

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

The City Council of Traer, Iowa met in regular session on **Monday September 14, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order with Council Members Holst, Kennedy, Schafer and Foster answering roll call. Rausch was absent.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gordy Peters was present to discuss the alleyway behind his home, between Crestview and 6<sup>th</sup>, and the fact the city does not maintain or have access to it. He'd like to see all that property be split and "reverted" back to the property owners. Mayor Holden told him the council would review and discuss the options.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Kennedy, that the minutes of the August 3rd, 2020 meeting are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

MOTION by Foster, seconded by Holst, that the August Checks (#28719-28779), total of \$77,637.47 are approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **BEER & LIQUOR PERMITS**

MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Kennedy to approve the permit for Pizza Palace. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **2020 STREET FINANCE REPORT**

MOTION by Holst, seconded by Foster, to approve RESOLUTION 09-14-20-01 approving the FY20 Street Finance Report.

### **PUBLIC HEARING—SALE OF CITY PROPERTY**

Mayor Holden stated this was the Public Hearing portion of the meeting to discuss the sale of city property. City Clerk Blaine informed the Council there had been no written or verbal complaints/comments on the sale, and there were no comments made during this time. The public hearing portion was closed. MOTION by Schafer, seconded by Kennedy to approve RESOLUTION 09-14-20-02 Authorizing the Sale of City Property to Joseph E. Roy. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

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

The property owner at 520 Mowery had contacted City Hall to discuss the possibility of getting a "No Truck Parking" sign removed from their front lawn. The sign was originally put in when a restaurant occupied the lot across the street, but with that restaurant no longer there they didn't see a need for that sign any longer. MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Schafer to go ahead and remove the "No Truck Parking" sign from that property. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote. The Council also discussed the corner of Linn and 6<sup>th</sup> Street and discussed the possibility of putting a stop sign back at that corner. This is something they will come back to at a future meeting.

The Council discussed current COVID-19 restrictions at the Traer Memorial Building. MOTION by Foster, seconded by Kennedy, to lift the locked cupboards restriction and to start implementing the use of face masks by all kitchen staff/help. All other guidelines and restrictions will remain in place for now. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

On the topic of the Memorial Building Carri Holst brought up the idea of buying Reme Halo's, an air purification system, for the facility. These systems cost approx. \$800/each and the Memorial Building would need 6 to cover the area. These systems help reduce surface bacteria and virus' in the air. With the cost being somewhat on the higher side Holst mentioned maybe speaking with the Legion to see if splitting the cost would be an option. No action was taken, more discuss will take place in the future.

Taylor Park stump removal was discussed. Right now we have approx. 13-16 stumps that need to be removed. Public Works Superintendent Cooper is hoping to remove a few more trees that need to be taken down before officially removing all stumps. A bid of \$100/per stump, from Power Stump Removal out of Hudson was received, but Cooper wants to explore the possibility of renting a stump grinder before moving forward with any action. At this time Kennedy discussed with the board that the Chamber of Commerce has asked if we could possibly keep 2-4 "good" stumps in the park. The Chamber would like to explore the idea of having a wood carver come and make some artwork out of them. Kennedy is going to work with the Chamber and update the Council as needed about this project. Kennedy also mentioned that Dirk Dahms has generously offered to donate trees to the City to plant in Taylor Park to replace some of those lost in the storm. The council plans to explore more of that option once all trees are down and stumps removed.

Traer Trick or Treating was set. It'll be Halloween night, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5pm-7pm. The Council would like to remind everyone to be mindful of social distancing and making healthy decisions while out and about that night.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Check Register attached.

PETE HOLDEN, MAYOR  
HALEY BLAINE, CITY CLERK