

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 11, 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, August 11, 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, Treasurer Megan Donjon, Mr. Sieron, Kevin Litteken of Jim's Formal Wear, Jackie VanGorkam, Larry Davis and Angie Chute of Trenton Library, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun,

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Chute of the Trenton Library wanted to know when she would be able to get part of her building back. She had to cancel the summer reading program, the story hour and her Halloween program because she has no place to host these events. Mayor Brandmeyer was at the library on June 5, 2025 when the remediation was completed and was there when Ms. Chute was told that she could utilize the whole building. There is no reason to not use the building. Mr. Davis said that they are waiting for the foundation to be fixed. They do not want to move everything twice. Mayor Brandmeyer stated that Ms. Chute is going to write a grant for the foundation and other work at the library. We can't do the work until the grant is approved. Ms. Chute stated the grant is a matching grant so we need to spend the money before we can request reimbursement. That is true, but we cannot ask for grant money for projects that have already been completed. Mayor Brandmeyer offered again to assist Ms. Chute with this grant.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Brandmeyer reminded everyone that this weekend is Trenton Fest. Come out and support it.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Deien asked about the caution tape around the pole at Adams and Broadway. Public Works Director Brockhahn said that is an Ameren pole. He just met with them and they plan to fill in the hole with dirt. Director Brockhahn would like to run some die in there first to see if he can find the root of the problem.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck informed the Council that beginning August 18, 2025 New Route 50 will be closed from IL 160 to Old Route 50 at Summerfield for bridge repairs. Traffic will be detoured on Old Route 50 through the 4-way stop in Trenton. Chief Joellenbeck has asked for IDOT permission to re-position the radar signs. He has also requested additional support from Clinton County Sheriff and will work on getting a temporary stop light from IDOT.

Director of Public Works Brockhahn said there was a sewer back up over the weekend. All is clear now.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as read. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried. The consent agenda includes a Motion to Approve Minutes of the July 28, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, a Motion to Approve Bills for the month of July 2025, a Motion to Approve Payrolls for the month of July 2025, a Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2025, a Motion to Approve Appointment of Larry Davis and Kim Wiggins to Library Board term to expire July 2026, a Motion to Approve Appointment of Ann Albers, Kelly Wilhelm and Mary Huelsmann to Library Board term to expire July 2027, and a Motion to Approve Appointment of Tom Rankin, Jackie VanGorkom and Steve Schatz to Library Board term to expire July 2028.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement Between City of Trenton and Village of New Baden. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Allow Park to remain open until 1 a.m. and to allow liquor sales until 12:30 a.m. on August 16, 2025 and August 17, 2025 for Trenton Fest. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried.

Kevin Litteken with Jim's Formal Wear talked of the tornado damage to their building. TIF assistance is being sought for improvements to the parking lot, mostly for drainage improvements. Currently everything drains toward the building. Mayor Brandmeyer said that we will not pay for paving parking lots, but the infrastructure improvements such as drainage are fine. Mr. Litteken reviewed the numbers. Council agreed to reimburse a maximum of \$75,000.00 of TIF eligible expenses. The agreement will be drawn up and approved at the next meeting.

Alderman Hooker reviewed his committee's discussions on building permit fees. He said he wants Trenton to be in line with other Clinton County communities. The committee recommends lowering our permit multiplier to 0.0015 percent effective October 1, 2025, with an annual review of this number. The International Code Council (ICC) building valuation date table will be updated to the February 2025 table, and updated twice a year when it is issued. An ordinance outlining these changes will be approved at our next meeting.

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Resolution 20250811 A Resolution Designating a Developer for Development of Certain Property at 411 E Broadway, Trenton, Illinois and Declaring an Intent to Reimburse Certain Development Project Cost. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Buzzard reminded everyone that we will have a Public Hearing for the new TIF district on August 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk