

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, November 4th** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Keefer was present to ask the council to look at a better design for the double curb down in front of La Terraza. His wife took a fall a couple of weeks ago that lead to a hospital stay and he'd hate to see anyone else get hurt or to see the City get in trouble.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Rund, seconded by Panfil, that the minutes of the October 7th 2024 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rund, that the October Checks (#31627-31680) totaling \$108,971.51, are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

BEER & LIQUOR LICENSES

MOTION by Panfil, seconded by Rund, to approve a beer/liquor license for The Junkyard Bar. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESIGNATION

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rund, to accept the resignation of Council Member Panfil effective 12/31/24. Motion approved Rund-Yes, Holst-Yes, Panfil-Abstained.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rund, to appoint an interim council member at the regular December council meeting. A public notice to be published in the North Tama Telegraph.

2025 STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Two potential bid schedules were presented to the council for moving forward with the street projects. One included working around our regular monthly board meetings, which would prolong the process and one proposed a special meeting in December which would speed the whole process up by a month. Those present agreed to holding a special meeting in December (either the 19th or 23rd) to keep the process moving along. Clerk Blaine will discuss the date options with the rest of the council and more will be discussed next meeting.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Since the passing of Ellen Young Council Member Holst has been working very closely with Elizabeth Hoselton to get the Shaker Gallery up and running properly and efficiently. Hoselton was here to talk about all the changes and positive steps they are taking to make sure the gallery is running as smoothly as possible. While great changes have been made, Holst is proposing that since the gallery is considered a city building, we start running it as such. Holst has been working with our City Attorney Lechtenberg to come up with the best way to make that happen. Lechtenberg is proposing that we add a chapter in the ordinance book, similar to that of the Traer Library, to make the Shaker Gallery more under the "umbrella" of the City of Traer. The rest of the council members present had no issues working with Brent and Hoselton to come up with a plan moving forward to better suit the Shaker Gallery long term.

STAFF REPORTS

Cooper quickly spoke about potentially looking at purchasing a used bucket truck, with set aside funds, to start removing the large amount of trees that need to come down throughout town. He's had some help from the TMU guys, but understands they are busy and understaffed also. Cooper suggested purchasing one and then selling it once we were through using it. The council told him to start collecting some numbers on what a purchase like that would cost.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK