

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 9, 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, February 9, 2026, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by 3rd grader Sylvia Jervis.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Treasurer Megan Donjon, Steve Brown, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun,

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Brown inquired about the water tower project. He wanted to know if there would be, or had there been a public hearing. A public hearing was held quite some time ago on this project. Mr. Brown wanted to know how much water rates will be increased because of this project. That is a hard question to answer. The project total is \$7.5 million, but the city may be eligible for partial principal loan forgiveness. We do not yet know what the final cost will be. The public works committee is working on possible rate increase options.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Brandmeyer announced a concert by America We Sing on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at Trenton First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. This is part of Trenton’s America 250 program. He encouraged everyone to attend.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Jervis would like to fast track permits for foundations. Director of Public Works Brockhahn said that we have only one building permit, we don’t need multiple permits for the same project. Alderman Jervis will put this on the public works committee agenda for further discussion. Alderman Hooker scheduled said committee meeting for Friday, February 20, at 3:30 p.m.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

With Valentines Day approaching Chief Joellenbeck warned of romance scams.

Director of Public Works Brockhahn said that staff is beginning to work on the budget, so if any aldermen have heard their constituents mention any projects be sure to get that information to the committee chair for public works and public safety.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Rakers absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda included a motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2026, Regular Council meeting, a motion to Approve Bills for the month of January 2026, a motion to Approve the Payrolls for the month of January 2026, and a motion to Approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Jervis made a motion to Approve Pipe Grouting from Visu-Sewer in the amount of \$32,620.00. Second Alderman Bridick. All yes, Rakers absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Bridick made a motion to Approve Park Projects of Amphitheater, Fence along Broadway, Backstop, Pool Shade and Dugout in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 to be paid from Community Solar Project proceeds. Second Alderman Hooker. All yes, Rakers absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Ordinance 1888 Authorizing Sale of City Property. Second Alderman Hooker. All yes, Rakers absent. Motion carried. This is to sell a 2003 Ford F550 with snowplow, a 2004 Ford F350, and a 2008 Ford F250.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Resolution 20260209 Motor Fuel Tax Program for Fiscal Year 2027. Second Alderman Bridick. All yes, Rakers absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Brandmeyer said that he and Clerk Buzzard had a meeting with Forefront Power Solar. They want to install a solar farm at the intersection of Highline Road and County Line Road. This is just at the edge of our mile and one-half radius. This proposed solar farm is half the size of the previous one the city approved. The Forefront solar people are in receipt of the community benefit agreement the city has with Dimension Energy and initially offered the city \$100,000.00. Mayor Brandmeyer said that he didn't think the council would be interested in that amount. Council agreed that at least \$200,000.00 would be acceptable. Mayor Brandmeyer will reach back out to Forefront to let them know council's decision. If they are in agreement then we will have our attorney, Joe Heiligenstein, draft the agreement for council approval. Council did not think it necessary for Forefront to come to present at a meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hooker made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, Rakers absent. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk