

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday October 7, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at Traer Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order with Council Members Holst, Kennedy, Youel, Schafer and Foster answering roll call. Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

WELCOME TO VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Novak complained about his receipt of one of the letters that went out to over 50 residences regarding junk, weeds and nuisances on properties.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Youel, seconded by Holst, that the minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Kennedy, that the October Checks (#28113-28164, total of \$68,773.68) are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The Sheriff's Dept. report was received

BEER and LIQUOR PERMITS

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Holst, that the liquor licenses for Sunnyside Tavern and Tom/Cindy Weida (602 2nd St) are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

SALE OF CITY PROPERTY

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Youel, to approve RESOLUTION 10-07-19-1, Proposing Sale of Lot 70, Prairie West, Phase 4. Public notice will be published in the paper and a public hearing will be held at the council meeting November 7, 2019. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

1ST STREET BRIDGE

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Calhoun-Burns. This is the first step in replacing the bridge. The City currently has an agreement with the Iowa DOT for the use of federal funds to pay 80% of the costs of the bridge replacement. Engineering costs need to be paid 100% by the city, but will be included in the City's ultimate 20% cost share. The City is currently working with the DOT to change the funding source to a state "SWAP" program, which requires a little less paperwork to complete. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Ned Vaughn, representing the Wilson Nature Preserve, discussed the placement of a sculpture in the Prairie honoring Ellen Wilson Zmolek. The sculpture is being fabricated in Dysart. MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Youel, to approve the placement of the sculpture. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Sara Forrester, representing Pied Piper, came to the council to discuss the status of their building. The original building was purchased through fundraising by Traer Development Corp. and donated to the city for the purposes of housing the Pied Piper Daycare. At a later date TDC purchased the house located immediately behind the building, tore the house down, and donated

the land to the city. Pied Piper raised funds to put an addition on the building and build the playground area. For the last 20+ years, the building has remained under the ownership of the city, with pied piper paying a small "rent", and paying all operating expenses, maintenance, etc. of the building. They are looking to potentially expand again, as they have a large waiting list for their services, and they recently purchased the vacant lots to the north of their building along Highway 63. They are requesting that the city sell them the building at this time, so they will have formal ownership of their entire property. MOTION by Foster, seconded by Schafer, to start the process of selling them the building. There will need to be a Resolution proposing the sale approved at the next council meeting, then a public notice and a public hearing at the December council meeting before the sale can be completed. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The Council discussed the appointment of City Attorney, which is done as of January 1 each year. No decision needs to be made at this time.

The issue of snow removal at city buildings was discussed. No current bids have been received. Discussion tabled until the November meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Council member Foster noted that the Grocery Store is for sale, and the city should keep an eye on things, because we don't want to lose a grocery store in town. The city could consider some tax incentives to a new owner if necessary. He also requested that the city contact Heartland to discuss the status of the old Traer Manufacturing building.

Council member Youel would like to purchase some additional picnic benches for the pool. There are still funds available in the pool capital account to cover the cost. He also has marked some trees in the park by the pool that need to be removed. The city/utility personnel should be able to get these down this fall/winter.

Public Works superintendent Cooper updated the council on what they had been working on the last month.

City Clerk Panfil noted that he has been in contact with Habitat for Humanity about the house on Woodlawn they own. If they cannot identify a buyer in the near future, they will tear it down.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

SEPTEMBER 2019 REVENUES:

General Fund	\$ 103,923
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 43,998
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 29,754
Capital Projects.....	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$ 177,675

SEPTEMBER 2019 DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund	\$ 89,676
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 21,442
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 0
Capital Projects.....	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$ 111,118

SEPTEMBER 2019 FUND BALANCES:

General Fund	\$ 1,509,732
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 72,620
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 46,952
Capital Projects.....	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$ 1,629,304

Check Register attached.

MAYOR PETE HOLDEN

Haley Blaine, Deputy City Clerk

TRAER CHECK REGISTER OCTOBER 2019

A.W.E SERVICE	SERVICE	34.25
ADAPCO	SPRAYER OIL	1,293.50
AFLAC	INSURANCE	38.52
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ALISON HOWARD	LIBRARY CLEANING	475.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS	1,252.15
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY	802.53
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	LIBRARY	1,134.62
BARNES & NOBLE	LIBRARY	182.06
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	INSURANCE	7,169.38
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	AMBULANCE	1,481.77
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES	POOL CHEMICALS	115.00
CHAMPION ENTERPRISES	LIBRARY SUMP PUMP	969.40
COOLEY SANITATION LLC	GARBAGE	10,410.00
DENNIS DEKE	REPAIR FENCE	350.00
J.P. COOKE CO.	PET TAGS	67.40
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	PARTS	38.49
KCL GROUP BENEFITS	INSURANCE	141.85
LIQUI-GROW OF TRAER	CHEMICAL	48.43
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	OIL	592.44
Madelon Harms	PARK CLEANING	100.00
MANATT'S	CEMENT	1,046.80
MASTERCARD	VARIOUS SUPPLIES	812.51
MERCYONE	AMBULANCE DRUGS	32.14
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	415.36
PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMPANY	AMBULANCE BILLING	1,194.81
PRECISION LAWN CARE	PARK MOWING	1,580.00
ROSANNE FOSTER	REIMBURSEMENT	368.96
SINCLAIR	FUEL	1,619.80
STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA	LIBRARY	15.00
STERLING FIRE & SAFETY	EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION	282.00
STOREY KENWORTHY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	37.94
SUNNYCREST NURSING CENTER	REFUND	250.00
TAMA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	POLICE PROTECTION	9,756.00
Tama County Treasurer	TAXES	484.00
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TAMA/GRUNDY PUBLISHING	LEGALS	119.71
THE READING WAREHOUSE	LIBRARY	53.85
THINKSIGN INC.	MEMORIAL BLDG SIGN DATA PLAN	1,500.00
Traer Fire Dept.	QUARTERLY EXPENSES	2,307.57
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TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UTILITIES	5,495.38

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Traer Theatre Inc.	FOUNDATION FUNDING	1,050.00
U.S. CELLULAR	PHONES	19.38
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	SUPPLIES	180.92
WENDLING QUARRIES INC.	ROCK	489.19
WENDT TIRE & SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	34.95
WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	39.97
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WINDSTREAM	PHONES	66.69
WINDSTREAM	PHONES	505.83
		68,773.68