

MINUTES OF THE TRAER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday August 5, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at Traer Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order with Council Members Holst, Kennedy, Schafer and Foster answering roll call. Absent: Council Member Youel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

WELCOME TO VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ellen Young discussed the latest happenings at the Shaker Gallery.

Karina Cooper, on behalf of the Traer Chamber of Commerce, discussed placing their 8x12 storage shed in Taylor Park. The shed was removed from the Lion's Club Park & is used to store Christmas decorations. The Council did not want it in Taylor Park, but were open to finding another option.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Foster, that the minutes of the July 1, 2019 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Schafer, that the August Checks (#27993-28051, total of \$73,256.45) are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Sheriff Kucera was present and discussed July calls. Mayor Holden asked for Sheriff Kucera's thoughts on the City getting their own police force. He stated to the council his concerns with this issue. He doesn't feel having our own police force will "fix" anything. Council member Holst told Kucera it's an issue of consistency, the council would like to see more consistency from day to day. Sheriff Kucera said he'd talk with all of his guys, to make them all aware of what the council wants to see done. Kucera also said at any time the council can email him with any concerns and/or questions.

BEER and LIQUOR PERMITS

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Foster, that the liquor licenses for Wind-Up and Traer Grocery are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Kennedy, to offer fall clean-up October 11th & 12th, the weekend after city wide garage sales October 4th & 5th. Using the same structure as we did in the spring. City manpower on Friday, and Cooley Sanitation on Saturday. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Holst, to place signage and paint curbs at the intersection of 1st and Walnut Street to avoid anyone parking within that intersection. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Mark Mason was present to discuss the rising cost of recycling and the continuation of it going forward. His fear is with it no longer being a cost-effective option Traer will have to discontinue the recycling service.

The Council discussed a sculpture being placed at the Wilson Nature Preserve in honor of Ellen Jean Wilson Zmolek. The sculpture would be placed in her memory by classmates & friends. They are not asking for any money from the City just asking for permission to place the memorial there. No action was taken but the Council did request to see a design or picture of what the sculpture is going to look like.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Public Works superintendent Cooper updated the council on what they had been working on the last month. He did present to them a quote for purchasing a new wood chipper. The chipper would be used by both TMU & the City. TMU would pay half of the cost. MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Schafer to purchase the chipper.

JULY 2019 REVENUES:

General Fund	\$ 90,478
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 18,890
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 7,406
Capital Projects.....	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$ 116,774

JULY 2019 DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund	\$ 163,280
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 24,556
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 0
Capital Projects.....	\$ <u>8,451</u>
	\$ 196,287

JULY 2019 FUND BALANCES:

General Fund	\$ 1,507,930
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 76,619
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 11,117
Capital Projects.....	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$ 1,595,666

Check Register attached.

MAYOR PETE HOLDEN

Haley Blaine, Deputy City Clerk