The Tripoli City Council held a regular council meeting on Tuesday August 19, 2025, @ 6:00 PM at Tripoli City Hall with Mayor Kalkbrenner and City Clerk Shianne Schlitter presiding. Ray Benson, Derrek Sommerfelt, Mark Manson, and Jon Biederman were present. Amanda Strain, with the Tripoli Leader, was also present.

Mayor Kalkbrenner called the meeting to order with a roll call. Blasberg, Boldt, Carlson and Ott were present, Christensen joined the meeting at 6:49 pm.

Motion Boldt second Carlson to approve the agenda. AA MC

Motion Boldt second Carlson to approve consent agenda. AA MC

Minutes, 7/30/25, Council Meeting

Pending Claims $68,872.15

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Motion Carlson second Boldt to deny the request for waiving high water usage at 203 4th Ave SW. AA MC.

Motion Carlson second Boldt to approve reimbursing Ray Benson up to $1,500 for doing a modular block retaining wall instead of the concrete retaining wall as originally planned for the 2025 Street Project. AA MC.

Motion Boldt second Ott to approve adopting the International Property Maintenance Code (“IMPC”). RCV: Boldt, Blasberg, Ott, Carlson. AA MC.

Motion Carlson second Boldt to open the public hearing. RCV: Carlson, Blasberg, Boldt, Ott. AA MC.

Carlson questioned if this would require landlords to update old structure and wiring. Schlitter confirmed this would only put safety standards in place such as exposed wiring and unsafe living conditions. Manson commented that he believes this should include an annual inspection for AirBnbs as well to be fair.

Motion Ott second Blasberg to close the public hearing. RCV: Ott, Boldt, Carlson, Blasberg. AA MC.

Motion Boldt second Ott to approve Ordinance 3-2025 An Ordinance Establishing a Rental Housing Inspection and Registration Program for the City of Tripoli, Iowa. RCV: Christensen, Boldt, Carlson, Blasberg, Ott. AA MC.

Jon Biederman with Fehr Graham shared a project update stating that water and sanitary sewer is now complete on 1st and 2nd St. Railroad Ave has storm sewer work to get completed and started. Manson asked about stubbing a spot for a future sump pump to be tied into the tile.

Motion Carlson second Ott to approve the 1st 2025 Street Project Payment in the amount of $322,264. RCV: Carlson, Blasberg, Ott, Christensen, Boldt. AA MC.

Derek Sommerfelt asked about construction in the area during the tractor pull. Manson requested a full street closure for 2nd St instead of a partial closure.

Motion Boldt second Blasberg to approve cashing in CD 70948 in the amount of $500,000 to pay for the 1st pay estimate for the 2025 Street Projects. AA MC.

Motion Christensen second Carlson to approve the pool to utilize the Hot Yoga Class funds for fundraising efforts. AA MC.

Christensen stated if Parks and Rec (a City affiliated group) was being charged $2,400 for the use of school facilities for Parks and Rec programs, he felt the school should have to pay to use city facilities. Carlson felt that if the Fire Department was able to utilize the school for free during their Vendor Fair, we should allow free use of City Hall for the schools event.

Motion Carlsons second Ott to approve Tripoli Community Schools to use City Hall for free for their homecoming dance on September 20th. Aye: Boldt, Carlson, Blasberg, Ott. Nay: Christensen

**Public Comment:**

Carlson thanked everyone who helped make Tripoli Days a success, with a direct shout out to Shianne Schlitter for all the hard work she put in behind the scenes.

**Staff Updates:**

Schlitter asked the Council if going back to the 1st and 3rd Mondays would be okay now that summer is over, Council agreed to do so while keeping the meetings at 6 pm.

Motion Ott second Boldt to adjourn at 7:17 pm.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, 9/9/2025 at 6 p.m.

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Dan Kalkbrenner – Mayor   Shianne Schlitter – City Clerk/Treasurer