

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday September 14, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order with Council Members Holst, Kennedy, Schafer and Foster answering roll call. Rausch was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Gordy Peters was present to discuss the alleyway behind his home, between Crestview and 6th, and the fact the city does not maintain or have access to it. He'd like to see all that property be split and "reverted" back to the property owners. Mayor Holden told him the council would review and discuss the options.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Kennedy, that the minutes of the August 3rd, 2020 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Holst, that the August Checks (#28719-28779), total of \$77,637.47 are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

BEER & LIQUOR PERMITS

MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Kennedy to approve the permit for Pizza Palace. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

2020 STREET FINANCE REPORT

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Foster, to approve RESOLUTION 09-14-20-01 approving the FY20 Street Finance Report.

PUBLIC HEARING—SALE OF CITY PROPERTY

Mayor Holden stated this was the Public Hearing portion of the meeting to discuss the sale of city property. City Clerk Blaine informed the Council there had been no written or verbal complaints/comments on the sale, and there were no comments made during this time. The public hearing portion was closed. MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Kennedy to approve RESOLUTION 09-14-20-02 Authorizing the Sale of City Property to Joseph E. Roy. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

The property owner at 520 Mowery had contacted City Hall to discuss the possibility of getting a "No Truck Parking" sign removed from their front lawn. The sign was originally put in when a restaurant occupied the lot across the street, but with that restaurant no longer there they didn't see a need for that sign any longer. MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Schafer to go ahead and remove the "No Truck Parking" sign from that property. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote. The Council also discussed the corner of Linn and 6th Street and discussed the possibility of putting a stop sign back at that corner. This is something they will come back to at a future meeting.

The Council discussed current COVID-19 restrictions at the Traer Memorial Building. MOTION by Foster, seconded by Kennedy, to lift the locked cupboards restriction and to start implementing the use of face masks by all kitchen staff/help. All other guidelines and restrictions will remain in place for now. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

On the topic of the Memorial Building Carri Holst brought up the idea of buying Reme Halo's, an air purification system, for the facility. These systems cost approx. \$800/each and the Memorial Building would need 6 to cover the area. These systems help reduce surface bacteria and virus' in the air. With the cost being somewhat on the higher side Holst mentioned maybe speaking with the Legion to see if splitting the cost would be an option. No action was taken, more discuss will take place in the future.

Taylor Park stump removal was discussed. Right now we have approx. 13-16 stumps that need to be removed. Public Works Superintendent Cooper is hoping to remove a few more trees that need to be taken down before officially removing all stumps. A bid of \$100/per stump, from Power Stump Removal out of Hudson was received, but Cooper wants to explore the possibility of renting a stump grinder before moving forward with any action. At this time Kennedy discussed with the board that the Chamber of Commerce has asked if we could possibly keep 2-4 "good" stumps in the park. The Chamber would like to explore the idea of having a wood carver come and make some artwork out of them. Kennedy is going to work with the Chamber and update the Council as needed about this project. Kennedy also mentioned that Dirk Dahms has generously offered to donate trees to the City to plant in Taylor Park to replace some of those lost in the storm. The council plans to explore more of that option once all trees are down and stumps removed.

Traer Trick or Treating was set. It'll be Halloween night, October 31st, from 5pm-7pm. The Council would like to remind everyone to be mindful of social distancing and making healthy decisions while out and about that night.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Check Register attached.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK

**TRAER CHECK REGISTER SEPT
2020**

A.W.E SERVICE	Battery/Labor	373.73
AFLAC	Insurance	38.52
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ALICIA PETERSON	Refund	120.00
ALISON HOWARD	Library	450.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	Gas	761.37
AMAZON.COM	Library Supplies	639.33
AMERICAN QUILTER'S SOCIETY	Library Subscription	25.00
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	Insurance	5,430.64
BOUND TREE MEDICAL L.L.C.	Ambulance Supplies	48.24
CHAMPION ENTERPRISES, LLC	Mem. Bldg. Work	200.57
CHRIS COOPER	Reimbursement	50.00
CINDY STELTER	Refund	25.00
CINDY YOUEL	Reimbursement	110.99
CLARKE	Spraying Chemical	1,037.59
COOLEY SANITATION LLC	Garbage	10,313.00
DANICA MINARD	Lessons	84.50
Farmers Savings Bank & Trust	Refund	100.00
Gierke-Robinson Co.	Street Repair Supply	355.02
IAMU	Training	385.09
Ingram Library Services	Library Books	1,116.20
JEAN STOAKES	Refund	25.00
Jerico Services, Inc.	Dust Control	3,266.00
Jolene Kahler	Reimbursement	607.42
KCL GROUP BENEFITS	Insurance	116.50
Keystone Laboratories, Inc.	Water Testing	15.50
KIEFER AQUATICS	Guard Suits	334.70
L.L. OWENS & ASSOC.	Airport Insurance	2,146.00
MANATT'S	Street Supplies	1,322.50
MASTERCARD	Misc. Purchases	1,332.03
MERCYONE	Ambulance	825.97
MOMAR, INC	Spraying Chemical	2,185.04
NAPA AUTO PARTS	Misc. Purchases	454.09
OVERDRIVE, INC.	Library Subscription	544.54
PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMPANY	Ambulance Billing	758.67
PRECISION LAWN CARE	Park Mowing	1,725.00
PRECISION LAWN CARE	Park Clean-Up	7,381.25
Reuman's Clothing	Flag Repair	10.00
ROSANNE FOSTER	Reimbursement	897.72
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	47.50
Service Signing, L.C.	Traffic Control	800.00
Sherwin Williams Co.	Line Paint	667.66
SINCLAIR	Fuel	1,109.57
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STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA	Library Fees	62.00
STOREY KENWORTHY	Office Supply	92.98

SUPERIOR WELDING	Welder Gear	405.24
TAMA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Contract	10,192.00
Tama County Treasurer	Taxes	588.00
TAMA/GRUNDY PUBLISHING	Legals	282.62
THE PENWORTHY COMPANY	Library Books	274.13
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Utilities	6,259.40
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Office Services	9,000.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Phones	152.30
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUP.	Drug Testing	42.00
WENDT TIRE & SERVICE	Tire	55.00
WEX BANK	Ambulance Fuel	146.25
WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	Misc. Purchases	39.98
WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	Misc. Purchases	78.83
WINDSTREAM	Phones	66.91
WINDSTREAM	Phones	504.86

77,637.47

AUG 2020 REVENUES

GENERAL FUND	\$55,182
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$19,378
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$7,532
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0

\$82,092

AUG 2020 DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND	\$78,222
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$30,317
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$118,063

\$226,602

AUG 2020 FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND	\$924,481
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$268,921
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$22,046
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0

\$1,215,448