

MINUTES OF THE TRAER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday March 4, 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 Kennedy, seconded by Holst, 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, including Iowa Tourism, The Waterloo Home show, Tama County Economic Development and the Tama County Foundation. Awards will be granted from the TCF on April 17th.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Youel, that the minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Youel, seconded by Foster, that the February Checks (#27670-27728, total of \$92,200.37) are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The monthly Sheriff's report was received, and Sheriff Kucera reviewed the activity for the month.

BEER and LIQUOR PERMITS

NONE

TRAER AMBULANCE

Shaun Kennedy, Ambulance Director, presented the council with information relating to the rates charged by the ambulance for various types of service. He indicated that we are well below the rates of neighboring towns, and he recommended a new rate schedule that would bring us more in line, and allow us to collect the amount private insurance would be willing to pay. (Many calls are paid by Medicare, and their rates are lower).

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Schafer, to approve the new rate schedule, to go into effect immediately. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

The council also continued the discussion of trying to achieve 24-hour Paramedic coverage, which was started at last month's meeting. MOTION by Holst, seconded by Youel, to approve changing the status of Dustin Stucker from part-time to full-time weekend Paramedic, at a starting rate of \$17.50 per hour. He will also be entitled to benefits. The current plan for coverage would include Shaun Kennedy covering days (Monday-Friday), Jo Kahler covering nights (Sunday-Thursday), and Dustin Stucker covering weekends (Friday night-Sunday Afternoon). All Paramedics would be paid 40 hours regular wage, plus \$7.25/hr. for "on-call" time to fill their shifts. They would receive overtime for calls taken outside normal hours. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

FY2020 BUDGET

The Mayor noted that this was the time for the public hearing on the FY20 budget, as published in the Traer Star Clipper. The City Clerk noted that there were no written objections to the proposed budget, and there were no oral objections at the meeting. The public hearing was closed.

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Kennedy, to approve RESOLUTION 03-04-19-1; adopting the FY20 budget, with a tax rate of \$19.77/\$1,000 of taxable value. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

The council addressed the recent retirement of Street Superintendent John Novak. Council Member Kennedy read RESOLUTION 03-04-19-2, Recognizing John's 33 years of service to the city. MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Holst, to approve the Resolution. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote. The Council presented a framed/mounted copy of the Resolution to Mr. Novak, as well as a plaque commemorating his years of service.

There is a retirement party planned for John on SATURDAY MARCH 16th, from 5-8 PM at the Traer Memorial Building.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Council member Schafer has been in contact with the City of Reinbeck, as well as Cooley Sanitation, which provides garbage service to both towns. She proposed that Traer could try to use the same plan Reinbeck uses for "City-wide Cleanup", rather than going door-to-door as has been done in the past. The old method is very time-consuming for multiple staff members of both TMU and the City, and the amount of garbage put out on the streets, sometimes weeks in advance, creates a less than desirable view of our town.

Under the proposed plan, Cooley would provide their garbage truck, manpower, and 4-5 roll-off dumpsters at a centralized location for 5-6 hours on a Saturday for residents to bring their garbage to have it disposed of (manpower would be available to help people unload). Appliances would also be accepted, with a \$10 fee paid directly to Cooley (\$20 if Cooley needed to pick up the appliance at the residence).

MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Kennedy, to move forward with this proposed option. City Clerk Panfil will work out the details with Cooley to coordinate the process. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Council member Youel said the plans for the Memorial Building Kitchen Renovation are still moving along. Funding has been requested from the Tama County Foundation, as well as the Legion, and grants will be submitted to the Traer Foundation and Blackhawk County Gaming.

Public Works Superintendent Cooper noted that the new employee, Neil O'Brien, had completed his first week on the job and was doing well.

FEBRUARY 2019 REVENUES:

General Fund	\$ 54,022
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 19,829
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 7,559
Capital Projects.....	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$ 81,410

FEBRUARY 2019 DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund	\$ 84,078
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 19,861
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 0
Capital Projects.....	\$ <u>51,064</u>
	\$ 155,003

FEBRUARY 2019 FUND BALANCES:

General Fund	\$ 1,605,936
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 65,936
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ 161,035
Capital Projects.....	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$ 1,832,907

Check Register attached.

MAYOR PETE HOLDEN

Jon Panfil, City Clerk