

## **MINUTES OF THE TRAER CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday April 1, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at Traer Municipal Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order with Council Members Holst, Kennedy, Schafer and Foster answering roll call. Absent: Council Member Youel.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **WELCOME TO VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ellen Young discussed her activities over the last month. Traer was awarded a couple grants from the Tama County Foundation, including \$4,851 for the Memorial Building. Awards will be granted from the TCF on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Holst, that the minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Schafer, that the April Checks (#27729-27781, total of \$83,337.41) are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

There was no monthly Sheriff's report, as Sheriff Kucera did not attend the meeting.

### **BEER and LIQUOR PERMITS**

NONE

### **SWIMMING POOL**

Hiring for the pool has been slow, with limited applicants. MOTION by Holst, seconded by Foster, to approve the new pay schedule for the 2019 season. Staff pay will be increased by \$1/hr. from 2018 levels, in order to attract more interest in the jobs. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **MEMORIAL BUILDING**

The City has been granted some funds by the Tama County Foundation, and the larger grant application to Blackhawk Gaming has been completed and filed.

### **CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

The Council discussed the changes to clean-up approved at the last meeting. It was noted that both Toledo and Dysart were changing their clean-up this year also. Arrangements have been made to have Cooley bring equipment and manpower on Saturday, as previously discussed. They can also bring dumpsters on Friday if wanted. MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Kennedy, to add the hours of 10am-3pm on Friday May 10 to the clean-up time, in addition to 8am-1pm on Saturday May 11. The City will staff the Friday hours.

There will be NO OPTION for curbside pick-up of garbage (except appliances, which Cooley will handle on Saturday for a \$20 fee). If there are households with excessive garbage at the curb the week after clean-up, Cooley will be instructed to pick it up as an "extra" service, and the household will be billed on their utility bill for this service. The charge for this service will be a Minimum of \$35, with higher amounts for larger amounts of garbage.

Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The Fire Department and TMU linemen are looking at problems with a couple of the sirens in town. The large siren on top of Municipal Hall has been having problems all winter with the snow and ice, and appears to be out of service for the spring season. Since the building it is mounted on is slated to be torn down in the next year or two, this siren will probably have to be replaced with a newer design installed on a pole. The city has contacted Tama County Emergency Management, and is looking in to options.

The siren in Taylor Park is also not functioning properly right now. It is being evaluated for what is wrong. Per Fire Chief Sell, sirens are meant primarily for outdoor warnings of severe weather, and the two sirens (Taylor Park and School), when working properly, should be enough to adequately cover Traer. A third siren will still be researched.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Council member Foster noted that the golf course was looking into fundraising to have a fireworks display the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Public Works Superintendent Cooper said they are primarily working on potholes and street sweeping. The city will hire a part-time summer helper, as in years past. If needed, advertising will begin soon.

City Clerk Panfil informed the council that he would be retiring in one year, at the end of March 2020. This should give the council and TMU board time to determine how to replace both the Clerk/TMU Office Manager Position, and the TMU General Manager, who is scheduled to leave later in 2020.

**MARCH 2019 REVENUES:**

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund .....        | \$ 79,858   |
| Special Revenue Fund..... | \$ 19,443   |
| Debt Service Fund.....    | \$ 11,965   |
| Capital Projects.....     | \$ <u>0</u> |
|                           | \$ 111,266  |

**MARCH 2019 DISBURSEMENTS:**

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund .....        | \$ 64,609   |
| Special Revenue Fund..... | \$ 38,455   |
| Debt Service Fund.....    | \$ 0        |
| Capital Projects.....     | \$ <u>0</u> |
|                           | \$ 103,064  |

**MARCH 2019 FUND BALANCES:**

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund .....        | \$ 1,621,185 |
| Special Revenue Fund..... | \$ 46,930    |
| Debt Service Fund.....    | \$ 173,000   |
| Capital Projects.....     | \$ <u>0</u>  |
|                           | \$ 1,841,115 |

Check Register attached.

MAYOR PETE HOLDEN

Jon Panfil, City Clerk