

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, January 12, 2026

**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, January 12, 2026, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Trenton Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students Madilyn Westbrook and Kynzlei Hofmeister.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Treasurer Megan Donjon, Barry Sieron, Paolo and Jessica Guazzin, Kendra Sievers and Kevin Tepen of CJ Schlosser and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun,

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Kendra Sievers of CJ Schlosser (CPA) gave the audit report for fiscal year ended April 2025. She reviewed the government funds followed by the water and sewer funds. The city had a modest surplus for the year. It was a clean audit overall.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR**

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**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF**

Clerk Buzzard reminded everyone to file their statement of economic interest. This can be done on the county's website.

Director of Public Works Brockhahn announced that there will be a bid opening on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 2:00 pm at City Hall for sewer lining for 2026. Several sinkholes have developed on Washington. There is no obvious cause, but while investigating several buried manholes were found and raised to street level. A public works committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss water and sewer rates and upcoming budget items.

Chief of Police Joellenbeck said the evidence room has been remodeled. The Attorney General will audit the room then turn it over to Officer Mora.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried. The consent agenda included a motion to Approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2025 Regular Council meeting, a motion to Approve Bills for the month of December 2025, a motion to Approve the Payrolls for the month of December 2025, and a motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2025.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Brandmeyer stated that the new TIF IV has projected revenue for the first year of \$27,000.00. With no balance in that TIF fund the city cannot enter into redevelopment agreements in a similar way to the agreements at the end of the original TIF. At the recent committee meeting to discuss Hank's Bowl TIF application no decision was made on what to

award. Council has already committed to one project from this new TIF at 100% of the increment to a max of \$40,000.00. Mayor Brandmeyer believes that if we structured an agreement like this for Hank's Bowl that we would never get to what is being requested. After much discussion it was decided to reimburse 110% of the increment for 20 years to a maximum of \$200,000.00, whichever is reached first.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Resolution 20260112 Approving J-Rock Family Split. Second Alderman Bridick. All yes, Rakers abstained. Motion carried.

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Resolution 20260112-1 Adopting Clinton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Ordinance 1883 Authorizing City of Trenton to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried. The Illinois EPA is requiring the city to resubmit this information for funding of the new water tower and replacement of the main water transmission line.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Rakers made a motion to enter into closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Purchase or Lease of Real Property. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried. Council entered closed session at 6:36 p.m.

Council re-entered the regular meeting at 7:14 p.m. Roll Call: Bridick, Deien, Hooker, Jervis, Rakers, Sims. All present.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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Karen Buzzard, City Clerk