

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, April 3rd, 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, Panfil, Holst and Kennedy present. Erhardt was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Podhajsky and Patty Seuss were present on behalf of the "Polish Up Taylor Park" committee to give an update on how things are going. The committee continues to work with ISU to create more "large picture" plans that will be presented at the June 3rd party in the park. Tracey Hulme, not present, will be in contact with Clerk Blaine and the rest of the council to "nail down" a more precise plan of attack going forward.

Dahn Kennedy and Sierra Hagedon were present to quick touch base on their memorial ideas to be placed in Taylor Park. The bench and plaque for the bench are in and Dahn is hopeful to have it fully installed in May. Sierra hopes to continue working with Dahn to find a cohesive plan for both the bench and the rock to work together.

Dahn also quick spoke to the council about a fun opportunity coming to Traer in September. Tara Thomas and Amanda Goodman, former KWWL anchors, will be coming to do speaking engagement, more details will be available soon.

John Novak was present to discuss a recent letter he had received about the condition of his property. He told the council that he is working on getting things cleaned up, but it will not be done by the April 10th deadline that he was given. He also was aware that Neil O'Brien was now the one responsible for sending these letters, and he was curious if that position had been posted? Council member Panfil informed Novak we didn't add a new position we simple had updated a job description and were trying it out for 6 months.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Rausch, that the minutes of the March 6th, 2023 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Holst, that the March Checks (#30509-30555) totaling \$134,734.30, are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

TAYLOR PARK MOWING

The council reviewed 5 bids that were submitted for the Taylor Park mowing job. Bids received were from Perfect Circle for \$300/time, Precision Lawn Care \$345/time, Paul Henely \$400/time, Josh Ewoldt \$500/time and Darren Stien \$635/time. After some brief discussion the council was deadlocked on two bids, Perfect Circle and Precision Lawn Care. Knowing the park is going to be a focal point this year, with Traer's Sesquicentennial taking place, and knowing Erhardt wasn't available to vote, Panfil decided to side with the female council members to accept the bid from Precision Lawn care, with hopes of working with Perfect Circle in the future. MOTION by Holst, seconded by Kennedy to approve the bid from Precision Lawn Care for the 2023 mowing season. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

PROPOSAL OF SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

The Traer Development Corp. and the City of Traer have received an offer of \$19,000 from Randy Hansen for Lot 58 in the Prairie West, Phase 5 addition. MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Rausch, to approve RESOLUTION 04-03-23-01 Proposing the Sale of Certain Real Property, with a public hearing taking place on Monday, May 1st 2023 at 7:00pm. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

FY2024 BUDGET

Mayor Holden declared a public hearing to discuss the Proposed Budget Notice that was published in the North Tama Telegraph. No comments verbal or written were received prior to the meeting, and no comments were made during this time. Mayor Holden closed the public hearing. MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Kennedy, to approve RESOLUTION 04-03-23-02: adopting the FY24 budget with a tax rate of \$18.59 (down from \$19.31 in FY23). Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

The council discussed renewing their law enforcement contract with the Tama Co. Sheriff's Department. MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Rausch, to approve renewing a contract with Tama Co. Sheriff's Department, starting 7/1/23, for \$10,864.00 for 200 hours of service per month. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Liz "Haldy" Hoselton brought in some plans and letters about a project that her father had started years ago for a Mill Stone Monument light pole to be placed on the corner of 1st and Mill Street. She would like to see the project thru and hopes that TMU and the City would be willing to work with her, like they were willing to work with him originally. The council agreed, they liked the plans and would work with her when needed.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Holst had Shaun Kennedy, Traer Ambulance Manager, give a quick update on the calls that he'd take so far this year. 72 calls for service were reported for the 1st quarter.

Holst also informed the council that the Traer Memorial Bldg received a Tama County Community Foundation grant in the amount of \$6,000 to help with the purchase of new tables. She hopes to get some funds from the Legion along with possibly using some set aside money to complete the purchase.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK

TRAER CHECK REGISTER APRIL 2023

AFLAC	Insurance	38.52
ALISON HOWARD	Library Hours	320.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Library Supplies	490.88
Aspro	Street Supplies	1,338.93
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	Insurance	6,922.45
BOUND TREE MEDICAL L.L.C.	Ambulance Supplies	297.17
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC.	Paper Product	55.00
CHAMPION ENTERPRISES, LLC	Repairs/Service	374.00
CHICK STUDIOS	Reimbursements	1,779.90
CHRIS COOPER	Reimbursements	50.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	22.64
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COOLEY SANITATION LLC	Garbage	10,675.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	Parts/Supplies	635.38
DEANNA KUCERA	Refund	100.00
Demco Inc.	Library Books	246.33
DIANE PANFIL	Reimbursements	207.49
IAMU	Dues	500.00
Ingram Library Services	Library Books	893.43
JANET FILLMORE	Refund	100.00
KCL GROUP BENEFITS	Insurance	148.17
MASTERCARD	Misc. Supplies	723.78
MERCYONE	Amb. Drugs	310.93
NORTH TAMA TELEGRAPH	Subscription	65.00
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	106.28
Scot's Supply	Parts/Supplies	336.42
SINCLAIR	Fuel	1,612.82
STOREY KENWORTHY	Office Supply	167.05
SUPERIOR WELDING	Oxygen	104.94
Tama Co. Extension Office	Refund	100.00
TAMA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Contract	12,149.76
TIMES-REPUBLICAN	Subscription	236.60
TRAER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Reimbursements	2,486.32
Traer Fire Dept.	Reimbursements	1,494.02
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TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Utilities	8,160.16
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Office Services	9,000.00
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	SRF Reimbursement	55,014.94
U.S. CELLULAR	Phones	229.95
Wauters Electric	Electrical Work	5,000.00
WENDLING QUARRIES INC.	Road Stone	1,841.69
WEX BANK	Fuel	241.38

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WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	Misc. Supplies	12.98
WINDING STAIRS FESTIVAL	Reimbursements	6,180.00
WINDSTREAM	Phones	68.94
WINDSTREAM	Phones	546.41
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		134,734.30

MAR 2023 REVENUES

GENERAL FUND	\$156,686
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$14,215
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$5,925
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
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	\$176,826

**MAR 2023
DISBURSEMENTS**

GENERAL FUND	\$614,412
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$25,377
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
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	\$639,789

**MAR 2023 FUND
BALANCES**

GENERAL FUND	\$1,694,416
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$399,895
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$186,466
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
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	\$2,280,777