

## TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Thomas Eckmann, Council Member Sterling Adamson, Council Member Thomas Hage, Council Member Bruce Borntrager, and Council Member Troy Schmidtke.

Mayor Thomas Eckmann presided over the meeting.

Council Member Thomas Hage took the oath of office.

Annual committee appointments were announced.

During the community comment period, Donald Holtz asked about his utility bills for his properties at 462 and 464 Main Street East. There is one meter installed to measure water use for both services as there hasn't been anyone able to install one in the bar since it opened in November. The property is billed as two separate accounts, having two separate store fronts, and that has been consistent with every owner of the property. Consideration was giving to combining them into one residential bill, but the council was informed that different rates and taxes apply to the commercial account, and that such a change in policy would affect a number of other utility accounts. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to have him pay his commercial bill but not the residential bill until more research is done.**

Police Chief Ross Wiggin presented the department report. Discussion took place regarding replacement of the squad in 2020. It was decided to have the squad detailed as needed.

Public Works Supervisor Mike Paulson reviewed the department report. Maguire Iron has agreed to warranty the paint on the roof of the water tower due to excess fading. It will be repainted this summer. Discussion took place regarding damage to the restrooms at the park shelter due to freezing. Consideration will be given to upgrading them for better access. The parks committee will look into it and bring recommendations back to the council. The vacation policy was reviewed to consider allowing employees to exceed the maximum accrual during a calendar year, but requiring that it get below the maximum by the end of the year or the excess would be lost. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Troy Schmidtke and carried to amend the vacation leave policy as proposed.** The policy also states vacation may not be used while a new employee is on probation, which according to the policy is 90 days, but has been extended to a year with recent hires. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to amend the policy to allow the use of vacation leave after 90 days of probation is completed.** A new report detailing overtime for the department was reviewed and will be provided monthly now.

**Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve the following Fire Department officers for 2019: Chief Ryan Kuehl, Assistant Chief Troy Schmidtke and Mike Paulson, Secretary Nick Swanson, President Kevin Hilgendorf. Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve the following Ambulance officers for 2019: Chief Ronald Shade, Assistant Chief Kelly Kuehl.**

A proposal was reviewed from Abigail Sorenson to purchase a city owned lot in the 200 block of Ash Street East. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager and carried to accept the offer of \$350 for parcel no. 39.820.0760 as proposed.**

**Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to approve a one year extension to the clinic lease with Mayo Health Systems.**

**Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to approve holding a curb-side spring cleanup day on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, and a Martin County household hazardous waste collection event at the ballfield on that date between 9 AM and Noon.** Appliances and electronics will also be accepted at the ballfield for a fee during that time.

**Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager and carried to adopt the following Resolution**

**Resolution 2019-01**

**Resolution approving gambling premises permit**

**Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager and carried to adopt the consent agenda as follows:**

**Approval of minutes from the December 17, 2018, and January 5 & 12, 2019 meetings as printed.**

**Approval of City's December, 2018 financial statements as presented.**

**Approval to pay the following bills:**

Alpha Wireless	\$ 5452.00
American Welding	\$ 227.19
B & D Repair	\$ 150.00
Beemer Co.	\$14,010.98
Blue Cross	\$ 3466.04
Bob's Biffys	\$ 210.00
Bolton & Menk	\$10,662.50
Breanna G Nielsen	\$ 200.00
Cardmember Service	\$ 314.76
City of Sherburn	\$ 25.00
Dana Faber	\$ 846.00
Delta Dental	\$ 124.50
Display Sales	\$ 75.00
Elizabeth Chevrolet	\$ 513.47
EMS Custom Ed	\$ 1300.00
Expert T Billing	\$ 174.00
Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70
Feder Mechanical	\$ 215.83
Frontier Communications	\$ 655.90

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Gloria Schmitz	\$ 150.00
Gopher State One Call	\$ 58.10
HEAT Tactical Team	\$ 585.00
Heiman Fire	\$ 229.43
Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4153.12
Indoff Inc.	\$ 128.83
Janitors Closet	\$ 92.54
Johnson Berens & Wilson	\$ 2485.00
League of MN Cities	\$ 90.00
Martin County Ditch Billing	\$ 31.65
Martin County Star	\$ 170.60
Midwest IT	\$ 140.00
MN Child Support	\$ 351.60
MN Energy	\$ 1820.09
MN Fire Service Certification	\$ 125.00
MN Public Facilities Authority	\$ 2865.00
MN Rural Water Assn.	\$ 250.00
MN Valley Testing Labs	\$ 1105.00
Moore & Ace	\$ 98.60
National Assn. of Town Watch	\$ 35.00
Northview Bank	\$17,735.00
Pest Pro	\$ 192.87
Poppe's Store	\$ 10.00
Postmaster	\$ 117.95
Quill	\$ 321.03
Ritter Ag	\$ 31.17
Robin White	\$ 297.00
Ryan Kuehl	\$ 100.94
Sentinel	\$ 48.90
South Central Electric	\$ 4391.56
MN Dept. of Public Safety	\$ 200.00
Town Center Super Valu	\$ 91.75
Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70
US Able Life	\$ 7.00
Verizon	\$ 678.24
Volunteer Fire Benefit Assn.	\$ 11.00
Walmart	\$ 1176.03
West Martin Joint Powers	\$ 990.00
Wex Bank	\$ 237.19

In other business, discussion included repair of the catch basin near the old clinic building, a request for information regarding nursing home funds, and review of the current fee schedule. Ambulance rates were discussed and the ambulance chief will research what area services are charging for further discussion at a later date. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried approve the fee schedule as presented.**

It was announced that Trimont received an award for National Night Out, placing 10<sup>th</sup> out of all U.S. cities under 5,000. Council Member Adamson advised of a resident who is interested in putting up a building to expand their business so they are looking for an area to build and also asking about funding that might be available. Discussion took place about assigning members of the council to work on various projects and how to track progress to completion. Those agreeing to work on various projects included the following: Adamson will continue to work on the water problem on the SE corner of town, Mayor Eckmann will make contact with the school to see if the industrial arts department can build a storage shed for the ballfield and he will contact the property owner he spoke to earlier regarding a development project. Information regarding the ballfield fence and lighting will also be brought back to the next meeting for further consideration.

**Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to adjourn.**

Signed, Thomas Eckmann, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk