

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday March 1st, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order with Council Members, Rausch, Holst, Kennedy and Schafer present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Some members of the Traer Chamber of Commerce were present to discuss the need for more store front space downtown. Their hope is to free up more space for business owners looking to bring stores/businesses to town. They asked if the City could help them in this campaign and review all ordinances pertaining to downtown, specifically ordinances relating to downtown living/storage.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Rausch, that the minutes of the February 1st, 2020 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Schafer, that the February Checks (#29043-29092), totaling \$96,892.90 are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESIGNATION

MOTION by Rausch, seconded by Kennedy, to regretfully accept Steve Foster's resignation from the Traer City Council. The Traer City Council and the City of Traer wish all the best to Steve on his new adventures.

Having no public comment during this time or prior to the meeting Matt Rausch made a MOTION to nominate James Erhardt to the newly open seat on the council, Kennedy seconded the nomination. Carri Holst made a MOTION to nominate Jon Panfil, Schafer seconded the nomination. With both nominations made a roll call vote was taken (Holst—Panfil, Schafer—Panfil, Kennedy—Erhardt, Rausch—Erhardt) and the council was split. After some discussion amongst themselves and with nominee Panfil, who was present, and knowing the importance to fill the seat, another roll call vote was taken, James Erhardt was appointed to the Traer City Council as an interim member with a vote of 3-1 (Holst—Erhardt, Schafer—Panfil, Kennedy—Erhardt, Rausch—Erhardt).

James will be sworn in at the next regular council meeting on April 5th.

SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

Mayor Holden declared a public hearing at this point in the meeting to discuss the sale of Lot 40 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 Schafer, seconded by Kennedy, approving RESOLUTION 03-01-21-01 Authorizing the Sale of City Real Property to Midwest Development. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

FY22 BUDGET

The Mayor declared a public hearing again, to discuss the Maximum Levy Notice that was published in the North Tama Telegraph. No comments/concerns were received prior to the meeting, and none were made during this time. Mayor Holden closed the public hearing on the matter. MOTION by Rausch, seconded by Holst to approve RESOLUTION 03-01-21-02 Approving Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the "Notice of Public Hearing – Proposed Budget" for publication in the North Tama Telegraph. This public hearing will require a special

meeting which will take place Monday, March 22nd at 7pm. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

STREET PROJECTS

Nate Summers with DA Davidson was once again present via teleconference to discuss with the council the next steps in the financial process and to answer any questions the council might have. MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Kennedy to approve RESOLUTION 03-01-21-03 Fixing a Date for a Meeting on the Proposition to Authorize a Loan Agreement and the Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligations of the City Thereunder and setting a meeting date of March 22nd 2021. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

The council agreed that Traer clean-up and garage sales would be happening again this spring, following the same set-up as the last couple of years. Garage sales will be April 30th and May 1st with clean-up taking place May 7th and 8th. A Goodwill trailer will also be available like usual.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Check Register attached.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK