. Chief Joellenbeck said that he left to go to Clinton County Sheriff Department for \$10,000.00 more per year and cheaper health insurance.

Mayor Weh asked for a moment of silence in honor of Carol Metzger.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Brown made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the Minutes of the February 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, the bills for the month of February, 2025, the payrolls for the month of February 2025, and the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1864 Implementing A Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupational Tax and A Municipal Grocery Service Occupational Tax. Second Alderman Sims. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Award Contract for Refuse to Republic Services. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. This would be for the alternate bid offer from Republic Services for a three year contract with options for years four and five.

Mayor Weh asked if everyone had reviewed the recent offer from Dimension Energy. He stated that there are three options; 1, let them know we are not interested in any offers and do not support this project; 2, take the offer of \$300,000.00 or a variation of the offer; 3, make a counteroffer. Mayor Weh asked if anyone was interested in just saying no. No one was. There was discussion about future growth in that area especially with the potential Sursee power line coming to that area. Council would like language in the agreement related to responsibility for clean up after any natural disaster and would like to have both a pre-annexation agreement with a community benefit agreement. There was discussion about the dollar amount and the number of installment payments. Mayor Weh said that Mr. Irby has called him multiple times today to see how these discussions are going with Council, so Mayor Weh will call him tomorrow with the update and to get answers to Council's questions. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Amend Contract with Visu-Sewer to Add approximately 400 linear feet of 8" Pipe Lining to Project in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. Director Brockhahn said that this work would be completed at the same time the rest of the sewer lining is done.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk