

## **MINUTES OF THE TRAER CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 2025** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **VISTORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dahn Kennedy was present to discuss placing her military banners throughout the park or near the military memorial during the months of November and May. She's still working out all the details but would like the council's permission to keep moving forward with the idea. Council agreed to let her move forward.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Rund, seconded by Mennenga, that the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Rund, seconded by Holst, that the July Checks (32119-32176) and totaling \$240,167.80 are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **BEER & LIQUOR LICENSES**

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Mennenga, to approve a beer/liquor license for La Terraza Two. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON REMOVAL OF REMAINING TMU BOARD MEMBER**

Mayor Holden opened the meeting up for a Public Hearing on the matter of the 2 remaining TMU board members removal. The board members were not here in person but did provide letters to all the council members on the issue(s) at hand. No public comment was made during the public hearing. Holden closed the public hearing.

MOTION By Rund, seconded by Holst, to move forward with the removal of the remaining TMU Board members. Motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **TMU BOARD APPOINTMENT**

The council received a total of 10 applications for the open TMU Board seats. Mayor Holden's nominations for the seats were Pat Stief (12/31/26), Meghan Renslow (12/31/27), Taylor Howard (12/31/28), Brady Pearson (12/31/30), Anita Dostal (12/31/31). Holden did inform the council that Brady Pearson had applied and been interviewed for the open Public Works position, so if Brady were offered the position and chose to take it, he'd need to resign from the TMU board, at which point Rund suggested we appoint Joe Weida to fill if needed. Holst then suggested we appoint Stief, the one with the most knowledge and experience, to a 2-3 year seat versus one that ends next year. Holden then suggested we move Taylor Howard to the seat ending on 12/31/26 and Pat Stief to the one ending on 12/31/28. MOTION by Holst, seconded by Mennenga, to approve all the appointments that Mayor Holden made. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

The council was asked to review and approve the application for an Iowa DNR REAP Grant that the Polish Up Taylor Park committee plans to pursue. Michelle Podhajsky is looking to apply for a \$50,000 grant to help pay for the Taylor Park open air picnic shelter project. MOTION by Rund, seconded by Mennenga, to approve the committee submitting a grant application to the Iowa DNR.

Clerk Blaine informed the council that 3 interviews took place today for the open public works position. Chris and Blaine hadn't really had a chance to sit down to review everything but were hoping to maybe make an offer to one of the applicants this week. Blaine would keep the council updated.

Blaine also wanted to remind everyone that our September meeting will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm due to Labor Day being the first Monday of the month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR  
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK