

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

ROLL CALL

Deien, Hooker, Bridick, Jervis, Rakers, Sims All present.

Also present was Officer Salvi, Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Doug Ratermann from HMG Engineering, Mr. Sieron, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun,

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Brandmeyer commended everyone that helped out during the recent flood. Each of the city's departments played a role in our quick response to residents and Mayor Brandmeyer really appreciates the help from all who chipped in.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Bridick seconded Mayor Brandmeyer's sentiments.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck informed the Council that one of the speed limit signs is up on S. Main Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Minutes of the July 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The City Council chose not to exercise their power of administrative review for the variance request at 203 E Broadway. The Plan Commission recommendation is to grant the variance. With no administrative review, after 21 days the plan commission recommendation will go into effect.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Resolution 20250728 Trenton Fest Parade. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Resolution 20250728-01 America 250. Second Alderman Bridick. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Continue to the August 11, 2025 meeting the Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Trenton and the Village of New Baden. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried. Attorney Heiligenstein said that he has not heard from New Baden's attorney on this agreement, therefore we should wait before approving it.

CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Heiligenstein said if Council wants to discuss the Collective Bargaining agreement for the police in detail then we could go into closed session. The basics of the agreement are a 3% raise annually, a 2% longevity increase at specific years, city portion of the health insurance to go from 75% to 80%, and an increase in the starting wage of \$2.00/hr. The concessions made were no holiday pay if taking vacation on a holiday and some changes in bidding and scheduling. This was done in hopes that our department will be more competitive and that we will see some longevity in our officers.

ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Illinois FOP Labor Council and City of Trenton. Second Alderman Hooker. All yes, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Enter Closed Session citing 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Pending or Probable Litigation Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried. The council entered closed session at 6:14 p.m.

The Council re-entered the regular meeting at 6:17 p.m. Roll call: Bridick, Deien, Jervis, Hooker, Rakers, Sims. All present

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk