

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday December 3, 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 Holst, seconded by Youel, that the agenda is approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

WELCOME TO VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Youel, seconded by Foster, that the minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Schafer, that the November Checks (#27506-27565, total of \$292,149.90) are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

No monthly Sheriff's report was received, and Sheriff Kucera was not present at the meeting.

BEER and LIQUOR PERMITS

NONE

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Heartland Coop has filed a "Traer South Industrial Urban Revitalization Application" for improvements at the new elevator on the south side of town. The revitalization district was created to provide a three year tax abatement for new construction. The first phase is 98% complete, and has a value of \$9.5 million. This will be a significant gain for the city in property tax once the abatement is finished in three years. MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Holst, to approve the application. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote. The form will go to the Assessor to establish the abatement.

Wellmark is again changing the health policy available to TMU/City. The City has the ability to offer employees more than one option. City Clerk Panfil is recommending that the Council offer the primary plan identified by Wellmark, as well as a second choice with a higher deductible and lower premiums. The standard plan increases the deductible from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and the same co-pays as the previous year plan (City reimburses the first \$1,000 of deductible). The second plan would be a \$3,000 deductible, with no copays after the full deductible was met (City would reimburse \$2,000 of the deductible as an incentive to take this plan and save premium costs). MOTION by Holst, seconded by Youel, to approve the plans. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Council member Youel is still looking at costs for commercial grade ovens for the Memorial Building. No Formal Action Taken.

Council member Holst and Ambulance Director Kennedy reported that there are changes coming to the ambulance service at some point, based on the State changing rules. No formal action is needed at this point.

Street Superintendent John Novak announced that he would be retiring as of February 28, 2019.

DECEMBER 2018 REVENUES:

General Fund	\$ 160,968
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 31,540
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 23,602
Capital Projects.....	<u>\$ 0</u>
	\$ 216,110

DECEMBER 2018 DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund	\$ 81,555
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 15,438
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 50,755
Capital Projects.....	<u>\$ 0</u>
	\$ 147,748

DECEMBER FUND BALANCES:

General Fund	\$ 1,934,852
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 60,338
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 112,123
Capital Projects.....	<u>\$ 0</u>
	\$ 2,107,313

Check Register attached.

MAYOR PETE HOLDEN

Jon Panfil, City Clerk