

MINUTES OF THE TRAER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, July 10th 2023** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with Council Members Rausch, Erhardt, Holst, Kennedy and Panfil present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VISITOR COMMENT

Dahn Kennedy was present to talk more about making the Taylor Park Memorial area more personalized by selling brick pavers to those interested in buying them. The pavers would be placed as a walkway from the sidewalk to the bench area and could be personalized to ones choosing. Dahn said she'd be more than happy to spearhead this project but wanted the councils blessing to do so, which she received from them tonight.

Tina Jones and Mo McWhirter were present to talk to the council again about the Civil War reenactment set to take place on Mo's property in late August. Mo wanted the council to know that he had the support for this idea from his neighbors, the Brooks' the Bauch's and the McEwen's and that he had spoken with many more who agreed this was a great idea and who were in support of the event. One neighbor though, Robin Billerbeck, was present to show her protest against the idea. The council also explained to Mo that his property wasn't zoned for an event of this nature, and they were not in support of something like this taking place in a residential area. The council agreed they liked the idea of this event, but not the location.

Lucas Walker with Walker Reclaim and Demo along with Tom Blanford Member's 1st CFO came to the meeting to talk with the council about the possibility of the Member's 1st building on Hwy 63 & 8 being torn down. The building has been deemed unsafe by their engineers and is in dire need of repair to get it back into working order. Blanford did say that a purchase agreement has come to the office, but has not been reviewed by their legal time at this time, he's wondering if the purchase agreement does not go through, if the City of Traer or Traer Development would have any interest in the building. Mayor Holden made it very clear the city would hate to see that building come down and the City would do whatever necessary to make sure it doesn't.

Kennan Seda quick spoke to remind everyone about the Feast and Flick event taking place this Sunday at the Traer Theatre.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Erhardt, that the minutes of the June 5th, 2023 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Kennedy, that the June Checks (#30684-30759), and 2 ACH payments (627202301, 627202302) totaling \$251,993.30, are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

BEER/LIQUOR PERMITS

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Holst, to approve a beer/liquor license for the Winding Stairs Festival and Hometown Foods. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

2022 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

MOTION by Rausch, seconded by Kennedy to approve change order #4, pay app #7 and the completion of the 2022 street improvement project. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

SEWER PROJECT PART II

Motion by Panfil, seconded by Rausch, to approve RESOLUTION 07-10-23-01 Fixing Date for a Meeting on the Proposition to Authorize a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligations of the City Thereunder. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

FY24 OPTION TAX

The council reviewed and discussed the requests submitted for FY24 Option Tax Funding. 14 organizations/groups submitted applications for funding with requests totaling \$97,905. The council continues to focus on comments made by the State Auditor's Office in the FY21 audit report, and are continuing to be mindful of the way these funds are being allocated.

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Erhardt, to approve awarding \$7,175.00 to the Salt and Pepper Gallery for new equipment and operating expenses, \$12,000 to the Winding Stairs Festival for festival rides, \$5,000 to Redhawk Youth Sports for the youth baseball and softball program, \$8,000 to Traer Mural Committee for another downtown mural project, \$3,500 to Traer Golf and Country Club for the community fireworks display, \$2,500 to the Traer Sesquicentennial Committee for park entrance and downtown clock renovations, \$2,500 to the Chamber of Commerce for Christmas lighting, \$5,000 to Traer Historical Museum for Asbestos Removal, and \$7,450.00 to the Traer Fire Department for the purchase of a new hydraulic spreader. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

The council discussed annual cost of living raises for the public works and ambulance staff. MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Kennedy to approve the budgeted 7% cost of living raise to public works employees (Cooper, O'Brien and Skopec) and ambulance employees (Kennedy, Kahler and Dvorak). Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Erhardt let the council know that he had someone willing and able to fill the open seat on the Traer Library board. Mike Runge would fill the open seat, if the council agreed to the appointment. All were in favor, making Mike the newest member of the Traer Library Board.

Panfil quick informed the council that Mark Mason was stepping down from the Tama County Landfill Commission and that he would temporarily be taking his place until someone could fill that spot permanently.

