

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 10, 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, November 10, 2025, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Treasurer Megan Donjon, Carol and Ron Kapp, Officer Mora and Officer Little, Danielle Helbig and family members, Tyler Griesbaum and family members, Kayle Athmer and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun,

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Clerk Buzzard swore in newly appointed Officers Helbig and Griesbaum.

PUBLIC INPUT

Carol Kapp complimented the public works department on the great job of filling in the cracks in the roads in her subdivision this summer, but wants to know when her road will be done. Director of Public Works Brockhahn said that money is put in the budget each year for road repairs and we will have to see what that dollar amount will be for next year and what the priorities will be for that money.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

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CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Bridick absent. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda included a motion to Approve Minutes of the October 27, 2025 Regular Council meeting, a motion to Approve Bills for the month of October 2025, a motion to Approve the Payrolls for the month of October 2025, and a motion to Approve the Treasurer's report for the month of September 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1878 Jason and Kayla Athmer TIF Agreement. Second Alderman Hooker. All yes, Bridick absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Press Coffee owner, Mike Conley has submitted a TIF application for replacement of flooring in the coffee shop. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$13,300.00 and he is requesting a 60% reimbursement based on the previous TIF agreements he has had with the city. No one had any objections. This will be on next meeting's agenda for approval.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1879 Amending Chapter 48 of the City of Trenton Code of Ordinances. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Bridick absent. Motion carried. This ordinance removes the current requirement of an architect's stamp on drawing for any multi-family or commercial structure and replaces it with the ability to have an engineer

stamp drawings. If the project cost exceeds ten million dollars then both an architect and engineer must stamp the drawings. There was very much discussion about the pros and cons of who stamps drawings and at what project cost level should both be required. This ordinance does not change the process for an architectural review of any plans submitted to the city. That will always take place, no matter the cost of the project. When the discussion came to a close, the council approved the ordinance as it was written.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance #1880 Amending Chapter 38 of the Trenton Code of Ordinances by Adding Article VI Establishing Standards for the Construction of Facilities on the Rights-of-Way. Second Alderman Sims. All yes, Bridick absent. Motion carried.

Forefront Power has approached the City for a pre-annexation agreement so they can put in a solar farm within the mile and one-half radius of Trenton. This location would be at the intersection of County Line Road and Highline Road. The city is waiting on a proposal from Forefront Power.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Rakers made a motion to enter Closed Session for 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Purchase or Lease of Real Property. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Bridick absent. Motion carried. The council entered closed session at 6:38 p.m.

The council re-entered the regular meeting at 6:55 p.m. Roll Call: Bridick absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Hooker. All yes, Bridick absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk