

## **MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday March 2, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. at Traer Municipal Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order with Council Members Holst, Kennedy, Rausch and Foster answering roll call. Schafer arrived a couple minutes late.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **WELCOME TO VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Alex Tungland with Rite Environmental was present to discuss using their company for weekly garbage pick-up. He introduced himself, and gave a brief history of the Waterloo based business. He discussed the option of using cart service, rather than rear load service if we were to use them. Also mentioned Monday being the scheduled pick-up day versus our current Thursday. Willing to supply more information and numbers if the council chooses to request a bid.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Holst, that the minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Foster, that the February Checks (#28379-28418), total of \$72,772.79) are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The Sheriff's Dept. report was received.

### **BEER and LIQUOR PERMITS**

NONE.

### **FY2021 BUDGET**

The Mayor noted that this was the time for the public hearing on the "Maximum Levy Hearing Notice", as published in the Traer Star Clipper. The City Clerk noted that there were no written objections to the notice, and there were no oral objections at the meeting. The public hearing was closed.

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Kennedy, to approve RESOLUTION 03-02-20-1; adopting the Maximum Property Tax Dollars, with a maximum levy for affected property tax levies being \$721,113. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rausch, to approve the "Notice of Public Hearing Budget Estimate" for publication in the Traer Star Clipper. This public hearing will require a special meeting which will take place Monday, March 23rd at 7pm. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Our current contract with Cooley Sanitation expires June 30, 2020. Cooley Sanitation would like to continue serving our community and has proposed NO rate increase if we continue to use their service. The council agreed they've been very happy with the service Cooley Sanitation has provided.

MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Kennedy, to approve renewing a contract with Cooley Sanitation at the same rate as the current contract. The contract begins July 1, 2020 and expires on June 30, 2023.

Although Cooley Sanitation is not raising their rates, the Tama County Landfill Per Capita fee will be increasing. The council discussed raising rates to residents in order to help cover some of this increase.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Schafer, to raise the residential garbage rate from \$13.00 to \$14.25 to help cover this landfill increase.

The council also set spring garage sale dates & spring clean-up dates. Garage sales will be May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> with clean-up taking place the next weekend, May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Clean-up is going to be done the same way as last year, with residents bringing items to the recycling area behind the library. The council is going to look into seeing if any community organizations would be willing to help those who don't have the means of getting things down there that weekend.

### **CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rausch, to approve the law enforcement contact with the Tama County Sheriff's Department. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The council discussed FY21 option tax money. The council is requesting any individual or group wanting to apply for option tax funding should submit a new "Option Tax Request Form". Forms will be due by June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and would be approved at the July council meeting. Forms can be picked up at Traer Municipal Hall.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Street Dept. Chair Rausch mentioned talking with Public Works Superintendent Chris Cooper about working on a few intersections this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Check Register attached.

MAYOR PETE HOLDEN

Haley Blaine, City Clerk

**TRAEER CHECK REGISTER MARCH 2020**

A.W.E SERVICE	PARTS	34.75
ALISON HOWARD	LIBRARY	712.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS	2,371.98
AMAZON.COM	MISC. LIBRARY	607.60
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	LIBRARY	663.64
BARNES & NOBLE, INC.	LIBRARY	139.18
BOUND TREE MEDICAL L.L.C.	AMBULANCE	102.60
Calhoun-Burns & Associates, Inc.	PROFESSIONAL FEE	7,663.00
CHAMPION ENTERPRISES, LLC	MEM. BLDG. REPAIR	276.60
CHRIS COOPER	REIMBURSEMENT	1,780.03
CNC LUMBER & SUPPLIES	LUMBER	29.18
COOLEY SANITATION LLC	GARBAGE	10,135.00
Demco Inc.	LIBRARY BOOKS	94.53
EASY QUILTS	LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION	19.99
GRIT	LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION	18.95
IAMU	DUES	400.00
JAMES MARTIN	CHECK REISSUE	154.00
KCL GROUP BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	116.50
MARYJANESFARM	LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION	19.95
MASTERCARD	MISC. SUPPLIES	1,495.75
MERCYONE	AMBULANCE	583.75
NAPA AUTO PARTS	MISC. PART/SUPPLIES	206.84
New Century FS	FUEL	1,191.40
North Tama After Prom	OPTION TAX	2,000.00
NUCARA	AMBULANCE	5.84
PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMPANY	AMBULANCE BILLING	1,368.26
ROSANNE FOSTER	REIMBURSEMENT	432.06
TAMA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	CITATION SERVED	45.00
TAMA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	CONTRACT	9,756.00
TAMA/GRUNDY PUBLISHING	LEGALS	320.49
TRAEER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	MONTHLY BILL	4,157.26
TRAEER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	OFFICE SERVICES	9,000.00
Traer Theatre Inc.	TCF MONEY	1,700.00
TUMBLEWEED PRESS INC	LIBRARY	350.00
U.S. CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	151.50
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	MEDICAL INSURANCE	5,430.63
WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	MISC. SUPPLIES	171.28
Winding Stairs Festival	OPTION TAX	8,500.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONES	67.21
WINDSTREAM	PHONES	499.54
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		72,772.79

**FEBRUARY 2020 REVENUES**

GENERAL FUND	96,339
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	21,530
DEBT SERVICE FUND	6,146
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0
	124,015

**FEBRUARY 2020 DISBURSEMENTS**

GENERAL FUND	132,536
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	12,238
DEBT SERVICE FUND	0
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0
	144,774

**FEBRUARY 2020 FUND BALANCES**

GENERAL FUND	1,572,392
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	196,928
DEBT SERVICE FUND	154,020
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0
	1,923,340