Holst let the council know that the new FD building was now officially storing trucks. She also made everyone aware that the new tables and chairs for the Memorial Building had been delivered. She's hoping to sell the old ones for \$1/chair, \$5/table and if anyone was looking for bulk amounts we would take offers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK

TRAER CHECK REGISTER JULY 2023

A.W.E SERVICE	Parts/Service	51.49
AFLAC	Insurance	38.52
ALISON HOWARD	Library Hours	640.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Library Supplies	424.13
AMERICAN BUSINESS PHONES	Agreement	472.13
AUDITOR OF STATE	Auditing	12,825.15
Bauch & Lechtenburg Law Office	Legal	720.00
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	Insurance	6,922.45
BOUND TREE MEDICAL L.L.C.	Ambulance Supplies	998.64
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES, INC	Pool Chemical/Supply	6,471.97
CHAMPION ENTERPRISES, LLC	Service/Work	16,931.70
CHRIS COOPER	Reimbursement	162.78
CNC LUMBER & SUPPLIES	Flooring	10,241.19
COOLEY SANITATION LLC	Garbage	10,965.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	Parts/Supply	260.00
Demco Inc.	Library Supply	66.43
DES MOINES REGISTER	Subscription	389.03
DIANE PANFIL	Reimbursement	109.39
ELSA WEIDA	Refund	50.00
FAITH PALUMBO	Refund	50.00
FOUNTAIN PEOPLE, INC.	Pool Parts	59.97
HOMETOWN FOODS	Misc. Supplies	54.15
IAMU	Fees	466.00
Ingram Library Services	Library Supplies	147.13
Jerico Services, Inc.	Dust Control	4,025.00
Jordan's Nursery, Inc	Beautification	1,063.80
KCL GROUP BENEFITS	Insurance	148.17
KENSINGTON PICK	Park Cleaning	150.00
KIEFER AQUATICS	Pool Supplies	330.00
LON KARR	Refund	50.00
MANATT'S	Concrete	405.96
MASTERCARD	Misc. Supplies	15,303.13
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	Testing	18.75
MISTY HARFORD	Refund	50.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	Parts/Supplies	310.29
NEIL O'BRIEN	Reimbursement	50.00
NEIL O'BRIEN	Reimbursement	215.39
NICK WHITMORE	Refund	194.20
NORMA NEUBAUER	Refund	50.00
NUCARA	Misc. Supplies	25.66
Patty Calderwood	Refund	50.00
PERFECT CIRCLE, LLC	Property Cleaning	800.00
PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMPANY	Ambulance Billing	4,966.54
PRECISION LAWN CARE	Mowing	1,725.00
RANDY MATHEWS	Property Mowing	80.00
RUBBERECYCLE	Mulch	8,625.60

SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	106.28
SINCLAIR	Fuel	676.39
STOREY KENWORTHY	Office Supply	110.61
Tama Co. Public Health	Inspection	445.00
TAMA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Letter Delivery	36.75
TAMA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Contract	15,078.72
TAMA CO. SOLID WASTE COMISSION	Fees	1,075.80
TRAER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Picnic	60.00
TRAER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Chamber Bucks	1,000.00
Traer Fire Dept.	Reimbursement	6,957.73
Traer Fire Dept.	Reimbursement	7,301.92
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Utilities	6,526.88
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Office Services	9,000.00
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	SRF Reimbursement	49,872.14
TRAER SESQUICENTENNIAL COMM.	Refund	50.00
TRUE BUILDERS	Building Addition	33,202.91
U.S. CELLULAR	Phones/Cameras	229.40
ULINE	Parts/Supplies	554.72
UMB BANK, N.A.**	Fees	250.00
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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	Refund	50.00
VICKIE PAYNE	Refund	50.00
WENDLING QUARRIES INC.	Rock	128.56
WEX BANK	Fuel	199.46
WEX BANK	Fuel	395.82
WHANNEL'S HARDWARE	Misc. Supplies	283.06
WINDING STAIRS FESTIVAL	Option Tax Money	8,500.00
WINDSTREAM	Phones	69.70
WINDSTREAM	Phones/Fax	526.71
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JUNE 2023 REVENUES

GENERAL FUND	\$159,546
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$26,951
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$15,009
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
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**JUNE 2023
DISBURSEMENTS**

GENERAL FUND	\$192,434
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$18,963
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$4,982
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
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**JUNE 2023 FUND
BALANCES**

GENERAL FUND	\$1,511,011
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$541,227
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$37,539
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0
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