

TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 10, 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, August 10, 2026, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Chief Jeff Bridick, Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn, Mike Conley of the Trenton Sun, Officer Helbig, Treasurer Megan Donjon, Jim Kniepmann and Barry Sieron.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR

Trenton Fest will be here before we meet again, and Mayor Brandmeyer encouraged everyone to support it.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS- ALDERMEN

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY STAFF

Chief Bridick said that he will be meeting with the crossing guards prior to the beginning of school later this week. He is also doing background checks on a couple of applicants.

Megan Donjon announced the next concert in the park will be on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. The band will be Tequila Mockingbird.

Director of Public Works Andy Brockhahn stated that the 4th Street project is pretty well done. Work will begin on the alley project behind Brefeld's the week after Trenton Fest. His crew is working on filling the cracks on 3rd Street and Emily Lane. Flooring at City Hall is scheduled to begin being installed this week.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Hooker made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Alderman Deien. All yes, motion carried. The consent agenda included a motion to Approve Minutes of the July 27, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, a motion to Approve Payrolls for the month of July 2026, a motion to Approve Bills for the month of July 2026, and a motion to Approve Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2026.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Jervis made a motion to Approve Appointment of Special Committee – Downtown District Improvements. Second Alderman Hooker. Mayor Brandmeyer would like for Alderman Jervis to chair this committee. He said that Mike Conley has agreed to serve, and if any other business owners would like to be a part of the committee just let Mayor Brandmeyer know. The purpose of the committee would be to review the old plans and put together a new plan. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Jervis made a motion to Authorize HMG for Engineering of Downtown District Improvements. Second Alderman Hooker. All yes, motion carried.

Alderman Deien made a motion to Approve Resolution 2026810 Wesclin Homecoming Parade. Second Alderman Bridick. All yes, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Deien made a motion to enter closed session for 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the Public Body. Second Alderman Rakers. All yes, motion carried. The Council entered closed session at 6:10 p.m.

The Council re-entered the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Roll call: Deien, Bridick, Rakers, Jervis, Hooker, Sims All present.

Alderman Rakers had resident Doug Harried inquiring again about the city maintaining S. Locust at the railroad. Director of Public Works Brockhahn has discussed this with Mr. Harried several times. There are several stub streets that lead nowhere, are not used as streets and the city should just vacate those. Give that property to the adjacent homeowners and they will be responsible for maintaining it. A list of those streets will be put together for review then provided to our attorney to have the vacation drawn up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brandmeyer explained the process that led to the letter that was sent to residents from one of the solar companies located outside Trenton. The letter was reviewed by our attorney and modified several times prior to mailing. The mailing list was not provided to the city for review. Representatives from the solar company will be at the park on Thursday, August 13, 2026 from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. to answer questions. Food will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rakers made a motion to adjourn. Second Alderman deien. All yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Karen Buzzard, City Clerk