

MINUTES OF THE TRAER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday November 5, 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 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 activity related to the Salt and Pepper Shakers and Tama County Tourism. She thanked the council for allowing her to use the bathrooms at the Memorial Building when she has larger bus groups. She noted that the period for filing grants with Tama County was November 15 through January 15.

Mo McWhirter was present, representing the legion, to discuss the use of the electronic board in front of the Memorial Building. He indicated that some of the legion members felt it was not being used to display enough "community" events and information. The legion provided funding for approximately half the cost of the sign. There was discussion about the intended uses of the sign, and City Clerk Panfil noted that there are limitations to how much can be put on the sign at any given time, and that it was not as useful for that type of information as the much more expensive bank signs at Farmers Savings and Chelsea. It was agreed that the city would make an effort to put more information on the board going forward.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Youel, that the minutes of the October 1, 2018 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Youel, seconded by Holst, that the November Checks (#27449-27505, total of \$143,230.37) are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The monthly Sheriff's report was received.

BEER and LIQUOR PERMITS

NONE

WASTEWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS

The Mayor announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing and meeting on the matter of the authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and between the City and the Iowa Finance Authority, and the issuance to the Iowa Finance Authority of not to exceed \$500,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes to evidence the obligations of the City under said Loan and Disbursement Agreement, in order to provide funds to pay costs of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, extending, remodeling, improving, repairing and equipping all or part of the Municipal Sewer System, and that notice of the proposed action by the City Council to institute proceedings for the authorization of the Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of the Notes had been published.

The Mayor then asked the Clerk whether any written objections had been filed by any City resident or property owner to the proposal. The City Clerk advised the Mayor and the City Council that no written objections had been filed. The Mayor then called for oral objections to the proposal and

none were made. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the time for receiving oral and written objections to be closed.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Schafer, to approve Resolution 11-05-18-1; Resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action.

Roll Call Vote; Holst-Yes, Youel-Yes, Foster-Yes, Schafer-Yes, Kennedy-Yes. The Mayor declared the measure duly adopted.

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Holst to approve Resolution 11-05-18-2; Resolution approving and authorizing a form of Interim Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and between the City of Traer, Iowa, and the Iowa Finance Authority, and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$500,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes Anticipation Project Note, Series 2018, of the City of Traer, Iowa, under the provisions of the Code of Iowa, and providing for a method of payment of said Notes.

Roll Call Vote; Holst-Yes, Youel-Yes, Foster-Yes, Schafer-Yes, Kennedy-Yes. The Mayor declared the measure duly adopted.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

The Council again discussed some new signage proposed by the landfill to identify the types of materials that can be recycled. Mark Mason, Traer's representative on the Landfill commission, said there had been some wording changes to the proposed signs. The signs would now say "HOUSEHOLD CONTAINERS ONLY". This will try to indicated to residents that they are not to dispose of garbage, and/or contaminated materials (such as motor oil cans, etc.) in the recycling bins. MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Holst to approve having the landfill install the signs. Total cost for two signs will be approximately \$650. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Council member Youel shared some cost estimates he has accumulated for upgrading the Memorial Building kitchen. The improvements would include new commercial grade range, dishwasher and refrigerators, as well as a 3-compartment sink, some new cabinets along the back wall, and new countertops. Total cost could be between \$35,000 and \$45,000, depending on which range is purchased and final installation costs. He is proposing we talk to the auxiliary and legion about sharing the cost, as well as looking into additional grants. City Clerk Panfil noted that most of the current city "set-aside" for the Memorial Building was being spent on the repainting of the exterior and the new gutters (still to be installed). The project would probably be completed over a couple years. No Formal Action Taken.

The council also discussed the status of the redemption center, and the 5th Street house. The redemption center appears to be closed, and it is possible the stores in town will have to start accepting cans/bottles.

The owner of the 5th Street house has indicated that his contractor will start working on the porch, as he promised to the council, beginning in December.

Aspro has finished the resurfacing downtown and on Linn Street. Chris Cooper has repainted the parking stripes.

Chris has also spent quite a lot of time winterizing the new pool, which requires much more work than the old pool/bathhouse.

The new Dodge pickup has been purchased, using set-aside funds.

OCTOBER 2018 REVENUES:

General Fund	\$ 251,863
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 91,910
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 116,968
Capital Projects.....	<u>\$ 0</u>
	\$ 460,741

OCTOBER 2018 DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund	\$ 78,692
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 50,421
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 0
Capital Projects.....	<u>\$ 0</u>
	\$ 129,113

OCTOBER FUND BALANCES:

General Fund	\$ 1,837,240
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 44,187
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 141,652
Capital Projects.....	<u>\$ 0</u>
	\$ 2,023,079

Check Register attached.

MAYOR PETE HOLDEN

Jon Panfil, City Clerk