

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, October 7th, 2024** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Carri Holst introduced us to a Girl Scout group that was here to watch and learn about democracy and city government.

Katherine with Tama Co. Economic Development was here to just give a few updates on things going on. She also reminded the council that the Economic Board is still looking for a member to represent the City of Traer, Larry Vest has done great as an interim but they would really like someone to permanently take his spot.

Heather Knebel, who is running for a Tama County Supervisor's position, was here to introduce herself.

Aaron Mennenga also introduced himself during this time. He was here to see how the City Council meetings worked/ran and to let the council know that if there is ever a board or a position that needs to be filled he'd love the opportunity as he'd love to get more involved with his community.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Kennedy, that the minutes of the September 9th, 2024 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rund, that the September Checks (#31572-31626) and 1 ACH Payment (9262024) totaling \$73,027.03, are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk Blaine presented the council with Iowa DOT Speed Feedback Sign information. These would be digital speed signs, similar to those on Hwy 63 in Hudson and would be free of cost to the city of Traer as long as we agree to take ownership of the signs and maintain and repair as needed. After speaking with the DOT it was discussed that Traer would actually be eligible for signs on Hwy 63 and Hwy 8. If the council agrees to move forward, a representative with the Iowa DOT will meet with Clerk Blaine and one council representative to discuss placement of the signs. MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Rund, to approve moving forward with the Speed Feedback Signs. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The council reviewed an updated list of projects the Polish Up Taylor Park committee would like to see get done, maybe yet this year. Three top items on that list are: the planting of trees and plants along Hwy 63, a picnic/gazebo area on the cement pad in the NW corner of the park, and new restrooms. The committee has a quote for a "prefab gazebo kit" but would like if the council could maybe reach out to local contractors on collecting other numbers to compare and decide the best route to take. Erhardt and Panfil suggested maybe we reach out to NT schools and see if maybe a shop class would be interested in taking on a project of that nature. The committee would also like to work with TMU/City employees to decide if the restrooms can be relocated and if so where the best area may be. And once an area is decided then working with local contractors again to get quotes for what a restroom project may cost. The council agreed to continue helping the committee on these projects and working with the appropriate people to keep the ball rolling.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK