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Cadence Quick and Mike Holton Speak



Cadence Quick presented her Oratorical Speech which won first place in Treynor. “Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times” was the theme and she spoke about her little 3 year old brother who has fought a battle with cancer. Good job, Cadence, and we wish you well at the Regional Contest!



Mike Holton, Treynor City Administrator, spoke today about a variety of topics:

- **Dollar General** – As construction remains moving forward, Holton believes the store could be open as early as June! He discussed the cities involvement and the many revolving and evolving wheels in progress.

- **Heartland**

Subdivision – It was supposed to be a 5-10 year project, but will be 80-90% complete by 2022, which is a delight. Enough money is generated in the construction process to allow some TIF financing to come back to the developer and city. A new street light pole to better illuminate the area will be going up near the Collins’ home.

- **Vision Treynor Group** continues to try and work with buyers in selling land currently on the market. Some interest has been shown to develop executive homes that will be considerably bigger than homes that were erected in the Heartland subdivision.
- **COVID money use** – the plan is to develop a street that connects the Heartland development to Hwy 92. Continued development of sidewalks is desired.
- **All Star Community** – Treynor is in competition based on population size to be

one of the top communities in Iowa, named by the Iowa League of Cities and voters online.

- **April 30 City-Wide Garage Sale** - Holton stated he’d never seen anything so big for a community our size. Call city hall to apply and be posted on the map.
- **Road repairs** – Street patching will be done now and later in the year. Holton expressed the desire of the council to continue to do more road work in Treynor. More than \$325,000 has been used in repairing roads since early 2020.
- **Moving City Hall** – City Hall hopes to move to the L corner of the Treynor Community Building this year. It will affect very few events who use that space. Holton stated this will be a better space for our growing and vibrant community.
- **Community Center improvements** – the kitchen has a new refrigerator and needs to have a new oven and commercial sinks with an overhead down spout. New carpet will go in the Legion Room. LED lights have been put in the 4 Corners Room. Brick façade which was falling apart was replaced. The new marquee utilizes new technology and allows for more messaging.
- **Three Eagle Scout projects** have worked with the city – one improved areas in the East Park, one painted all fire hydrants one color, and one is planning to put flags by the two welcome signs as you enter Treynor.
- **Wind Farms** – the city’s stance is firm in not allowing the developments to trespass in the 2-mile extra territorial jurisdiction of the town. The city cannot advocate in the rural areas what is or isn’t done. However, extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) states that wind farms cannot be within two miles of the city limit. He said this is contrary to info put out by Mid-American Energy. ETJ is state-authorized by all cities and municipalities.
- **Budget** –Treynor is in good shape with more than \$2.5 million in cash reserves.

- **Waste Water Treatment Facility** –Treynor’s current WWTF no longer complies with regulations of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Because of this, Treynor will be forced to build a new facility. Holton is currently working on funding and ensuring that Treynor complies with the State.
- Holton told us a bit about his staff whom he praised highly. Brook Jensen, Brad Klahn, Marlon McKenzie, Rachel Richardson and Casey Baragary. Casey was named Water Operator of the Year in our division in Iowa this past week.

Next week’s speaker will be Diane Hathaway who will speak about putting cameras in nursing homes.

All are welcome!

Quote

“Life is 10 percent what you make it and 90 percent how you take it.” Irving Berlin

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 17 members plus guests Mike Holton, Cadence Quick and Angie Quick.

Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Jordan Campbell, Dale Willenborg, and Mike Holton.

Steve Chambers shared that listening to the Easter Hallelujah by Cassandra Star and Callahan Star produced by Pentatonix was a heart-warming experience for him. You can find this on uTube or by Googling.

50/50 was won by Steve Chambers. Doug Dillivan won the Attendance Drawing but was not present to win.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

Bragging Rights: (\$ are used for youth activities)

- Chad Gutttau donated because his friend Annalyse McCain, Treynor graduate, has cut

her first single, Until the Day I Die, released on Friday. Check out on uTube.

- Kevin and Marsha Underwood announced Carter White had made the all-city team in Basketball.
- Judy Gutttau and Bill Vorthmann bragged on the great Optimist Volunteer Recognition event a week ago.
- John Klein contributed because both ISU teams made the Sweet 16. The girls lost to a good local Creighton team.
- Mike Holton announced that his son Andrew was promoted to E6, from sergeant to staff sergeant and was pinned yesterday.
- Mike also commented: Who would have thought that the SD Coyotes would still be in the NCAA Women’s Basketball tournament and not the Iowa Hawkeyes? Holton graduated from the University of South Dakota.

BUSINESS:

- Dale Willenborg stated that the plaques for the Optimist Volunteer Recognition Event cost \$342.40 and Silos bill was \$1098. 17 organizations were recognized and 90-100 attended.
- Judy Gutttau announced that Shelly Bailey assisted her in getting the Treynor Optimist Club back on Facebook. Please search for this and become a friend by liking it.
- The Treynor Fly-A-Kite project has been postponed to May 7, with a back-up date of May 14 at the request of Katie Weis, art teacher, because the Fine Arts Night is April 25.
- Next Saturday after the meeting plan to assist the Scouts who will be “Scouting for Food” by also putting flyers with their information to each home.
- We will fund 14 scholarships for seniors. Two of those will be selected by the JOI Club. Judging of the 39 scholarship applications has begun.
- Can kennel sorting is this week. John Klein stated he has an application for 1200 clear bags for can kennel sorting from Casey’s which has been okayed by the local store.
- John Klein stated that since we haven’t yet heard back on the grant for Trees Forever, the city has said to go ahead and order the

trees so that plans can proceed with Mulch Madness. Holton stated more trees are needed in Treynor.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- The Blood Drive will be at the High School on March 31. You can register online or by calling Ashlyn Vorthmann.

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR



Calendar

Events

- Apr 2 Cub Scouts will be going door to door-Scouting for Food and will distribute the Optimist flag flyers. A few Optimists are needed as well.
- Apr 11 Cut off date to register for conference below.
- Apr 22-23 Iowa District 3rd Q Conference at Holiday Inn & Suites – Ameristar, Council Bluffs.
- Apr 28 Mulch Madness
- May 7 Student Kite Flying Day in Treynor at “The T”
- May 14 Alternative day for Student Kite Flying

Birthdays

- Apr 20 Steve Chambers
- Apr 24 Linda Danker
- Apr 25 Irvin Saar
- Apr 28 Gene Seran

Anniversaries

- Apr 7 Jim and Diane Clausen

Programs

- Apr Chad Guttau
- May Dale Willenborg
- June Steve Irwin (first 2)
- Steve Chambers (3rd Sat)
- Jeff Jorgensen (4th Sat)

Speakers

- Apr 2 Diane Hathaway, regarding a nursing home bill
- Apr 9 Tammy Sanfresco, Mosaic
- Apr 16 Matt Wilbur, County Attorney
- Apr 23 Jon Jacobsen, Legislator
- Apr 30 Senator Jon Carlon

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