

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, July 1st, 2024** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Erhardt, that the minutes of the June 3rd, 2024 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Kennedy, that the June Checks (#31353-31414) and 2 ACH payments (202406081, 202406082) totaling \$126,392.28, are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

BEER & LIQUOR LICENSES

MOTION by Erhardt, seconded by Panfil, to approve beer/liquor licenses for Winding Stairs Festival, Hometown Foods and Lucky Wife Wine Slushies. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

INVESTMENT POLICY

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rund, to approve RESOLUTION 07-01-24-01 Approving and Adopting an Investment Policy for the City of Traer, Iowa, as drafted by our attorney and the State of Iowa Auditors. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The council reviewed a preliminary concept for a spring 2026 street improvement project. The concept included repairs to the rest of Walnut Street, 5th Street, Green Street, Crestview, 1st Street and parts of Taylor Street. The council agrees that the rest of Walnut Street will be done, they like the idea of 5th Street from 63 to Walnut being redone while crews are already working in that area and they would really like to see 1st Street East of Hwy 63 get redone, as that's much more trafficked than some of the streets on the list. The 1st Street portion of the plans was one of the higher priced pieces so Clerk Blaine will continue giving feedback to engineers and continue working with our finance people to see what can be done within our debt limit and hopefully keep moving forward for a fall bid letting and spring start date.

FY25 OPTION TAX

The council reviewed and discussed the requests submitted for FY25 Option Tax Funding. 10 organizations/groups submitted applications for funding with requests totaling \$134,165. The council continues to focus on comments made by the State Auditor's Office and are continuing to be mindful of the way these funds are being allocated.

MOTION by Rund, seconded by Kennedy, to approve awarding \$7,800 to the Traer Fire Department for new PPE, \$2,700 to the Traer Civil War Committee for reenactment expenses, \$5,000 to the Traer Museum for structural evaluations and repairs to buildings, \$6,250 to the Traer Chamber of Commerce to build a trailer for their Santa House, \$5,000 to Pied Piper Preschool for playground upgrades, \$1,500 to Traer Golf & Country Club for their annual fireworks display, \$15,000 to the Winding Stairs Festival committee for the purchase of rides, \$5,000 to Redhawk Youth Sports for equipment and umpire costs, \$20,000 to the North Tama Athletic Department for the replacement and repair of equipment. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

The council discussed annual cost of living raises for the public works and ambulance staff. MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Erhardt to approve the budgeted 4% cost of living raise to employees (Cooper, Kahler, Kennedy, Dvorak and Waller). Public Works employee McCoy is to receive \$1.00/hr raise for completing his 90 day probation period and another \$1/hr raise for passing pesticide testing. New hourly pay rates are as follows: Cooper \$32.78, Kahler \$25.63, Kennedy, \$28.32, Dvorak \$23.00, Waller \$15.60 and McCoy \$26.00. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK