

MINUTES OF THE TRAER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday October 1, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. at Traer Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order with Council Members Holst, Kennedy, Youel, Schafer and Foster answering roll call. Absent: NONE.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Kennedy, that the agenda is approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

WELCOME TO VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ellen Young discussed activity related to the Salt and Pepper Shakers and Tama County Tourism.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Youel, that the minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Foster, that the October Checks (checks numbering 27401-27448, total of \$66,665.21) are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The monthly Sheriff's report was received.

BEER and LIQUOR PERMITS

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Holst, to approve the License for Sunnyside. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS-RESOLUTION 10-04-18-1

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Youel to approve Resolution 10-04-18-1, fixing date for a meeting on the proposition to authorize a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

The Council discussed some new signage proposed by the landfill to identify the types of materials that can be recycled. There have been more instances of "garbage" being dumped in the bins. The proposal would be for two 4' by 8' signs. Total cost would be split between the landfill and the city and will cost Traer around \$500. MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Kennedy to approve installing the signs. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The Council also discussed the "city-wide cleanup" that was in progress, as well as the future plans for clean ups. It has been suggested we go to once per year, and we also may look at putting a couple roll-off dumpsters by the recycling center as an alternative to curbside once per year. The costs of the dumpsters will be determined, and final decision of how to move forward will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Council discussed the need to replace the white Dodge pickup that recently died. Chris Cooper has been looking into replacement options. The TMU line department recently went through the process of seeking quotes for replacing their pickup, and received the best price (including significant government discount) from Bill Colwell for a new Ford, priced at about \$28,000. The City pickup requirements would be similar to the specs of the TMU truck. The Ford truck would need to be ordered and would take 10-12 weeks to obtain. Cooper was looking at

options for finding an in stock truck. There is currently \$32,000 available in the Pickup set-aside. MOTION by Youel, seconded by Kennedy, to authorize the purchase of the Ford (or an alternative in-stock truck) for the same price range as the TMU truck. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The council reviewed the costs of operating the new pool in the first year, and discussed rates for next year. Revenues from admissions was up over prior years, but so were expenses, in particular lifeguard wages, as more are required due to the slide. Total net cost for the summer was \$77,000, which was \$20,000 more than the last full summer of the old pool. Admission rates were kept the same as in prior years for 2018, but will change for 2019. The council compared the rates of admission to neighboring community pools. MOTION by Youel, seconded by Schafer, to set the rates at \$75 for a single pass and \$150 for a family pass. Daily admission would remain at \$3. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

North Tama School is looking to construct a small retaining wall along Walnut Street by the playground in an attempt to keep heavy rains from causing the water to wash out the mulch in the playground. MOTION by Foster, seconded by Holst, to allow the construction of the short wall. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

City Clerk Panfil updated the council on a discussion he had with representatives of the Iowa DOT about the possibility of converting Highway 63 through town from a 4 lane road to a 3-lane road with a center turn lane. The DOT is recommending this in many locations in the state, as they feel it is safer and allows better traffic flow. The DOT indicated they would only move forward if the Council was supportive. No Action Taken.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The city and TMU staff are working on clean-up.

The council congratulated John Novak for the award he received at the recent Firemen’s convention.

SEPTEMBER 2018 REVENUES:

General Fund	\$ 158,581
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 27,110
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 8,995
Capital Projects.....	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$ 194,686

SEPTEMBER 2018 DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund	\$ 67,189
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 15,157
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 0
Capital Projects.....	\$ <u>77,859</u>
	\$ 160,205

SEPTEMBER FUND BALANCES:

General Fund	\$ 1,654,922
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 11,094
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 24,684
Capital Projects.....	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$ 1,690,700

Check Register attached.

MAYOR PETE HOLDEN

Jon Panfil, City Clerk