

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, January 9th, 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 and Kennedy present. Holst arrived at 7:03pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VISITOR COMMENT

Daron Jacobs, owner of the Wind-Up Bar, was present to discuss with the council his plans to purchase the 2 lots to the east of him and make an outdoor patio area. Daron gave the council a rough sketch of what the space will look like once demo is done and the area is cleaned up. He also discussed live music happening out there possibly Thursday and Saturday nights. Daron is very excited about all the upcoming changes and hopes to work with other local businesses to make this space an attraction for many to enjoy.

Katherine with Tama County Economic Development was present, and played off what Daron was discussing with the council. She was happy to report, that not only the Wind-Up had exciting things happening but La Terresa was also looking at adding to their space by purchasing the Member's 1st Credit Union. She's working not only with La Terraza and Member's 1st, but she's working with the State of Iowa to try to help secure grants and funding to turn not only the downstairs space into something amazing but the upstairs space back into livable, useable space. Katherine informed the council that she will need their help and the help from the City of Traer when it comes to applying for some of the grants/funding. The City would need to be the applicant on the grant with La Terraza being a sub applicant to move forward. A MOTION by Erhardt was made, seconded by Holst, to work with Katherine and create a letter allowing the City of Traer to serve as the applicant for said grant, to help improve the downtown/business district of Traer. Motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote. Katherine will work with Clerk Blaine to get the "wheels turning."

2 residents of 914 2nd Street were present and spoke during this time in regards to 2 of their dogs being "destroyed" earlier in the month by the Tama County Sheriff's Department. Brooke Hickman and Stephanie Friestad wanted to inform the council that not only were 2 dogs destroyed, one was pregnant and due to have babies, the sheriff's department ended up killing 10 dogs that day. They wanted to know why this had to happen, why they weren't given the chance to save them. After hearing from the residents, Mayor Holden allowed Sheriff Kucera to speak on behalf of Tama County. He apologized that this had to happen, but explained that after the call history, fines, etc. the deputy did what he thought was necessary.

Lisa Eikamp, owner of Simply Blooming was in to discuss downtown snow removal and the costs associated. She's frustrated because she's getting charged from us for the front part of the building and charged from another remover for the back side. She's hopeful that going forward the city will review this decision and maybe come up with a better way to get it done more cost effectively for businesses.

Cody Hamilton introduced himself to the council and spoke about his interest in purchasing some of the Heartland Coop building out at the old Traer Man. location. He has spoken with people at Heartland Coop, and understands this isn't a city issue necessarily but he does know the city is currently working to address the condition of the property and just wanted to make the council aware that he is interested in case there may be a chance to work together to get some resolve.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Erhardt, that the minutes of the December 5th, 2022 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Holst, that the December Checks (#30332-30393) and 1 ach (12222022), totaling \$112,114.99, are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

BEER/LIQUOR LICENSES

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Rausch, to approve the license renewal for Sinclair Food Mart. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Panfil quick touched on the recycling center behind the library and the amount of unaccepted materials being put in the cardboard containers. One business in particular has been placing large boxes along with all the packing material inside the container. Panfil has asked that Clerk Blaine send a letter to this business to remind them of the items that can and cannot be placed in those dumpsters and that all boxes are supposed to be broken down before placing inside the container.

Holst quick wanted to give Daron "Jake" kudos for his big project coming up. She thinks it's not only going to be great from him, but the downtown. She also informed the council that Ellen Young has given her blessing to find interim help while she's still on the road to getting healthy. Ellen plays a lot of roles in the community and Holst is looking for people willing and able to help in those roles, especially when it comes to the reunion/alumni tasks. If the council has any suggestions or any one in mind they think would be willing to help she'd really appreciate the suggestions.

STAFF REPORTS

Clerk Blaine let the council know that the audit for FY22 was going to begin on 1/30/2023. The audit is going to be done remotely again, like previous years and is scheduled to take 2-3 weeks. Blaine also informed the council that spring garage sales this year would be scheduled for April 28 & 29 with clean-up taking place May 5 & 6.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK

TRAER CHECK REGISTER JAN 2023

AFD GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS	Permits	44.94
AFLAC	Insurance	38.52
ALISON HOWARD	Library Hours	480.00
AMAZON.COM	Library Supplies	196.49
Bauch & Lechtenburg Law Office	Legal	1,265.00
BEAL'S ENTERPRISES, INC.	Bracket	25.00
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	Insurance	7,342.32
BOUND TREE MEDICAL L.L.C.	Ambulance Supply	596.20
CHANNING HALSTEAD	Refund	100.00
CHRIS COOPER	Reimbursement	50.00
CHRIS COOPER	Reimbursement	628.85
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publication	72.94
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publication	81.49
COOLEY SANITATION LLC	Garbage	10,910.00
COUNTRY HOME	Library Subscription	25.00
DIANE PANFIL	Reimbursement	120.83
DIANE PANFIL	Reimbursement	2,228.52
EIKAMP INSURANCE AGENCY	Work Comp Audit	1,138.00
GARDEN GATE	Library Subscription	23.00
HENNINGER ELECTRIC	Option Tax	3,878.99
HENNINGER ELECTRIC	TCF Reimbursement	6,000.00
HOMETOWN FOODS	Misc. Supplies	15.92
IAMU	Safety Training	466.00
Ingram Library Services	Library Books	995.25
J.P. COOKE CO.	Pet Tags	84.75
JARED HASSELMANN	Cleaning	1,275.00
KCL GROUP BENEFITS	Insurance	148.17
KYLE MESCH	Snow Removal	10,950.00
LEYMASTER TILE, LLC	FD Bldg.	159.33
MASTERCARD	Misc. Supplies	96.11
MASTERCARD	Misc. Supplies	1,757.73
Municipal Pipe Tool Co., LLC	Emergency Call	788.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	Misc. Supplies	110.18
New Century FS	Refund	100.00
Powerplan	Parts/Supplies	394.04
REIANNA CROSS	Refund	100.00
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	106.28
Scot's Supply	Misc. Supplies	44.76
Signs By Tomorrow	TCF Funds	3,858.81
Simply Blooming	Arrangement	64.20
SINCLAIR	Fuel	837.28
STERLING FIRE & SAFETY INC.	Extinguishers	215.00
STRAWBERRY MOON MAGAZINE	Library Subscription	20.00
SUPERIOR WELDING	Oxygen	180.00
TAMA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Contract	12,841.32
TRAER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Chamber Bucks	500.00

Traer Fire Dept.	Reimbursement	7,071.76
Traer Fire Dept.	Reimbursement	11,695.41
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Utilities	7,664.78
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Office Services	9,000.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Phones/Cameras	229.35
UMB BANK, N.A.**	Fees	250.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUP. MEDICINE	Drug Testing	42.00
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	Misc. Supplies	451.97
Veenstra & Kimm Inc.	Engineering	2,605.00
VICTORIA	Library Subscription	16.00
WENDLING QUARRIES INC.	Rock/Gravel	369.09
WENDY BLOCKER	Refund	100.00
WEX BANK	Ambulance Fuel	199.27
WEX BANK	Ambulance Fuel	383.62
WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	Misc. Supplies	90.93
WINDSTREAM	Phones	70.75
WINDSTREAM	Phones/Fax	520.84
**Denotes ACH Payment		<hr/> 112,114.99

DEC 2022 REVENUES

GENERAL FUND	\$164,248
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$27,843
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$25,810
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
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DEC 2022 DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND	\$123,815
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$16,740
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$250
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$49,768
	<hr/> \$190,573

DEC 2022 FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND	\$1,823,457
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$419,143
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$165,359
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
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