

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 14, 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 14, 2025, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Weh congratulated all of the newly elected officials and wished all the best to everyone.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Clerk Buzzard had a resident request that the City set up wire transfer or direct ACH payments for utility bills. He currently uses his bank's online banking, which the bank cuts a paper check and mails to the city. Last month several of these payments were not received by the city, causing late charges. Existing options of direct debit and credit card payment were not acceptable to this resident. Council feels there are sufficient options available for our residents to pay their utility bills.

Republic Services has presented the second revision of the renewal contract, the first having several areas that needed correction. Clerk Buzzard said the one item that remains different is the yard waste collection. The contract is putting a cap on the number of bags/cans of yard waste that will be picked up per week. The request for proposal was written for unlimited pick-up per household, just as our current contract is. After discussion, the Council wants the contract to reflect the RFP and include unlimited pick-up per household.

The City recently underwent a compliance audit from Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). The overall result was good. There are two resolutions that need to be filed with IMRF if the city wishes to continue to allow IMRF credit for these particular earnings. One resolution would be for the phone stipend that is paid, and the other resolution would be for the in lieu of insurance stipend that is paid. The council has no issues with either. The resolutions will be on the next agenda for approval.

Director of Public Works Brockhahn said bids were opened on March 26th for this year's Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) program. The bid tabulations sheet was in the packet. There is no slag this year so we will need to use chips.

The electric aggregation contract was signed last week with a lower rate than what experts expected.

Sewer lining is currently happening. Visu-sewer is working tonight and possibly tomorrow night to line the sewer in the alley between Broadway and 1st Street while the businesses are closed.

Chief Joellenbeck believes he got a grant from the US Deputy Sheriff Association in the amount of \$3,600.00 which will be used to purchase 3 tactile helmets.

The police department has started doing ordinance stuff.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The council took no action on the Review of the Plan Commissions Findings and Recommendations for 215 E Broadway Variance, therefore after 21 days the Plan Commissions recommendation for approval will stand.

Alderman Brown made a motion to Approve Contract with Moran Economic Development for Establishment of New Tax Increment Finance District. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, Berry and Sampson absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Weh opened a discussion with the council about the deficit in the park fund. He would like to use general fund surplus to cover the park fund deficit, similar to past years. Everyone agreed, so this will be on the next meeting's agenda for approval.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Buzzard brought up that the Community Benefit Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement with Dimension Energy were in the packet for review. She asked if anyone had any questions. No one did. The required notice of hearing for the pre-annexation will be published in the Trenton Sun this week. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. here at City Hall. Mayor Weh stated that Attorney Heiligenstein is still reviewing the agreements.

Volunteers are needed to work the concession stands this summer. Please see Megan Donjon to work a shift or two.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk