

TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 15th day of July, 2019 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Thomas Hage presided over the meeting.

No comments were made during the community comment period.

Police Chief Ross Wiggin reviewed the department report. Austin Claude has been hired as a part-time officer.

Brenda Nielsen reviewed parks department business. A short fireworks program is planned for national night out. Permission has been obtained from Fox Lake Township to close the road south of the nursing home for the event. A request was made for an additional \$300 to help pay for the program. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to approve an additional \$250. Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Troy Schmidtke and carried to approve the fireworks license.**

Repayment of a Small Cities Development grant is pending from a recipient who has moved. **Motion made by Council Member Troy Schmidtke, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager and carried to approve allowing Nicole Krumwiede to put the property up for sale in December when the renters lease expires.**

Shane Schofield addressed the council to ask if the city would consider allowing trucks to travel on a block of 3rd and 4th Avenues NW if he were to put up a building in that area. It would be about 15 to 20 trucks per week. Water and sewer connections would be needed. He is waiting for the property owner to decide if they will sell the property he wants. Following discussion on location, street preservation, and possible concerns related to the proposed use of the property, the council expressed interest in finding a way to make the project work.

The time being 6:00 P.M., the Rural Service District Hearing was called to order. Those present were invited to comment on the matter. Gerald Anderson ask how the tax percentage is calculated. It was explained that it is a formula based on the annual budget that calculates the benefits obtained from the city for ag land located in the city limits. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to adopt the following ordinance**

Ordinance 2019-05

An Ordinance amending Section 9.03 and 9.04 relating to annual adjustments of the Rural Urban Service District

The public hearing was closed and the regular meeting went back in session.

Craig Poppenhagen with Clifton Larson Allen presented the 2018 year-end audit. The city has a good cash position. The sale of the nursing home was the biggest undertaking, with adjusting entries made to clear the remaining account balances related to the operation.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to accept the audit statement as presented.

Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl addressed the council to give an update on department matters. The GMC tanker needs brakes and has been placed out of service. It is expected to cost about \$2500. Another truck needs the A/C repaired. They are working on hiring to fill empty slots.

Public Works Supervisor Mike Paulson reviewed department business. The water tower roof has been painted under warranty. Flow meters in the sewer mains are showing a number of areas to concentrate on for I & I. They will be looking at televising some areas and will try to coordinate with Sherburn and Welcome to hire a contractor at a better rate. SEH Engineering has proposed a meeting to discuss future planning. They will be invited to a work session the evening of August 27th. The joint powers paint sprayer was used for curb painting when the regular sprayer quit working. Several additional pails of paint are needed to complete the work. Permission was given to order additional paint, and to send the sprayer in for repair. Council was advised there are no new meters on hand and the model used is no longer available. The handheld radio and software are obsolete and no longer supported. Information will be obtained regarding available options. Also discussed was a problem getting access to a commercial building to read their meter, which is not radio read. In the future, an option would be to have those who require the larger and more expensive meters purchase them so they can be read remotely. The seasonal position is nearing the cost budgeted for the position, in part due to work that was performed in departments other than parks. It was decided to consider only the work done in the parks department in relation to the budget.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Troy Schmidtke and carried to adopt the following resolutions

**Resolutions 2019-09, 2019-10, 2019-11
Resolutions approving contributions**

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Troy Schmidtke and carried to not waive monetary limits on municipal tort liability.

Motion made by Council Member Troy Schmidtke, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to adopt the consent agenda as follows:

- Approval of minutes from the May 20, 2019 meeting as printed.**
- Approval of City's May, 2019 financial statements as presented.**
- Approval of zoning permit applications from: Two Broke Girls Bar.**
- Approval to pay the following bills:**

Advance Auto Parts	\$ 20.99
All Seasons Services	\$ 1623.96
B & D Repair	\$ 359.52
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 2502.93
Bolton & Menk	\$ 1295.50
Borntrager Auto	\$ 159.99
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 600.32

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Breanna G Nielsen	\$ 80.00
Brenda Nielsen	\$ 98.24
Cardmember Service	\$ 1469.29
Clifton Larson Allen	\$ 700.00
D & S Trophies	\$ 45.00
Delta Dental	\$ 74.70
Diamond Vogel	\$ 1539.50
Expert T Billing	\$ 210.00
Fairmont Ford	\$ 16.70
Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70
Fastenal	\$ 8.07
Fleet & Farm	\$ 27.99
Frontier Communications	\$ 721.43
Gaalswyk Brothers Trucking	\$ 526.48
Gopher State One Call	\$ 12.15
Hach Co.	\$ 289.69
Hermel Vending	\$ 147.35
Hometown Sanitation	\$11279.58
Indoff Inc.	\$ 38.31
Johnson, Berens & Wilson	\$ 2454.00
Kaboom Industries	\$ 1500.00
Kuehl's Electric	\$ 158.76
MacQueen Equipment	\$ 39.32
Martin County Star	\$ 135.20
Midwest IT	\$ 569.36
MN Child Support System	\$ 175.80
MN Energy	\$ 276.52
MN Environmental Science Board	\$ 297.90
MN Fire Service Certification	\$ 920.00
MN Public Facilities Authority	\$95865.00
MN Valley Testing Labs	\$ 699.00
Moore and Ace	\$ 274.92
National Government Service	\$ 449.22
Northview Bank	\$ 5513.00
Photo Press	\$ 32.68
Postmaster	\$ 119.35
Riteway Business Forms	\$ 384.05
Ritter Ag	\$ 75.50
Schwickert's	\$ 1044.98
South Central Electric	\$ 4721.15
Town Center Super Valu	\$ 43.32
Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70
US Able Life	\$ 5.60
Verizon	\$ 402.30
Winnebago Mfg.	\$ 2071.06

In other business, it was decided to provide zoning permit applications to the council as they are submitted to allow for more time to review the proposed project.

A verbal offer from a resident wanting to purchase city owned property in the 100 block of Main Street East was discussed briefly. Council requested that the offer be made in writing for further consideration. Council Member Hage asked the council to think about paying councilors to attend committee and joint powers meetings as they are for special meetings. It would help future council members who have to miss work to attend those meetings. The estimated annual cost would be \$1,000, beginning in 2021.

Discussion took place regarding applications received for the open mayor position.

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to appoint Troy Schmidtke to the position of Mayor. Mayor Schmidtke took the oath of office. Applications will be taken for the council seat vacated by Schmidtke for consideration at the August meeting.

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

Signed, Thomas Hage, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk