

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 13, 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, April 13, 2026, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Jeff Bridick and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun,

BUSINESS PRIOR TO PUBLIC INPUT

- i. Mayor Brandmeyer opened the Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2027 Budget at 6:01
 - ii. Clerk Buzzard gave a brief overview of proposed budget with surplus/deficit totals per fund. She also gave a breakdown of the major projects and purchases that were included for the year.
 - iii. No public was present.
 - iv. The public hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.
1. Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Ordinance 1892 Approving Budget for the Corporate Purpose of Trenton, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2026 and Ending April 30, 2027. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

The Stars, Stripes and Street Vibes event will be this Saturday in downtown Trenton from 10-2. Mayor Brandmeyer confirmed that we will have a quorum for the meeting the week of Memorial Day.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

Alderman Jervis stated that other municipalities live stream their council meetings. He wanted to know if we would consider recording then posting on YouTube or live streaming on the city's Facebook page. Mayor Brandmeyer said that we could look into this when we get back into city hall for our meetings. Chief Joellenbeck said that we need to be sure to disable comments. Mayor Brandmeyer had a concern about points being taken out of context.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Director of Public Works Brockhahn informed the council that the sewer pipe lining for this fiscal year is completed. He will be meeting with Poettker Construction tomorrow to discuss the removal of the glass block front wall of City Hall. The rest of the City Hall renovations are coming along. All of the plumbing is in. Electric work is being done now. Walls are studded and insulated where they can be. It was decided to carpet the floor in the council chambers to reduce the noise.

Chief Joellenbeck announced that the academy candidates will graduate next Friday and start work the following Monday. Much of their field training will be done by Clinton County Deputy Steve Howe. There will be a DEA Drug Takeback day on April 25, 2026. There is a box located in the lobby of the police station available at all times for dropping off drugs. Please no liquids or aerosols. DARE graduation will be coming up but no date has been set yet.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Hooker. All yes, motion carried. The consent agenda included a motion to Approve Minutes of the March 23, 2026 Regular Council meeting, a motion to Approve Bills for the month of March 2026, a motion to Approve Payrolls for the month of March 2026, a motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2026, a motion to Approve Appointment of Caitlyn Crain to Plan Commission, term to expire 3/2029, and a motion to Approve Appointment of Pat Bassler to Plan Commission, term to expire 3, 2029.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brandmeyer introduced Jeff Bridick to those that he has not had the opportunity to meet yet. He is a candidate for the Chief of Police position. Mayor Brandmeyer would like to move forward with appointing Mr. Bridick at our next meeting. This will give Mr. Bridick a chance to talk with his current employer. We would like him to be able to give a 4 week notice and still have a month to work side by side with Chief Joellenbeck.

Mayor Brandmeyer stated that he has about twelve projects that are not making any progress. All of the leadership staff have enough to do, so he would like to hire Bob Kell, former Administrator from Freeburg to pursue a couple of the projects. Mr. Kell would be paid on an hourly basis, with the anticipation that this would cost a couple of thousand dollars total. He does not need council approval, he is just letting them know his plan.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Sims made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk