

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday October 4th, 2021** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellen Young spoke about the Salt & Pepper Shaker Club meeting that was held here in Traer. People from all over the country and even some from Canada were in attendance and spent the day here in Traer. They enjoyed all the things we have to offer.

Tina Jones spoke in favor of wanting Traer to have their own police department. She feels there are real traffic concerns that aren't being addressed, and she feels she's not seeing many deputies around when needed. Mayor Holden and Sheriff Kucera who was also present, told her to call her complaints in anytime one arises, deputies will respond as soon as they can whenever a call is made.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Rausch, seconded by Erhardt, that the minutes of the September 13th, 2021 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rausch, that the September Checks (#29448-29499) and ACH Payment (9302021), totaling \$104,143.75, are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

BEER AND LIQUOR PERMITS

MOTION by Rausch, seconded by Erhardt, to approve the updated liquor license for Traer Short Stop. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk Blaine informed the council that Joe Roy with True Builders plans to have the new Taylor Park Shelter House complete within two weeks. With completion on the horizon, and with the City office already getting some inquiries the council needs to discuss the daily rate at which the building will be rented for. Prior to the derecho, the shelter house rented for \$25/day. The council discussed the need for an increase, and likes the idea of even requiring a deposit like the City currently requires for the Traer Memorial Building. Clerk Blaine will make some calls to surrounding communities to see what they charge, and how they handle rentals, before the council makes a final decision.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Superintendent Cooper discussed with the council some complaints about street sweeping that have been on social media lately. One issue with sweeping is parking, and the fact that some streets have lots of people using the street parking all hours of the day. Cooper suggested maybe looking in to alternate parking, to help with the cleaning of certain streets during certain times of the year. One thing Council Member Erhardt suggested was that we start addressing parking issues, and other small city matters on social media, and maybe in the form of a flyer with the TMU bills. The council also isn't opposed to looking into parking changes, as they are currently working on the ordinance book and changes could be made if needed.

Cooper informed the council that the motor grader he planned to purchase from Joe Weida for \$10,000 is ready. Joe made some fixes to it and it's now ready to purchase. Council Member Rausch just reminder Cooper he'd really like to see this piece of equipment be stored indoors but also knows we are running very low on space.

Clerk Blaine just reminded the council and those in attendance that Traer clean-up was Friday and Saturday this week, with the same format it had been in the past.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK

TRAER CHECK REGISTER OCT 2021

A.W.E SERVICE	Maintenance	22.00
AFD GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS	Letterhead	80.25
AFLAC	Insurance	38.52
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.	Legal Work	11,685.12
ALISON HOWARD	Library Hours	325.00
AMAZON.COM	Library Supplies	283.61
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	Insurance	8,112.48
BOUND TREE MEDICAL L.L.C.	Amb. Supplies	430.91
BRITTANY BOND	Refund	100.00
BUCKINGHAM COOP	Refund	100.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC.	Paper Product	36.50
COOLEY SANITATION LLC	Garbage	10,580.23
DIANE PANFIL	Reimbursement	27.18
DONALD HENDERSHOT	Refund	100.00
DOROTHY THORNE	Refund	100.00
ERICA QUIGLEY	Refund	100.00
HOMETOWN FOODS	Misc. Supplies	14.37
IAMU	Dues	637.27
Ingram Library Services	Library Books	900.67
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	Dues	1,208.00
Jerico Services, Inc.	Dust Control	3,330.00
KCL GROUP BENEFITS	Insurance	118.82
Madelon Harms	Park Restroom Cleaning	75.00
MASTERCARD	Misc. Supplies	1,477.56
NORTH TAMA PTO	Option Tax	1,000.00
OVERDRIVE, INC.	Library Fees	606.54
PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMPANY	Amb. Billing	643.62
PRECISION LAWN CARE	Park Mowing	1,380.00
Roan, Powell & Reinders	Bridge Project Work	10,200.00
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	100.83
SOMERSET STUDIO	Library Subscription	53.97
STOREY KENWORTHY	Office Supplies	68.55
SUPERIOR WELDING	Supplies	206.77
TAMA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Contact	10,388.00
Tama County Economic Development	Dues	3,406.00
TAMA/GRUNDY PUBLISHING	Publications	177.64
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THE COURIER	Library Subscription	367.99
TRAER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Reimbursement	2,500.00
Traer Fire Dept.	3rd Qtr Reimb.	1,082.27
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TRAER GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	Option Tax	2,500.00
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Utilites	6,202.70
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Office Services	9,000.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Phones	153.84
UMB BANK, N.A. **	ACH Fee	300.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC	Drug Testing	42.00
Veenstra & Kimm Inc.	Engineer Work	10,008.58
WEX BANK	Fuel	298.52
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WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	Misc. Supplies	263.52
WINDSTREAM	Phones	65.85
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		104,143.75

**Denotes ACH Payment

SEPT 2021 REVENUES

GENERAL FUND	\$628,627
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$36,442
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$21,428
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
	<u>\$686,497</u>

**SEPT 2021
DISBURSEMENTS**

GENERAL FUND	\$94,638
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$18,078
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$300
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$5,500
	<u>\$118,516</u>

**SEPT 2021 FUND
BALANCES**

GENERAL FUND	\$964,996
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$538,755
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$40,318
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$501,710
	<u>\$2,045,779</u>