

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 29, 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 Wednesday, April 29, 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, Attorney Joe Heiligenstein, Officer Griesbaum and Officer Howe

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Brandmeyer has some business that he would like to take care of sooner rather than later. He asked the aldermen if they would like to move the scheduled May 11, 2026 meeting to May 4, 2026, or if they would prefer he call a special meeting for May 4, 2026. Everyone agreed to move the May 11th meeting to May 4th.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Joellenbeck announced that the DARE graduation will be held on May 7th, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Wesclin Middle School.

Our police academy candidates graduated on Friday. Officer Griesbaum took top honors in several categories.

Director of Public Works Brockhahn reported that the sewer lining project for this fiscal year is completed, and that Visu-Sewer is working on the joint grouting project.

Megan Donjon reported that Saturday is the City-Wide yard sales and the Chamber BBQ.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Minutes of the April 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. Second Alderman Bridick. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Brockhahn said that there is a plumber that quite often when he is called to a residence for an issue the first thing he does is call the city to say the problem is the city's. This happens mostly after normal business hours. As a result, when our public works employees are called out to investigate, this is overtime for them. Our city code currently has language that allows us to charge the resident for the employee's time if the problem is found to be the residents. This proposed language change to our code would allow the city to also charge for the equipment the city uses to investigate the backup such as the camera truck, vacuum truck, backhoe, or jetter. The fees for the equipment would be listed in the city's fee schedule. Everyone agreed this should be amended. An ordinance will be prepared for approval at our next meeting.

Mayor Brandmeyer said there are areas in town with buildings that no one can do anything with. The Plan Commission has been discussing this for several months and has made a recommendation for a text amendment to the code. They recommend allowing by special use up to 4 unit multi-family dwellings in the B2, Central Business District. A public hearing will need to take place and then an ordinance can be drafted for Council approval. This will give an option to those that want to invest in our city.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Change Order #1 for 2026 Sewer Lining project. Second Alderman Bridick. All yes, motion carried.

Director Brockhahn stated that Visu-Sewer has done our sewer lining for the last 2 years. They approached the city with an offer of a maintenance contract. If the city would guarantee a certain dollar amount spent per year to them, they would guarantee only a CPI increase in labor per year and hold product costs. Director Brockhahn forwarded the proposed agreement to HMG Engineering for their opinion. They suggested that we bid this maintenance contract to try to get a better price on the lining product. This could be a gamble because we never know the price of materials. There was discussion on the length of the proposed agreement. Council will vote to bid this at the next meeting.

Jeremy Hooker, owner of JDS Auto Body has applied for TIF assistance for site improvements and renovations on the building he recently purchased next door to his current operation. Director Brockhahn recently met with Mr. Hooker to walk through that building and discuss the proposed renovations. Director Brockhahn reported that what is proposed will be an asset to the City. It was agreed to reimburse 100% of Mr. Hooker's increment up to a maximum of \$100,000.00. An ordinance will be prepared for approval at the next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 26, 2026 will be Trenton's big America 250 celebration. We will have a parade, music, and fireworks.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Sims made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk