

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 22, 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, June 22, 2026, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Chief Chris Joellenbeck, Captain Jeff Bridick, Officer Tyler Griesbaum, Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Treasurer Megan Donjon, and Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Mayor Brandmeyer said that Trenton had two great events this past weekend. The Gator Classic Legion baseball tournament and the First Annual Old Route 50 Car Show.

Trenton's America 250 celebration will be on Friday, June 26, 2026 rain or shine. If there is rain the parade will be cancelled and the fireworks will be postponed until Trenton Fest.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Clerk Buzzard reminded everyone that there will be a public hearing prior to our next council meeting. The hearing will be at 5:30 on July 13, 2026 at Kaskaskia College for the potential new business district.

Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn stated that the milling of Main street will begin the week of July 6, 2026. The work will begin on South Main and work toward Broadway, and then jump to North Main and work toward Broadway.

Mayor Brandmeyer acknowledged Chief Joellenbeck at his last official meeting and thanked him for his service.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Minutes of the June 8, 2026 Regular Council meeting. Second Alderman Bridick. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Barton Electric to repair Diamond 1 Ballfield lights in the amount of \$18,650.00. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Jervis made a motion to Approve Resolution 20260622 Allowing for Trenton Fest Parade. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve Appointment of Ann Albers to Library Board term to expire July 2030. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Appointment of Hank Henderson to Library Board term to expire July 2030. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Rakers made a motion to Approve Appointment of Mary Huelsmann to Library Board term to expire July 2030. Second Alderman Bridick. All yes, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Rakers made a motion to enter into closed session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employee, and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) Collective Bargaining. Second Alderman Jervis. All yes. The Council entered closed session at 6:10 p.m.

The council re-entered the regular meeting at 6:19 p.m. Roll Call: Bridick, Hooker, Deien, Jervis, Rakers, Sims. All present

ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Sims made a motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding with FOP. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont.)

Mayor Brandmeyer wanted to clear up a few points related to the potential new business district. From his point of view this is a great economic tool. He prefers this to TIF as it is quicker to fund and a better benefit to our businesses. First, he pointed out that there was a verbal agreement with a business owner that purchased land based on this agreement to have a parcel excluded from the district. If this parcel is included, then it is quite possible that Trenton would lose this business altogether. Alderman Deien is not in favor of any business being pulled from the district. Alderman Rakers prefers to have each business looked at on a case-by-case basis. He agreed that this business would leave Trenton if included in the district. Alderman Jervis stated that council approved a new TIF district which takes money from our schools and is supported by our residents so why not put in place a business district that will have others pay into it, not just our taxpayers. The second point was that Hank's Bowl was also excluded from the business district. Mayor Brandmeyer talked with Alderman Rakers and Alderman Rakers prefers not to be included. Alderman Deien called this to the mayor's attention and the mayor reached out to our consultant regarding this point. In other municipalities, aldermen owning businesses have been excluded until they no longer sit on the council and then they have been brought into the district. Alderman Deien pointed out that Hank's Bowl has already received TIF assistance while Alderman Rakers sat on the council. There is a process in place, and if Hank's wants business district assistance, they will follow the process like everyone else. The optics here are bad. Alderman Jervis stated that if a business does not want to be included in the business district, then they don't want to grow. Director Brockhahn stated that is where the city went wrong. Typically, a developer will put in infrastructure and then the municipality will take over that infrastructure after a period of time. Here the city put in the infrastructure first and there is no way through user fees the city will ever recoup its investment. It has been previously discussed that the business district money will go toward improvements on Broadway in our main "downtown" corridor. Alderman Rakers stated that his business will not benefit from these improvements. He has always run on the no tax platform, and he will vote against this new tax.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Deien made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk