

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Brandmeyer at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Hooker, Sims, Deien (absent), Rakers, Jervis

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Officer Salvi, Treasurer Megan Donjon, Juliete Menning and family, Brennan Little, Attorney Joe Heiligenstien and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun,

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Juliete Menning of Wesclin Elementary wrote a paper nominating Officer Salvi for a Hometown Hero award. While Officer Salvi did not win, he was finalist. She read her paper and Officer Salvi was recognized.

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Brandmeyer announced that the community pool will open this Thursday, May 29 for the season.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Sims introduced Mr. Little as then new officer for the Trenton Police Department. If anyone has any questions for him he is here.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck said that Officer Little lives off Wesclin Rd so he is close. The LPR cameras are moving along. The IDOT paperwork was received today and markings are on the road where the cameras will be placed.

Mayor Brandmeyer said the mold removal at the library has been scheduled and will cost less than \$5,000.00. He will have grant information for the next meeting.

The water heater at the pool has gone out and will need to be replaced. One bid has been received for \$5,000.00.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Minutes of the May 12, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Sims. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Accept the Resignation of Alderman Dusty Sampson. Second Alderman Sims. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Appointment of Toni Bridick to fill vacancy as Alderman Ward 2. Second Alderman Hooker. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried.

Clerk Buzzard was not present at the meeting and Alderwoman Bridick was not sworn in. Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve 3% Salary Increase for Administration Staff. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sims made a motion to Approve Appointment of Karen Buzzard as City Collector and Approve Employment Contract. Second Alderman Hooker. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Appointment of Karen Buzzard as Interim Budget Officer. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Appointment of Andy Brockhahn as Director of Public Works and Approve Employment Contract. Second Alderman Sims. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Appointment of Andy Brockhahn as Interim Building and Zoning Administrator. Second Alderman Sims. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Appointment of Chris Joellenbeck as Chief of Police and Approve Employment Contract. Second Alderman Sims. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Creation of Park Committee. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried. Mayor Brandmeyer said this park committee is being formed to get more public input on matters pertaining to public recreation in Trenton. It will be a recommending board. Initial members are: Brent Woods, Pam West, Kyle Elmore, Gretchen Rakers, Don Williams, Melanie Reinhardt, Phil Schmitt, and Penny Marks.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rakers made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, Deien absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk