

## **MINUTES OF THE TRAER CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 2025** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **VISTORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dahn Kennedy was present to discuss placing her military banners throughout the park or near the military memorial during the months of November and May. She's still working out all the details but would like the council's permission to keep moving forward with the idea. Council agreed to let her move forward.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Rund, seconded by Mennenga, that the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Rund, seconded by Holst, that the July Checks (32119-32176) and totaling \$240,167.80 are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **BEER & LIQUOR LICENSES**

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Mennenga, to approve a beer/liquor license for La Terraza Two. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON REMOVAL OF REMAINING TMU BOARD MEMBER**

Mayor Holden opened the meeting up for a Public Hearing on the matter of the 2 remaining TMU board members removal. The board members were not here in person but did provide letters to all the council members on the issue(s) at hand. No public comment was made during the public hearing. Holden closed the public hearing.

MOTION By Rund, seconded by Holst, to move forward with the removal of the remaining TMU Board members. Motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **TMU BOARD APPOINTMENT**

The council received a total of 10 applications for the open TMU Board seats. Mayor Holden's nominations for the seats were Pat Stief (12/31/26), Meghan Renslow (12/31/27), Taylor Howard (12/31/28), Brady Pearson (12/31/30), Anita Dostal (12/31/31). Holden did inform the council that Brady Pearson had applied and been interviewed for the open Public Works position, so if Brady were offered the position and chose to take it, he'd need to resign from the TMU board, at which point Rund suggested we appoint Joe Weida to fill if needed. Holst then suggested we appoint Stief, the one with the most knowledge and experience, to a 2-3 year seat versus one that ends next year. Holden then suggested we move Taylor Howard to the seat ending on 12/31/26 and Pat Stief to the one ending on 12/31/28. MOTION by Holst, seconded by Mennenga, to approve all the appointments that Mayor Holden made. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

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

The council was asked to review and approve the application for an Iowa DNR REAP Grant that the Polish Up Taylor Park committee plans to pursue. Michelle Podhajsky is looking to apply for a \$50,000 grant to help pay for the Taylor Park open air picnic shelter project. MOTION by Rund, seconded by Mennenga, to approve the committee submitting a grant application to the Iowa DNR.

Clerk Blaine informed the council that 3 interviews took place today for the open public works position. Chris and Blaine hadn't really had a chance to sit down to review everything but were hoping to maybe make an offer to one of the applicants this week. Blaine would keep the council updated.

Blaine also wanted to remind everyone that our September meeting will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm due to Labor Day being the first Monday of the month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR  
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK

**TRAER CHECK REGISTER AUG 2025**

ACES	Computers/Support	7,748.50
AFLAC	Insurance	38.52
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AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Misc. Library Supplies	514.63
AMY VAZQUEZ	Library Hours	500.00
BARB ACKMAN	Refund	50.00
Bauch & Lechtenburg Law Office	Legal	157.50
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	Insurance	4,869.31
BOUND TREE MEDICAL L.L.C.	Ambulance Supplies	19.69
CHRIS COOPER	Reimbursement	50.00
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COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	18.79
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	55.40
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	87.21
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	94.38
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	96.56
COOLEY SANITATION LLC	Garbage	11,271.88
DONNA DEBOEF	Reimbursement	420.74
ED BARGE	Refund	100.00
ESO SOLUTIONS	Ambulance Software	3,228.23
HATCH GRADING & CONTRACTING, INC.	Street Projects	122,582.55
HOMETOWN FOODS	Misc. Supplies	252.54
Ingram Library Services	Library Books	61.43
IAMU	Training	513.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Parts/Supplies	782.45
KCL GROUP BENEFITS	Insurance	165.18
LEXIE BALLARD	Refund	50.00
LIQUI-GROW OF TRAER	Chemical	570.03
MASTERCARD	Misc. Supplies	2,080.54
NAPA AUTO PARTS	Parts/Supplies	69.63
NORMA NEUBAUER	Refund	50.00
NORTH TAMA ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT	Option Tax Funds	9,000.00
OVERDRIVE, INC.	Library Subscription	679.92
PRECISION LAWN CARE	Lawn Care	4,950.00
RACHEL KERN	Cleaning Hours	447.30
Reuman's Clothing	Clothing	42.50
SINCLAIR	Fuel	568.34
STEPHANIE BELLWOOD	Beautification	600.00
STOREY KENWORTHY	Office Supply	252.90
Tama Co. Public Health	Pool Inspection	445.00

TAMA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Contract Hours	14,390.00
TAMA/GRUNDY PUBLISHING	Publications	719.47
TRAER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	TCF Funds	4,000.00
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Utilities	8,239.19
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Office Support	9,000.00
Traer Theatre Inc.	Library Ad	200.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Phones	83.95
U.S. CELLULAR	Cameras	125.59
UMB BANK, N.A.	Fees	500.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC.	Engineering	28,183.60
WENDT TIRE & SERVICE	Repairs/Service	228.82
WEX BANK	Ambulance Fuel	130.30
WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	Misc. Supplies	24.48
WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	Misc. Supplies	61.93
WINDSTREAM	Phones	78.14
WINDSTREAM	Phones	544.36
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		240,167.80

#### **JULY 2025 REVENUES**

GENERAL FUND	\$71,041
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$17,293
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$6,777
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
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	\$95,111

#### **JULY 2025 DISBURSEMENTS**

GENERAL FUND	\$149,898
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$34,297
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$57,090
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	\$241,285

#### **JULY 2025 FUND BALANCES**

GENERAL FUND	\$1,581,120
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$527,111
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$1,888,292
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	\$3,996,523