

MINUTES OF THE TRAER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, March 3rd 2025** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with Council Members Mennenga, Holst and Rund present. Kennedy and Erhardt were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ernie and Julie Cufr were present on behalf of the Traer Lion's Club to discuss their "Flags Over Traer" project. Ernie informed the council that a flyer went out in the TMU bill's this month to make the community aware of the project and how to get involved.

Michelle Podhajsky was present on behalf of the Polish Up Taylor Park committee to give an update on the progress that's been made and the projects the organization is working on.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Rund, seconded by Mennenga, that the minutes of the February 3rd, 2025 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rund, that the February Checks (#31833-31878) totaling \$103,448.49 are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

FY26 BUDGET

Clerk Blaine presented the council an updated FY26 budget. The new draft included the Salt and Pepper Shaker Gallery, the Sheriff Dept.'s increase and street projects. With all things added Blaine is happy with a positive bottom line. Things will adjust slightly as the street project numbers came in well under what we were projecting but that shouldn't affect us for the worse, only the better. The next step in the budget process is to have a public hearing on our proposed property tax levy. Our proposed property tax rate for FY26 is \$19.53. MOTION by Mennenga, seconded by Rund, to set a public hearing date of Monday, April 7th 2025 at 6:45pm on the proposed property tax levy. Motion approved with a roll call vote.

2025 STREET PROJECTS

Mayor Holden opened the meeting up for public hearing on the proposed form of contract and estimated cost for the 2025 Street Resurfacing project. Clerk Blaine informed the council that 5 bids were submitted and opened on Wednesday, February 26th for the resurfacing project. The lowest bid submitted was by Hatch Grading & Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$540,161.15. 19.7% lower than our engineer's estimated cost of \$673,000.00. No other comments were made during this time, Mayor Holden closed the public hearing. MOTION by Holst, seconded by Mennenga, to accept the bid from Hatch Grading & Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$540,161.15 for the 2025 resurfacing project. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Mayor Holden opened up the meeting once again for a public hearing, this time on the proposed form of contract and estimated cost for the 2025 Street Reconstruction project. Blaine informed the council that 11 bids were submitted and opened on Wednesday, February 26th 2025 for the reconstruction project. The lowest bid was submitted by Hudson Hardware Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$904,779.70 (base bid of \$747,868.20 & alternate bid of \$156,911.50). The bid came in approximately 38% under the engineer's estimate of \$1,465,000. No other comments were made during this time, Mayor Holden closed the public hearing. MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rund, to approve the bid from Hudson Hardware Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$904,779.70 for both the base and alternate bid, for the 2025 Street Reconstruction project. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Rund, seconded by Mennenga, to approve RESOLUTION 03-03-2025-01 Fixing a Date for a Meeting on the Proposition to Authorize a Loan Agreement and the Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligations of the City Thereunder. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote. Date of meeting will be our next regular council meeting on April 7th at 7pm.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

The council members present decided to table the consideration of the Tama County Law Enforcement contract until next meeting to allow more members to be involved in the discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK

TRAER CHECK REGISTER MAR 2025

ALISON HOWARD	Library Hours	800.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Library Supplies	356.31
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	Insurance	4,869.31
BOUND TREE MEDICAL L.L.C.	Ambulance Supply	417.25
CHAMPION ENTERPRISES, LLC	Repairs/Service	167.77
CHRIS COOPER	Reimbursement	50.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	14.88
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	43.81
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	47.40
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	79.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Publications	80.03
COOLEY SANITATION LLC	Garbage	11,298.92
DEMCO INC.	Library Books	76.53
DONNA DEBOEF	Reimbursement	95.00
FRONTLINES UNITED	Refund	100.00
HOMETOWN HEARTS	Reimbursement	1,000.00
Ingram Library Services	Library Books	610.26
IOWA GEMT PAYMENT PROGRAM	Ambulance Fee	481.99
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Parts/Supplies	122.38
KCL GROUP BENEFITS	Insurance	165.18
KEITH KENNEDY	Repairs/Service	300.00
KYLE MESCH	Snow Removal	1,450.00
MUTUAL WHEEL CO.	Parts/Supplies	21.56
NAPA AUTO PARTS	Parts/Supplies	274.67
Overhead Door of Waterloo	Repairs/Service	196.78
PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMPANY	Ambulance Billing	816.01
RACHEL KERN	Cleaning Hours	1,146.25
ROGER JOHNSON	Refund	100.00
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	56.14
Scot's Supply	Parts/Supplies	86.64
SINCLAIR	Fuel	564.66
SKYLINE SALT SOLUTIONS	Road Salt	3,526.27
STOREY KENWORTHY	Office Supply	100.82
STRAWBERRY MOON MAGAZINE	Library Subscription	20.00
TAMA CO. CATTLEMEN	Refund	100.00
TAMA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Contract	12,763.93
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Utilities	8,684.54
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Office Services	9,000.00
TUMBLEWEED PRESS INC	Library Dues	375.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Phones	83.98
U.S. CELLULAR	Cameras	125.59
Veenstra & Kimm Inc.	Engineering	42,056.19

WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	Misc. Hardware	20.48
WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	Misc. Hardware	92.86
WINDSTREAM	Phones	71.87
WINDSTREAM	Phones/Fax	538.23
		<hr/>
		103,448.49

FEB 2025 REVENUES

GENERAL FUND	\$39,759
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$15,972
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$1,640
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
	<hr/>
	\$57,371

FEB 2025 DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND	\$155,601
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$16,011
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
	<hr/>
	\$171,612

FEB 2025 FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND	\$1,443,177
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$548,581
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$152,536
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
	<hr/>
	\$2,144,294