

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, February 6th, 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, Erhardt, Panfil, Holst and Kennedy present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VISITOR COMMENT

Dahn Kennedy was present to discuss her work with Bucky McKinley on getting a military memorial bench in Taylor Park. Donations are being accepted to help pay for the bench, which currently is projected to cost \$4975. Kennedy hopes to have the bench on display in the park in time for Winding Stairs Festival this summer. Holst suggested Kennedy work with park committees and the Cizek family (who are currently working on a "memorial rock") to coordinate the placement of the bench and the rock together.

Tracey Hulme, Polish Up Taylor Park Committee, presented the board some plans that ISU has come up with for improvements in Taylor Park. She gave quick updates on what it's been like working with ISU and the visions they have. Hulme informed the council and those present that an account has been set up at FSB for anyone wishing to donate funds to the project, as it's still the committees hope to use fundraising money to help make some of these visions come to life. The committee is excited to work with the City during this whole process to achieve a great end result.

David Hill, NT Superintendent, was present to discuss the school's proposed improvement projects and bond election happening March 7, 2023. David wanted to be sure that the council and those in attendance have accurate information about everything going on and encouraged anyone with questions to reach out to him directly. He also encouraged everyone to get out and vote on March 7th, regardless of how you vote, your vote matters.

Kim Calderwood, WSF committee, was present to ask for the council's approval to close 2nd street from Hwy 63 west, for the festival happening in August. The road closure would be the same as it was last year. Council agreed to the closure.

Marv Boldt spoke during this time, asking for the council to consider more options when it comes to posting an advertisement for city services. He was unaware the City was looking for someone to do downtown snow removal, and lost 11 jobs with the change. He would've liked a chance to submit a bid.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Erhardt, seconded by Rausch, that the minutes of the January 9th, 2023 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Kennedy, that the January Checks (#30394-30440) and 1 ach (1122023), totaling \$94,988.39, are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

BEER/LIQUOR LICENSES

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Erhardt, to approve the license renewal for Kubik-Finch. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

FY2024 BUDGET REVIEW

The council reviewed a rough draft of the projected FY24 budget that Clerk Blaine has put together. Changes to the budget include more tax revenue, as Heartland Coop is now included in our valuations, and increased insurance and benefits. The rough draft also includes a 7% cost of living wage increase for employees, following suit with Traer Municipal Utilities and Tama County. No major street projects are being budgeted for FY24, but the hope is for more projects taking place FY25/FY26. Having no major issues/changes to make to the budget at this time, a MOTION was made by Panfil, seconded by Rausch, to approve the Maximum Levy Hearing Notice to be published in the North Tama Telegraph, with the public hearing taking place on March 3rd 2023 at 7pm, at the next council meeting. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Holst quick informed the rest of the council that she had recently submitted a grant request for new tables and chairs at the Traer Memorial Building. The new tables and chairs would be the heavy duty plastic material and would replace the old 8ft wooden/metal tables and the old metal chairs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK

TRAER CHECK REGISTER FEB 2023

A.W.E SERVICE	Service/Repairs	51.88
ALISON HOWARD	Library Hours	640.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Library Supplies	521.24
AMAZON.COM	Library Supplies	219.64
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	Insurance	6,922.65
BOUND TREE MEDICAL L.L.C.	Ambulance Supplies	92.57
CHAMPION ENTERPRISES, LLC	Service/Repairs	95.00
CHRIS COOPER	Reimbursement	50.00
CINDY COOPER	Refund	100.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	161.47
COOLEY SANITATION LLC	Garbage	10,715.00
HALSTEAD DOORS	Door	2,050.00
HOMETOWN FOODS	Misc. Supplies	10.26
IDALS	Renewal	15.00
Ingram Library Services	Library Supplies	760.37
IOWA GEMT PAYMENT PROGRAM	Fees	635.16
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	Renewal	75.00
JANET JOHNSON	Refund	100.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Parts/Supplies	59.45
KCL GROUP BENEFITS	Insurance	148.17
KYLE MESCH	Snow Removal	7,950.00
MASTERCARD	Misc. Supplies	1,600.03
MOLLY UDEN	Refund	100.00
MONAT BUILT	Mem. Bldg. Work	3,300.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	Parts/Supplies	460.16
NUCARA	Ambulance Supplies	5.23
PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMPANY	Ambulance Billing	3,266.66
QUILTMAKER	Subscription	27.95
Region 6 Planning Commission	Fees	791.50
RICHARD ENGEL	Fence Removal	6,700.00
Simply Blooming	Funeral Flowers	26.75
SINCLAIR	Fuel	1,388.60
STOREY KENWORTHY	Office Supply	49.00
SUPERIOR WELDING	Oxygen	81.08
TAMA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Contract	12,732.84
TAMA/GRUNDY PUBLISHING	Ads/Publications	843.19
TEA TIME	Subscription	29.98
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER, INC.	Parts/Supplies	147.79
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Office Services	9,000.00
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Utilties	10,714.29
TUMBLEWEED PRESS INC	Library Subscription	375.00

U.S. CELLULAR	Phones/Cameras	229.95
UMB BANK, N.A.**	Legal Fees	10,365.80
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	Parts/Supplies	178.27
WEX BANK	Ambulance Fuel	461.74
WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	Misc. Supplies	140.48
WINDSTREAM	Phones	68.80
WINDSTREAM	Phones	530.44
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**Denotes ACH Payment		94,988.39

JAN 2023 REVENUES

GENERAL FUND	\$64,899
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$17,040
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$7,672
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
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	\$89,611

JAN 2023 DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND	\$98,733
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$30,837
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$19,671
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	\$149,241

JAN 2023 FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND	\$1,765,581
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$409,717
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$173,031
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
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	\$2,348,329