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NEWSLETTER

Treynor Optimist Club President:
Dale Willenborg

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Michael Holton, Treynor City Administrator



Mike Holton updated the group on several topics. First: Progress at "The T". Currently scrapers are moving large amounts of dirt from one hill to another for two new housing subdivisions there. In the east subdivision, you can make out the cul-de-sac. On the west, behind Buck St., the hill is gone. Earthwork will continue for another 10-14 days.

There is a road being built which is totally separate from the streets in the housing subdivisions. It will connect from Hwy 92, connect to the streets in the subdivisions, continue around to Stephens Ridge Road to 300th St. The ground is packed; many soil borings by companies show it's ready to go. This main road, currently referred to as "Zion Road" will be paved with a seam down the middle and curbs. The road will not be open to semis or farm equipment. The design of the road has traffic control in mind. "Good" speed bumps are being looked at.

Holton explained the financing which involves the philanthropy gift from the Charles Lakin Foundation and the use of TIF(Tax Increment Financing).

Second topic: Holton and Allen Hadfield, city mayor and members of Vision Treynor Group are meeting with the Splash Pad group weekly in partnership to ensure that it will go in by summer of 2026.

Third topic: Mike shared that Treynor has lots of pride. The Community Center is one of the sources and he updated us on improvements that have been made in recent years: 1) The building was totally repainted inside. 2) Audio/visual equipment was changed to Bluetooth and if turned on properly works very well. 3) A new stove is in the kitchen. 4) A new state-of-the-art marquee sign is working well. Graphics and pictures can even be displayed. 5) The carpet was replaced after 20 years. 6) Backstage doors were replaced due to being crooked and rusted.

When Mike first came in 2020, the brick façade was replaced due to it crumbling because of the way the flashing was put in. A few years ago the county supervisors gave money (from COVID) to Treynor which paid all but $5-10,000 for the city to move their office to the Center. It is now ADA compliant to everyone. It also means an employee is in the Center every workday.

Fourth topic: The city will soon be announcing that Treynor will be awarded the Regional Planning City of the Year award for 2025 and was selected by MAPA (Council of government).The area covers six counties in Nebraska and Iowa including the metro area. Mike shared that it's rare that a small town in Iowa was selected for the award. The work with Vision Treynor Group to make housing a reality and the effort of Treynor's Tomorrows to determine needs in Treynor resulting in four committees – Beautification & Signage, Safety, Community Engagement, and Housing- were determinants. The award will be presented in Ft. Calhoun, NE the evening of Wed., Oct. 8. Mike hopes there will be many from our community able to attend.

Edited by Mike Holton.

Next Week's Program
Derrick Stevie, Treynor Math Teacher

Famous Quote:

"Every moment is a fresh beginning."

T.S. Eliot

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order at Zion Congregational Church. 17 members were present. Our guest was our speaker, Michael Holton, who replaced Byron Menke, who was unable to come.

Prayer: Dee Guttau

Jokes: Dale Willenborg, Keith Denton, Bill Vorthmann

50/50: Kevin Underwood

Attendance: Jordan Campbell, but he was unable to claim.

Football Pool: Kevin Underwood won this week.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: John Klein's birthday is Sept. 16. Thank you for providing bars and cider.

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Judy Guttau bragged on the Treynor football team win last night against Pella Christian and that her grandson, Dane, played well.
- Judy also shared an invitation for the Optimists and spouse/friend to join her and Mick at the Good News Global dinner Mon., Oct. 20, 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Patrick Parish Hall, 4 Valley View Dr, CB. "Bringing freedom behind bars in Pott Co." Dress: Casual to business casual. The program will include testimonies by Chaplain Jeff Edgar, who spoke to Optimists in January and interviews of former inmates. No charge. There will be an "Ask" for a donation, which is voluntary.
- Keith Denton donated for Treynor's football win. He also donated for St. Albert's volleyball team beating Fremont-Mills. His two granddaughters play on the team.
- Steve Irvin shared that his granddaughter Hope had her personal best cross country run, but it was a tough meet and she placed 40th in a large tournament that included a number of bigger schools.
- Mike Holton shared that they had celebrated his daughter's birthday which is 9/11. She turned 32. She is a volleyball coach at Blair, NE. Mike and his wife have three older sons.
- Mike also shared that his wife works at St. Patrick's Church in CB three days a week, and beautiful stained glass windows are starting to be installed at the church.
- Keith Denton stated Georgia got a new hip this week and is doing very well. He will get a new hip next week.
- Kathy Luedke shared about the beautiful historical museum in her hometown of Griswold which is on Main St. in the Old Whitney Bank Building. She said it is a beautiful museum and invited all to go see.
- Dale Willenborg paid for the Treynor Football win which he watched online. He said his father died this year, but on 9/11 would have been his parents 74th wedding anniversary.
- Gary Guttau shared he developed hip pain this week, but the muscle relaxer must be helping. He also stated it was a great night to watch a fantastic football game in Treynor.

Community News:

- Chad Guttau shared that the Beautification & Signage Committee had met this week and will be decorating the 4 Corners area for fall. He also mentioned the Treynor award that Mike will tell more about.
- Treynor Homecoming Theme: "Around the World" (Conquering the world one win at a time.)
    - 11-1 @ Zion- burgers, brats, hot dogs
    - 1:00 Pep Rally- Athletic Complex
    - 1:45 Parade
    - After parade to 4 PM – bank & green space west of bank – TS Bank sponsoring activities, refreshments, vendors.
    - 3-4:30 – Cardinal Combine – at FB field
    - 5-7 – St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Tailgate Fundraiser – BBQ Pork, hotdog, chips, dessert, drink.

BUSINESS:

- Can Kennel sorting is today after the meeting (Sat., Sept. 13) to help the Cub Scouts
- Flags will be taken down Saturday, Sept. 20, after the meeting. Volunteers are needed. Bill Vorthmann will be in charge as Dale will not be here.
- The Zion youth will have the Can Kennel for the next four weeks.
- Kirk Vorthmann is planning the Optimist float for the Homecoming parade and needs ideas for the theme.

Events this week:

- **Mon. Sept. 15 –** JV Football vs. AHSTW @ Treynor
- **Mon. Sept. 15 –** JV VB @ Treynor
- **Tues. Sept. 16 –** Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Avoca
- **Tues. Sept. 16 –** Girls VB vs. IKM @ Treynor
- **Tues. Sept. 16 –** Mid Sch. Football @ Riverside
- **Treynor Fall Farmers Market** – Tuesday, Sept.16 - 5:30-7:00 PM, "Young Entrepreneurs & Petting Zoo night", ITIS Food Truck
- **Thurs. Sept. 18-**Girls VB vs AHSTW - Treynor
- **Fri. Sept. 19 –** FB vs Shenandoah @ Treynor Homecoming
- **Sat. Sept. 20 –** JV Volleyball Tourn @ TJ,
- **Sat. Sept. 20 –** V Volleyball Tourn @ Red Oak .

Coming Events:

- **Sat., Oct. 4 –** Treynor City Wide Garage Sale
- **Sun., Oct. 12 –** 8 AM – 12:30 PM. Legion Pancake Breakfast

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR

What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo?

One is very heavy, the other is a little lighter.

Kelsey Stupfell asked me to share:

Join TS Bank for a fun-filled afternoon in Treynor as we celebrate Homecoming with an Open House & Pop & Shop event!
Fri., Sept. 19, after the parade until 4 PM
TS Bank lobby + green space
Enjoy cookies, coffee, and water
Free face painting for all ages
Yard games & relax with music in green space.
Shop local vendors for Treynor gear,
Including: AMP Fabrication, Simply Signs, Treynor and Country Sunshine, Modern Farmhouse Signs and Décor.
Community Fun!

CALENDAR

Events:

Sept. 20	Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM, Treynor Community Center

Birthdays:

Sept 22	Dee Guttau

Anniversaries:

Sept 24	Phil & Jan Waggoner
Sept 26	Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Programs:

September	Bill Vorthmann (3rd/4th Sat.)
October	Jordan Campbell (1st/2nd Sat.)
	Dee Guttau (3rd/4th Sat.)
November	Jerry Hempel (1st/2nd Sat.)
	Linda Danker (3rd/4th Sat.)
	Judy Guttau (5th Sat.)
December	Mick and Judy Guttau

Speakers

Sept. 20	Derrick Stevie, Treynor Math Teacher
Sept. 27	SPY – St. Paul Youth about their Mission Trip to N. Carolina. Meet at St. Paul and breakfast will be served to the Optimists.

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