

MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, October 3rd 2022** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with Council Members Rausch, Erhardt, and Kennedy present. Holst arrived at 7:03pm. Panfil was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VISITOR COMMENT

Kate Wyatt candidate for Iowa House District 76 (D) from Hudson, Iowa stopped by to introduce herself and say hello to the council.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Erhardt, seconded by Rausch, that the minutes of the September 12th 2022 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Rausch, seconded by Kennedy, that the Septemeber Checks (#30160-30213) and 1 ACH payment (9222022) totaling \$108,277.74, are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

As a follow up to last month's meeting, the council discussed appointing Tracey Hulme as the Park Board Chairman, in place of Mark Keefer, who would still remain as a member of the Park Board, just not the Chairman. MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Rausch, to appoint Tracey Hulme as Park Board Chairman, effective immediately. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

SEWER/LAGOON PROJECT

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Erhardt, to approve the Municipal Advisor Engagement Letter with UMB Financial Services, for financial work with the sewer/lagoon project. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Rausch, seconded by Kennedy, to approve RESOLUTION 10-03-22-01 Fixing Date for a Meeting on the Proposition to Authorize a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligations of the City Thereunder. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote. The date being Monday, November 7th, 2022.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

The Chamber of Commerce has requested that 2nd Street from Hwy 63 to Walnut be closed for their Holiday Happenings night on December 2nd. They feel with the type of events taking place and it being dark, it'll be a safer option than having it open like in years past. The council agreed, closing the street would be beneficial and a more safe approach. The council even suggested allowing the next block, from Walnut to Mill be closed to if the Chamber found that to be helpful for parade staging, trolley rides, etc., they have that option also. Clerk Blaine would discuss these ideas/options with the Chamber and allow them to work out the details.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Holst spoke quick about the Traer Shaker Gallery, as the one who's been standing in for Ellen Young, Carri has been thankful for all the volunteers and helpers who have helped keep the museum going this season, and as always more volunteers are welcome! Carri would be more than happy to talk with anyone interested in helping.

STAFF REPORTS

Clerk Blaine quick informed the council that the new cameras put up in the park are working great. 2 Arlo cameras were installed to cover more footage of the shelter house/park area. Now with the mural being complete Clerk Blaine suggested getting "eyes" on it as well. The council was in favor of getting a camera, just like those placed in the park, to watch the mural.

Before ending the meeting Clerk Blaine informed the council that she would be working on City of Traer bid advertisements for 2023, such as park mowing, etc. The council then started discussing downtown, business district, snow removal. The City is exploring the idea of hiring someone to remove snow and maintain the major sidewalks during snow events. This would ensure all downtown businesses are getting done, and getting done in a timely manner. The council unanimously decided that we should go out for bids yet this year for the 2022/23 snow season. Clerk Blaine will start working on a notice to place in the paper, with hopes of reviewing bids at next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK