

## **MINUTES OF THE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, March 3rd 2025** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with Council Members Mennenga, Holst and Rund present. Kennedy and Erhardt were absent.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ernie and Julie Cufu were present on behalf of the Traer Lion's Club to discuss their "Flags Over Traer" project. Ernie informed the council that a flyer went out in the TMU bill's this month to make the community aware of the project and how to get involved.

Michelle Podhajsky was present on behalf of the Polish Up Taylor Park committee to give an update on the progress that's been made and the projects the organization is working on.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Rund, seconded by Mennenga, that the minutes of the February 3rd, 2025 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rund, that the February Checks (#31833-31878) totaling \$103,448.49 are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **FY26 BUDGET**

Clerk Blaine presented the council an updated FY26 budget. The new draft included the Salt and Pepper Shaker Gallery, the Sheriff Dept.'s increase and street projects. With all things added Blaine is happy with a positive bottom line. Things will adjust slightly as the street project numbers came in well under what we were projecting but that shouldn't affect us for the worse, only the better. The next step in the budget process is to have a public hearing on our proposed property tax levy. Our proposed property tax rate for FY26 is \$19.53. MOTION by Mennenga, seconded by Rund, to set a public hearing date of Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 6:45pm on the proposed property tax levy. Motion approved with a roll call vote.

### **2025 STREET PROJECTS**

Mayor Holden opened the meeting up for public hearing on the proposed form of contract and estimated cost for the 2025 Street Resurfacing project. Clerk Blaine informed the council that 5 bids were submitted and opened on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> for the resurfacing project. The lowest bid submitted was by Hatch Grading & Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$540,161.15. 19.7% lower than our engineer's estimated cost of \$673,000.00. No other comments were made during this time, Mayor Holden closed the public hearing. MOTION by Holst, seconded by Mennenga, to accept the bid from Hatch Grading & Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$540,161.15 for the 2025 resurfacing project. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Mayor Holden opened up the meeting once again for a public hearing, this time on the proposed form of contract and estimated cost for the 2025 Street Reconstruction project. Blaine informed the council that 11 bids were submitted and opened on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2025 for the reconstruction project. The lowest bid was submitted by Hudson Hardware Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$904,779.70 (base bid of \$747,868.20 & alternate bid of \$156,911.50). The bid came in approximately 38% under the engineer's estimate of \$1,465,000. No other comments were made during this time, Mayor Holden closed the public hearing. MOTION by Holst, seconded by Rund, to approve the bid from Hudson Hardware Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$904,779.70 for both the base and alternate bid, for the 2025 Street Reconstruction project. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Rund, seconded by Mennenga, to approve RESOLUTION 03-03-2025-01 Fixing a Date for a Meeting on the Proposition to Authorize a Loan Agreement and the Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligations of the City Thereunder. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote. Date of meeting will be our next regular council meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

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

The council members present decided to table the consideration of the Tama County Law Enforcement contract until next meeting to allow more members to be involved in the discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR  
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK