

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

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday May 6, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at Traer Municipal Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order with Council Members Holst, Kennedy, Youel, Schafer and Foster answering roll call. Absent: NONE.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **WELCOME TO VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ellen Young discussed her activities over the last month. She noted that the installation of tile by the Shaker building seems to have solved the water problems in the basement.

Craig Greiner thanked the council for allowing Basic to use the Memorial Building, and presented a check for \$500 to go toward the kitchen renovation project.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Youel, seconded by Holst, that the minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Kennedy, that the May Checks (#27782-27851, total of \$507,481.98) are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The Sheriff's Report was received from Dennis Kucera. The city will provide the names of a few people who were observed on camera dumping garbage by the recycling center. The city asked that the people be given a warning about illegal dumping.

### **BEER and LIQUOR PERMITS**

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Kennedy, that the liquor license for Traer Short Stop is approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **FY2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

MOTION by Youel, seconded by Holst, that RESOLUTION 05-06-19-1, approving the FY 2019 Budget Amendment, is approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **SWIMMING POOL**

Managers have been hired, and we are aiming for either Memorial Day or Saturday June 1 to open for the season. The parking lot is being paved, and the donor wall has been designed.

### **MEMORIAL BUILDING**

The grant application to Blackhawk Gaming was denied, so we are still about \$15,000 short of the goal for complete renovation of the kitchen. There is a grant application in to the Traer Foundation, and the city will work with the Legion to see if the difference can be split with them. There was some discussion about the plans, and the council agreed that there may be some cost savings if a couple items were eliminated/changed.

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

There was some discussion of selling the vacant lot the city owns downtown (between Sweets on Main and The Retro Rooster). The front area would be used as an outdoor patio area for Sweets, and the rear half would continue to be used as parking for Mike Rickard (currently rents the space from the city). It was agreed that Douglas and Rickard should be allowed to come to

an agreement on the use of the property, then the city would be willing to sell the property to Douglas.

Council member Schafer was interested in forming a committee to work with downtown business owners to clean up some of the less desirable store fronts. She also had questions about the chemicals we spray for mosquitos, and whether there were some other more "natural" methods we could use.

The council followed up on the discussions on the emergency sirens. The big siren downtown is dead, and with the building slated to come down sometime in the next couple years, no current plans are in place to replace it right now. The siren by the school is still operational, and the main siren in the park works, but only by manually setting it off up at the pole. The electronic controls need to be replaced to make it function properly with remote activation by either Traer Fire or Tama County Emergency Management. The first estimate on the cost is about \$5,000, and we are waiting for another estimate.

In addition, we may be able to obtain the old siren from the City of Tama, which still works, but was replaced by a new higher level system donated by the packing plant.

The council also discussed some vandalism that is occurring up at the park, including some disgusting damage to the toilets. The city will look in to options for locking the bathrooms more of the time, but if the problems persist, they may need to be locked all the time, and only people that rent the shelter will be able to use them.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

The new cleanup is scheduled for next weekend.

**APRIL 2019 REVENUES:**

General Fund .....	\$ 221,343
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 79,754
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 108,011
Capital Projects.....	\$ 0
	<u>\$ 409,108</u>

**APRIL 2019 DISBURSEMENTS:**

General Fund .....	\$ 88,694
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 21,527
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 0
Capital Projects.....	\$ 0
	<u>\$ 110,221</u>

**APRIL 2019 FUND BALANCES:**

General Fund .....	\$ 1,755,616
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 105,157
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 281,011
Capital Projects.....	\$ 0
	<u>\$ 2,141,784</u>

Check Register attached.

MAYOR PETE HOLDEN

Jon Panfil, City Clerk