

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, March 6th, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with Council Members Rausch, Erhardt, Panfil, Holst and Kennedy present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Rausch, seconded by Kennedy, that the minutes of the February 6th, 2023 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Erhardt, that the February Checks (#30441-30508) totaling \$611,971.76, are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

FY2024 BUDGET

The Mayor declared a public hearing at this time to discuss the Maximum Levy Notice that was published in the North Tama Telegraph. No comments/concerns were received prior to the meeting, and none were made during this time. Mayor Holden closed the public hearing on the matter. MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Holst to approve RESOLUTION 03-06-23-01 Approving Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

After the public hearing on the max levy, the council took a quick look at an updated proposed budget drafted by Clerk Blaine. Blaine noted that some adjustments were made to the city budget after the State of Iowa signed Senate File 181 into law on February 20, 2023. The signing of Senate File 181 lowered our taxable valuation from \$63,171,964 to \$61,408,791. In the end reducing our projected tax revenue by \$15,000. The budget draft still showed a positive cash flow for FY24. MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Rausch, to approve the "Notice of Public Hearing – Proposed Budget" for publication in the North Tama Telegraph, with a public hearing date on April 3rd, 2023. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Panfil suggested the council look at making revisions to the "Public Works Employee" job description. Panfil would like to see that position, which is currently Neil O'Brien, do more work as a "code enforcer". Making him the one responsible for code/ordinance enforcement on top of his current duties. Erhardt was hesitant about the change, fearing it would take away from Neil's street/city work. After some more discussion, and hopeful Neil could handle all the tasks asked of him, the council decided to try out the proposed plan, and review again in 6 months, giving everyone involved time to see what's working and what's not, before deciding how to update the job description.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK