

## **MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2022** 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, Holst, Panfil and Kennedy present.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Holden had one request prior to starting the meeting, and that was to move the dog conversation from the bottom of the agenda towards the top, to have the discussion after the public comment portion. MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Rausch, that the agenda, and the change is approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **VISITOR COMMENT**

Neighbors living on the east end of 2<sup>nd</sup> street were present to discuss the nuisances happening in their neighborhood. Holly Atkins spoke on behalf of her neighbors to express frustrations and concern over the condition of the property and lack of control for the dogs at 914 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Concerns include the condition the home is in, the vehicles on the property that do not move, and the biggest complaint is the dogs. The numerous large dogs escape, and escape frequently, which is a violation of city ordinances. Tama Co. Sheriff's Department is called and gets involved as needed, but the neighbors wonder what more can be done. Holly also presented some letters/statements from other neighbors in the neighborhood that couldn't make the meeting. Holly and the others hope that something can be done about the situation, before something bad happens to someone or another animal.

### **CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Once the council heard from Holly on the matter of the dogs, Mayor Holden invited Sherriff Kucera to share his thoughts and experiences. Sheriff Kucera wanted to make the neighbors aware that the residence is getting citations and they are doing all they can, when they can, but one issue the department is having is people wanting to stay anonymous. Unfortunately the TCSD cannot do much without a name, and the support from the person calling in the complaints. The city council informed the neighbors present that they have been in contact with their city attorney and plan to take additional action against the residence.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Rausch, that the minutes of the November 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Holst, that the November Checks (#30270-30331) and 1 ach (20222911), totaling \$212,342.12, are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **BEER/LIQUOR LICENSES**

MOTION by Rausch, seconded by Erhardt, to approve the license renewal for The Junkyard. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY**

Mayor Holden declared a public hearing at this point in the meeting to discuss the sale of Lot 41 in the Prairie West addition. Clerk Blaine had not received any written or verbal comments from anyone prior to the meeting, and no comments were made during the public hearing. Mayor Holden closed the public hearing portion of the meeting. MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rausch, approving RESOLUTION 12-05-22-01 authorizing the Sale of City Real Property to Neil and Sara O'Brien. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **DEPOSITORY RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Kennedy, to approve RESOLUTION 12-05-22-02, the annual resolution naming depositories. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Rausch, seconded by Holst, to approve RESOLUTION 12-05-22-03, the annual resolution naming depositories for the Chelsea Savings Bank set aside account. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **CITY APPOINTMENTS FOR JANUARY 1, 2023**

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the following appointments made by the Mayor, effective January 1, 2023.

Planning & Zoning Board—Patty Calderwood & Kathy Kvidera (5yr Term)

City Clerk & City Treasurer—Haley Blaine

Deputy City Clerk—Julie Mask

Mayor Pro Tem—Carri Holst

City Attorney—Brent Lechtenberg

Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Erhardt & Kennedy both spoke during this time about the "Polish Up Taylor Park" community input meeting they attended on November 15<sup>th</sup>. They updated the council on what things were being looked at and discussed, and some of the fun ideas that were being brought up.

Holst has had some requests that the city look into cleaning out Wolf Creek near Mill Street Bridge. She's wondering if maybe we need to get in touch with the DNR to see what can and can't be done, as that's not something the City is in control of. Clerk Blaine would try reaching out to the DNR for answers.

The next council meeting will be held January 9<sup>th</sup> 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR  
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK