

PAVING

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The new proposal extended paving on Main Street from Woodlawn Avenue to Sixth Street, Walnut from First Street to Sixth Street.

The city considered several kinds of paving including brick, concrete and asphalt. The Dearborn Construction Company of Waterloo submitted the low bid of \$1.99 per square yard using No. 1 vitrified brick. Vitrified brick is fired at extremely high temperatures to achieve a non-porous surface, making the brick exceptionally strong, durable, and water-resistant. Concrete gutters cost 38 cents per foot.

Paving specifications were as follows: A foundation of 4 inches of concrete, then 1 1/2 inches of sand, then 4 inches No. 1 vitrified brick. The business street was fully covered by paving, gutters and sidewalks. Second Street south to the railroad, paved 40 feet wide; all other streets, 24 feet wide.

The contract called for work to begin no later than July 15 and to be completed in 60 days. Traer's first paving project was completed the first week of Au-



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Traer's new brick streets in 1918 looked very attractive except for the horse dung.

gust in 1914. The total expense of paving was about \$34,000.

The first paving project was so popular that more paving projects were completed in 1915 and 1916. Walnut and Main streets were extended south to Seventh Street; Sixth Street paved from Main past Dennis Field; Mill Street from Sixth to Vista; First Street from Walnut to Taylor; all of Woodlawn Avenue; and Fourth Street from Main to Walnut.

Between 1966 and 1970, the City of Traer conducted major curb and gutter projects throughout town. There was op-



By 1970, Walnut Street was one of the last remaining brick streets in Traer. Pictured, Hotel Traer.

position from residents to covering the brick with asphalt on Walnut Street. The asphalt, gutters and

the 111-year-old brick on Walnut Street have been removed to make way for a new street surface.

BOND

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gym and cafeteria; installing new interior security doors at both buildings; HVAC work at the middle school; field and fencing updates at the middle school; and \$100,000 toward the new playground at D-G.

"I – and the board – have made a conscious effort to improve [Dysart's buildings] since I've been here. I started in July of 2022," Howard said. "Now is it sexy? Is it a brand new building? Is it a brand new classroom? No, it's not."

All of the projects listed were paid for using SAVE

or PPEL funds.

Why now?

At several points during the town hall, Howard and Schemmel addressed the simple, rhetorical question of "Why now?"

"Our goal is clear," Schemmel said as he read from a slide quoting himself. "We're committed to creating schools that are safe, and adaptable – places that reflect the pride and values of our communities. This plan is about ensuring our students have every opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed in facilities that serve them well."

"This plan represents more than construction projects," Howard's slide read, "It's an investment in our students, our staff, and

the future of our communities. It reflects the priorities we heard from our educators and staff, families, and community members and ensures our facilities remain safe, efficient, and adaptable for the years ahead."

A few minutes after the town hall's scheduled end time of 7 p.m., Howard swiftly wrapped things up, thanking the audience while also offering to stay late to answer any further questions.

For those who could not attend the Dysart town hall or the second town hall that took place last week at the high school in La Porte City, the district has a comprehensive website dedicated to the 2025 bond referendum avail-

able at uknighted4u.org. Per the website, registered voters who reside in the Union district have several options to vote, including on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Registered voters can currently request a mailed absentee ballot through their county auditor's office. The last day to request a mailed absentee ballot is Monday, Oct. 20. Ballots must be received by the auditor's office before polls close on Nov. 4.

In-person absentee voting at county auditor's offices began this week on Wednesday, Oct. 15, and will be available weekdays through Monday, Nov. 3, during regular business hours.

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Solve the code to discover words related to Halloween.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 15 = O)

A. 3 25 11 8 10 23

Clue: A scare

B. 21 15 22 23 17 16 14

Clue: Disguise

C. 21 9 20 26 7

Clue: Sweets

D. 26 15 15 25 1 14 6 6

Clue: House alert

Answers: A. fright B. costume C. candy D. doorbell

CITY OF TRAER SNOW REMOVAL:

The City of Traer is accepting bids for snow removal services for the 2025-2026 winter season

The following properties are included:

- Traer Memorial Building, including front and rear sidewalks, plus the sidewalk in front of the empty lot adjacent to the building.**
- The Traer Public Library, including all sidewalks around front, rear and both sides of the building and parking area located behind the library.**
- Traer Shaker Gallery, front sidewalk and entry sidewalk.**
- Sidewalk in front of storage building East of State Farm.**

The work needs to be completed on a frequent enough basis to keep the surface clean for safe pedestrian use, including salting areas where necessary. When it snows overnight the main walk should be cleared before 6am the next business day.

The Library should have all side and rear walks/stairs cleared before opening time every day and the Memorial Building should be cleared for all events taking place, even over weekends.

Bids are due by October 27th, 2025, and will be awarded at the November 3rd council meeting. For more information or to submit a bid please contact Municipal Hall at 319-478-2580

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SOLD 309 W 6th St Vinton This nice 1.5 story 4 bedroom home has original woodwork, hardwood floors & newer windows, furnace & AC and vinyl siding. Main floor laundry. Very nice 30 x 32, 3 stall garage. The home does need to be finished upstairs, tape & mudding, wiring and floor coverings, along with the 2nd bath. Privacy fence. With a little work, this will be a very nice home for any buyer. Only \$109,000!!!!	PRICE REDUCED!! 702 S Main St. Dysart Beautiful Historic Brick Home that has just been renovated and updated from top to bottom. Everything from walls refurbished, to new electrical and light fixtures, to flooring, plus much more! 3 bedroom, 1.75 baths & main floor laundry. Very nice original woodwork with ceiling beams, built-in china hutch, sun-room with French doors and leaded glass windows, 2 stall garage plus a carport, almost a 1/2 acre corner lot, located next to city park. Move-in Condition!! \$299,000!!! PRICE REDUCED \$284,000!!!
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