

TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 21st day of October, 2019 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Troy Schmidtke, Council Member Sterling Adamson, Council Member Thomas Hage, Council Member Bruce Borntreger, and Council Member Brian Krumwiede.

Mayor Troy Schmidtke presided over the meeting.

No comments were made during the community comment period.

Police Chief Ross Wiggin reviewed the department report. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to approve attending a training seminar in December for the HEAT Tactical Team.** The new squad will be delivered in February. The City attorney is retiring at the end of the year and the county attorney will be handling legal matters for the department. The cost is to be determined, and may be an hourly rate or be at a set rate based on past experience. A new attorney will be needed to handle administrative legal services. Potential candidates will be invited to an upcoming meeting. The City has taken possession of three tax forfeited properties. The two with houses have been vacated and are secured. STS will be contacted to help with junk removal. Utilities have been disconnected.

Mike Paulson reviewed public works department business. The status of the water filter project was discussed. The need for comprehensive planning for future infrastructure needs was raised. Council Member Hage suggested holding a work session to discuss further. A bid came in from Schwickert's to repair the library roof and wrap the chimney for \$5950. The chimney could be removed instead. Other cost estimates will be obtained. Dumpsters will be ordered for cleaning out the forfeited houses when STS is available to assist. Council Member Borntreger advised that one of the yellow tubes on the playground at Memorial Park is broken and needs to be repaired or removed.

Judd Schultz with Minnesota Valley Action was present to review the Small Cities Development grant application they have drafted. There were 42 surveys returned and an estimated 15 projects could potentially be completed with the funds requested. There were not enough businesses or rental properties that responded to the survey, so it will request funding only for rehab of owner-occupied houses. Schultz recommended keeping the same 10-year forgiveness policy as was used for the last grant. The pre-application is due November 15th and a preliminary response should be in by mid-December. If the pre-application is competitive, the final application is due by the end of February. A public hearing would then be required and could take place during the regular January council meeting. Final approval will take place in May or early June, 2020. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve the application for submission.**

Brent Kavitz with SEH was present to review services they have to offer. A master agreement and an agreement for professional services were provided for consideration. No action was taken at this time.

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to approve selling the tax forfeited lot obtained in the 400 block of East Main Street to Moore Automation for \$250, plus transfer fees.

The snow removal agreement with the City of Ormsby was considered for renewal. Discussion included when the work should be done, if it may be done on overtime, if rates should increase, and if Trimont wants to be responsible to clear areas to dump snow. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve the agreement as drafted, which includes rate increases and language to clarify that Trimont will not clear areas to dump snow.**

Council Member Adamson left the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl reviewed department business. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager and carried to approve hiring Dustin Drager on the fire department.** Council was advised that some lights in the fire hall need to be replaced. A request was made for the City to pay for uniform shirts for the department at a cost of \$1200. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to approve \$1000 toward the cost.**

Ordinance 2019-06 was considered for adoption. Council Member Bortrager stated his opposition to the amendment. Council Member Hage advised it is for future councils and would help offset lost wages for attendance at certain meetings and conferences. No action was taken on the matter at this time.

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

**Resolution 2019-18
Resolution designating precinct polling place**

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to adopt the following resolutions

**Resolutions 2019-19 & 2019-20
Resolutions approving contributions**

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager and carried to approve the purchase of chamber banquet tickets for city employees and significant other.

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

**Approval of minutes from the September 16 and 25, 2019 meetings as printed.
Approval of City's September, 2019 financial statements as presented.**

Approval of zoning permit applications from: Randy Scheff, Justin Lubben, Ashlee Hoepfner, Mike Gonzales, Lawrence Cihak.

Approval to pay the following bills:

Alex Air	\$ 3595.00	Johnson, Berens & Wilson	\$ 2757.50
Amborn Lumber	\$ 447.20	League of MN Cities	\$ 126.50
Arnold Motor Supply	\$ 194.04	League of MN Cities Ins.	\$ 30,590.00
B & D Repair	\$ 38.50	Martin Co. Auditor	\$ 547.04
Banyon Data	\$ 1785.00	Midwest IT	\$ 575.00
Beemer Companies	\$ 5870.50	MN Child Support Center	\$ 175.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 2502.93	MN Energy	\$ 110.36
Bob's Biffys	\$ 368.00	Moore & Ace	\$ 1003.64
Borntrager Auto Body	\$ 40.75	Poppe's Car Wash	\$ 10.00
Breanna G Nielsen	\$ 100.00	Postmaster	\$ 119.70
Brenda Nielsen	\$ 94.83	Quill	\$ 133.51
Cardmember Services	\$ 73.73	Robin White	\$ 612.00
CLIA Laboratory	\$ 180.00	Schuster's	\$ 240.00
Delta Dental	\$ 74.70	Snyder Tree Service	\$ 3035.00
Expert T Billing	\$ 150.00	South Central Electric	\$ 8734.19
Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70	Streichers	\$ 174.98
Farmers State Bank	\$ 12,000.00	Thomas Hage	\$ 58.00
Fleet & Farm Supply	\$ 45.98	Town Center	\$ 88.61
Frontier Communications	\$ 724.81	Trimont Fire Relief Assn.	\$ 18,207.12
Gloria Schmitz	\$ 50.00	Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70
Gopher State One Call	\$ 133.30	UC Labs	\$ 684.90
Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4200.95	US Able Life	\$ 5.60
Indoff Inc.	\$ 2.50	Verizon Wireless	\$ 405.78
Indoor Technologies	\$ 300.00	Wex Bank	\$ 432.76

A brief discussion took place regarding permitting tent or canvas type storage structures that may be considered temporary. It was decided that zoning permits would continue to be required for such structures to ensure they are properly and safely located on the property.

In other business, Council Member Borntrager has been in contact with Jon Olson regarding a storage shed that is now available to the City for use at the ball park. No price was set, but Borntrager feels the City should pay Olson something for it. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to pay Olson \$200.00 for the shed.** Borntrager will move it to the ball park. Council Member Hage advised that property adjacent to city hall is going to be for sale and he asked if the city might be interested in it due to its proximity. It was decided to hold a special meeting work session on Monday, November 4th beginning at 5:30 P.M. to discuss engineering and planning.

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

Signed, Troy Schmidtke, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk