

## TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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.

During the community comment period, Jim Lorenz asked about the emerald ash borer grant program. He was advised to speak to MnDot regarding ash trees in the highway right of way. Robin Carlson requested approval to block off one block of Apple Street East for church events on June 19<sup>th</sup> and the week of July 21-26. **Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve the request.** She also provided information about cities that have painted elevator silos to bring in tourists. She was encouraged to speak to Crystal Valley Coop. Donald Holtz was present again to further object to having a meter installed and paying a water bill for his bar. Mayor Eckmann agreed to look into the billing process and past practices related to his property. Jon Holtz was present to talk about getting water and sewer service to his business on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW. Mayor Eckmann asked for the street be surveyed so service locations can be determined.

Police Chief Ross Wiggin reviewed the department report. Mayor Eckmann introduced Ordinance 2019-04, an Ordinance to Establish Social Host Liability for Alcohol and Underage Persons. The Ordinance will be considered for approval at the May 20, 2019 Council Meeting. Austin Claude has been interviewed as a new part-time officer. A letter from Mason Sands was reviewed asking permission to have a pet miniature pig, which by ordinance is currently not allowed. Chief Wiggin agreed to look at how other cities handle this and ordinances related to emotional support animals.

Mike Paulson presented the Public Works Department report. There have been problems with a subcontractor for the water filter project. Council agreed payment would be withheld until the work was completed to satisfaction. I and I data is coming in from the flow meters that have been installed. A couple of areas of concern have been discovered so far and problems with the tile system are suspected. Martin County will be coming in soon to begin exploring those tiles. Wireless cameras have been purchased and installed at wastewater and the brush site, making it easy to remotely monitor flows at the wastewater plant to save overtime. There is a water leak in the 300 block of Main Street East and another on the out-limit line east of town. Both will be repaired shortly. An estimate from Snyder Tree Service was reviewed for the removal of 5 trees and stumps in the right of way on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE, at a cost of \$2500.00. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to approve the work.**

No information was available for the fire department agenda item. Ambulance Director Ron Shade addressed the council regarding the department getting paid for nonemergency transports, which requires doctor approval. He will make contact with the nursing home and the billing service, and will set up a process to get the needed documentation.

**Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Troy Schmidtke and carried to approve zoning permits for Justin Lubben to demolish a house and build a garage at 51 Apple Street West.** It will be required that the parcel be combined with the adjacent parcel he owns prior to the construction.

Mayor Eckmann advised the council that Bo Schultz is no longer interested in the property on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.

Mayor Eckmann introduced Ordinance 2019-01 to Regulate Public Nuisances. Mayor Eckmann introduced Ordinance 2019-02 to Protect Shade Trees and to Provide Pest Control. Both Ordinances, related to the emerald ash borer grant program, will be considered for adoption at the May 20 meeting.

Ordinance 2019-03 to amend Chapter 3, Municipal Sewage System, to include the City's Water System by Amending Section 3.03 Relating to Water Meters and Establishing Accounts. No action was taken on the matter at this time.

Information was provided to the Council regarding utility billing of apartments. No action was taken at this time.

Under old business, discussion included work needed at the ballfield and shelter house. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to approve up to \$1500 to get one restroom in service at the shelter house.**

Council Member Adamson left the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

**Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Troy Schmidtke and carried to approve \$300 for the garden club to put flowers in the park.**

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

**Resolution 2019-04**

**Resolution Approving Redemption of a Certificate of Deposit**

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

- Approval of minutes from the February 25, 2019 meeting as printed.**
- Approval of City's February & March, 2019 financial statements as presented.**
- Approval of zoning permit applications from Lynn Altman, Synjin Haugen.**
- Approval to pay the following bills:**

Advance Auto Parts	\$ 54.03
Alex Air	\$ 1055.00
American Welding	\$ 298.78
Arnold Motor Supply	\$ 53.16
B & D Repair	\$ 35.00

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Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 3466.04
Bolton & Menk	\$ 1825.00
Borntrager Auto Body	\$ 40.75
Breanna G Nielsen	\$ 80.00
Brenda Nielsen	\$ 60.32
Cardmember Services	\$ 279.27
CliftonLarsonAllen	\$ 4000.00
Copperhead Innovations	\$ 205.34
Core & Main	\$ 1517.81
Delta Dental	\$ 74.70
Dept. of Human Services	\$ 130.59
Don's Tire Service	\$ 431.02
Expert T Billing	\$ 240.00
Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70
Fleet & Farm, Fairmont	\$ 107.94
Fleet & Farm, St. James	\$ 133.89
Frontier Communications	\$ 773.09
GDF Enterprises	\$ 471.64
Gloria Schmitz	\$ 150.00
Gopher State One Call	\$ 22.95
Gov Office	\$ 475.00
H & L Mesabi	\$ 822.92
Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4208.37
Indoff Inc.	\$ 26.82
Johnson, Berens & Wilson	\$ 4895.00
Kuehl's Electric	\$ 443.97
Lacey Schmidtke	\$ 151.01
Livewire Printing	\$ 38.92
MacQueen Equipment	\$ 558.68
Martin County Auditor	\$ 235.00
Martin County Auditor	\$ 415.00
Midwest Fire	\$ 1323.84
Mike Paulson	\$ 710.69
MN Child Support Center	\$ 175.80
Minnesota Energy	\$ 1303.07
MN Pollution Control Agency	\$ 1450.00
MN State Fire Dept. Assn.	\$ 600.00
MN Valley Testing Labs	\$ 645.00
Moore & Ace	\$ 442.85
Nathan Vrieze	\$ 52.20
Poppe's Car Wash	\$ 10.00
Postmaster	\$ 118.30
Quill	\$ 111.03
Ryan Kuehl	\$ 481.70
Streicher's	\$ 166.33
Town Center Super Valu	\$ 39.92
Triumph State Bank	\$ 559.46
US Able Life	\$ 5.60

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Verizon	\$ 440.45
Wex Bank	\$ 534.96
Ziegler Inc.	\$ 130.71

Council was updated on standing of the Edward Jones fund.

**Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Troy Schmidtke and carried to adjourn.**

Signed, Thomas Eckmann, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk