

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

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday, February 3rd 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, Erhardt, Kennedy and Rund present.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Rund, seconded by Kennedy, that the minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Rund, that the January Checks (#31784-31832) totaling \$154,813.55 are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **BEER/LIQUOR PERMITS**

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Erhardt, to approve a permit renewal for the American Legion. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **FY26 BUDGET**

Clerk Blaine presented a very rough draft of the FY26 budget. She noted that it's a very rough draft because street projects hadn't been figured in yet nor has the Salt and Pepper Gallery as that was on the agenda for discussion later in the evening. As of right now we are looking at a positive bottom line with not many changes made. The budget will continued to be worked on and talked more at the next council meeting.

Sheriff Schmidt was also present during this time to discuss an increase in the Tama County Sheriff's annual contract. Schmidt is proposing an increase of 7%. This would be an increase of \$6.60/hour for the City of Traer to consider. The council understands why an increase is necessary, they are just unsure of how that's going to look for the city's bottom line and are curious about working with Tama Co. to come up with a way to make things work for both entities. Again this will be something that is worked on and will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **2025 STREET PROJECTS**

Updated street reconstruction and street resurfacing plans were presented to the council. Street reconstruction includes Walnut Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Hwy 63 to Walnut. Reconstruction plans include 5<sup>th</sup> from Walnut to Green Street, Green Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Street from 63 to Taylor Street and Taylor Street to Hwy 8. MOTION by Erhardt, seconded by Holst, to set bid date to receive bids on February 26<sup>th</sup> and a Public Hearing date to possibly award a contract on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COMISSION AND ASSUME OPERATIONS OF SALT & PEPPER GALLERY**

Clerk Blaine presented a resolution with updated wording for the council to review. This resolution is making the Salt and Pepper Gallery an entity of the City of Traer, set up and ran in the same manner as the Traer Library. This resolution will take effect on 7/1/2025 with the new fiscal year. MOTION by Holst, seconded by Kennedy to approve RESOLUTION 02-03-25-01, Establishing a Salt and Pepper Shaker Gallery Commission and Assume Operations. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **SEWER REVENUE CAPITAL LOAN, SERIES 2025 (REISSUANCE OF SERIES 2023) (LOAN FORGIVENESS)**

The City of Traer was selected to receive more loan forgiveness on the sewer lagoon project that is now complete. With the passing of this resolution, the current resolution will be amended to reflect the forgiveness amount of \$539,392. MOTION by Mennenga, seconded by Rund, to approve RESOLUTION 02-23-25-02 Approving and Authorizing a Loan and Disbursement Agreement By and Between the City of Traer and the Iowa Finance Authority, and Authorizing and Providing for the Reissuance of the Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Note, Series 2023 (2025 Loan Forgiveness), of the City. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

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

Spring garage sales will be April 25th and April 26th with clean-up the following weekend, May 2nd and 3rd.

Cooley Sanitation did ask that we adjust the clean-up hours slightly on Saturday, to allow their guys to get things dumped at the county. Hours will be Friday the 2nd from 10am-2pm and Saturday the 3rd from 8am-Noon.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Kennedy let the council know that she heard from Josie Hulme and Josie is willing and able to give group swimming lessons this year. This is very exciting as last year we weren't able to offer them to the community. Trish also told the council that she's going to start advertising for summer help and hopes to touch base with last year's managers about coming back again this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR  
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK