

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 28, 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, April 28, 2025, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Berry (absent), Brown, Deien, Rakers, Sampson, Sims

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Officer Heier, Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Dave Brandmeyer, Treasurer Megan Donjon, Barry Sieren and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun,

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh informed everyone that Alderman Joe Berry was in a motorcycle accident and asked for prayers for a speedy recovery.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Director of Public Works Brockhahn said that a blower went out at the wastewater treatment plant. It will be sent off to see if it is repairable.

The city has three water leaks that it knows of right now. Director Brockhahn has called IL Rural Water Association to come out with their listening device to help pinpoint the exact location of each leak. This is a service that is provided free of charge with our annual membership. The leaks are on Grant Ct., on Spruce, and behind 1st Street.

The Park Boosters have spent money on Diamond #1 and now have purchased another set of bleachers for the pool. The city will pour a concrete pad for the bleachers when the rain stops and we can get a concrete truck in.

The library project has started, and we have run into some complications. Director Brockhahn will report back when he has more details.

Chief Joellenbeck said that the police department received an award from Lexipol for Excellence in Policy Management.

Attorney Heiligenstein said he would send an email to all Aldermen before the next council meeting related to the pre-annexation hearing and vote that will take place at the next meeting. Mayor Weh thanked Attorney Heiligenstein for his dedication and service over the last four years. Attorney Heiligenstein appreciated the mayor's confidence and appointment.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Forgiveness of Interfund loan between Recreation Fund and General Fund in an amount of \$252,041.00. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Award FY26 MFT Maintenance to low bidders as follows: Evergreen Roadworks for Bituminous materials, HFE-300 at \$2.96/gallon and HFE-150 at \$2.81/gallon; S-C Transport for the Seal coat Aggregate, Crushed Stone, CA-15 at \$19.6/ton; and DeLaurent Construction Co. for Seal Coat Aggregate, Load, Spread & Roll at \$24.00/ton. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Resolution 20250428 To Include Cash Payments In Lieu Of or Related to Health Insurance as IMRF Earnings. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Resolution 20250428-1 To Include Taxable Allowances as IMRF Earnings. Second Alderman Brown. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Resolution 20250428-2 A Resolution Providing for a Feasibility Study on the Designation of Areas As Redevelopment Project Areas. Second Alderman Sampson. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried.

The council took no action on the Plan Commissions Findings and Recommendation to approve the variance request at 305 W Broadway therefore, after 21 days the Plan Commissions recommendation will prevail.

Chief Joellenbeck said that the budget for next year includes \$13,300.00 toward the purchase of two Flock License Plate Reader cameras. He has obtained donations from area businesses in the amount of \$5,650.00 and his benevolent association will pay the balance of the estimated total of \$30,000.00 for the purchase of five total cameras and installation. This would be for a two-year period. The only amount the city would be on the hook for is \$13,300.00. There is no IDOT Right-of-way along IL Route 160 south out of town so Chief Joellenbeck will need to get permission from the property owners for any camera installation along there. Flock will secure any permits needed from IDOT for installations along any of their right-of-way. The city will not own any of this equipment, so if anything is destroyed it will be replaced by Flock. The city won't be billed until the first camera goes live.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, Berry absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk