

TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 18th day of November, 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 Borntrager, and Council Member Brian Krumwiede.

Mayor Troy Schmidtke presided over the meeting.

During the community comment period, Jon Holtz spoke about the shed from the ball field.

Steven Sunde with Sunde, Olson, Kircher & Zender addressed the council regarding the city attorney position. There are four lawyers in the office. The service retainer would remain the same as it has been, plus miscellaneous fees as incurred.

Chris Butzon and Lynae Tucker with Costello, Carlson, Butzon & Schmit reviewed their interest in the city attorney role. They have five lawyers on staff and would work on a retainer, plus miscellaneous fees. There may be additional charges for big projects, which would be negotiated at the time.

Police Chief Ross Wiggin reviewed the department report. He advised the council of plans for a new program he is working on with Martin County West School.

Public Works Supervisor Mike Paulson presented the department report. Triumph Hall needs various repairs including tiles that are loose in the restrooms, weakness in the upper floor area that needs to be resolved, a leaking toilet, and possibly replacing the carpeted area with hard flooring. Additional information will be brought to an upcoming meeting. The water line from well #5 to the power plant is aging and in need of repair. Cost estimates will be obtained to advise Great River Energy.

Mayo Health Services Administrator Scott Thoreson was present to introduce himself and to review the services they provide at the Trimont Clinic. Finding physicians for rural healthcare is one of the biggest challenges they face now.

EMT Bradford Flohrs addressed the council to request approval for the purchase of a Stryker Power Load System. The cost is \$28,000, but the company is offering a \$5,000 discount now, along with three years of no interest financing. There may be grants available to help with the cost, but most have to be applied for prior to the purchase. **Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to wait to purchase the system next year to allow time to apply for grants.**

Brent Kavitz with SEH was present to review the process to transition to his engineering firm and to discuss how the council wants to proceed to plan for future projects. It was decided to set a date for a work session to set priorities and discuss options. Brent will provide date options.

Discussion took place as to the rate to be paid for part-time snow removal help. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to leave the wage at \$20.00 per hour for part-time snow removal employees.**

Notice was provided for the Blue Cross health insurance plan renewal. The plan will have a 7.5% cost increase for 2020.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to approve writing off remaining 2018 ambulance accounts receivable per the attached list.

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to approve writing off remaining fire department accounts receivable deemed uncollectible, per the attached list.

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to write off uncollectible city utilities of \$76.09 on account #10894, for a tax forfeited property.

Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve the following resolutions

**Resolutions 2019-21 and 2019-22
Resolutions adopting assessment for unpaid charges**

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

**Resolutions 2019-23, 2019-24, 2019-25, 2019-26
Resolutions approving contributions**

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to approve an increase in sewer rates effective January 1, 2020, per the PFA loan schedule. The base rate will increase from \$11.68 to \$11.92 and the usage rate will go from \$10.92 to \$11.14 per 1000 gallons.

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

- Approval of minutes from the October 21 & November 4, 2019 meetings as printed.**
- Approval of City's October, 2019 financial statements as presented.**
- Approval to pay the following bills:**

A-1 Concrete Grinding	\$ 4660.00	All Seasons Services	\$ 3071.04
American Solutions for Bus.	\$ 187.07	Arnold Motor Supply	\$ 56.76
B & B Gas Piping Plus	\$ 105.00	B & D Repair	\$ 70.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 2502.93	Borntrager Auto Body	\$ 1015.06
Breanna G Nielsen	\$ 140.00	Cardmember Services	\$ 5.33
D & S Trophies	\$ 1505.00	Delta Dental	\$ 74.70
Expert T Billing	\$ 210.00	Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70
Fastenal	\$ 7.47	Fleet & Farm	\$ 99.95
Frontier Communications	\$ 746.10	Gopher State One Call	\$ 59.40

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Hawkins Inc.	\$ 2050.10	Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4184.67
Indoff Inc.	\$ 44.66	Jon Olson	\$ 200.00
Kuehl's Electric	\$ 116.40	League of MN Cities Ins.	\$ 99.00
Martin County Sheriff	\$ 90.00	Martin County Star	\$ 20.00
Middle Nine Mutual Aid	\$ 50.00	Midwest Fire	\$ 597.23
Midwest IT Systems	\$ 195.00	Mike Paulson	\$ 7.99
MN Dept. of Health	\$ 534.00	Minnesota Energy	\$ 451.67
MN Child Support Services	\$ 263.70	Moore and Ace	\$ 403.97
Paulson Heating & Cooling	\$ 2236.42	Pest Pro	\$ 192.87
Postmaster	\$ 118.65	Quill	\$ 135.69
Ritter Ag	\$ 36.00	Ryan Kuehl	\$ 175.00
South Central Electric	\$ 4180.52	Trimont Chamber	\$ 128.00
Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70	UC Laboratory	\$ 1454.00
US Able Life	\$ 11.20	Verizon	\$ 406.26
West Bend Insurance	\$ 100.00	Westrum Leak Detection	\$ 1000.00
Wex Bank	\$ 401.92	Worry Free Computers	\$ 63.00
WW Goetsch	\$ 721.50		

In other business, a parks committee update was provided to the council. It was decided to add discussion of the 2020 budget to the agenda of the special meeting that will be scheduled.

Council was provided details from GovPayNet, the company that will provide the ability to accept credit card payments for city utilities and miscellaneous charges. The company will charge a convenience fee to those who wish to pay with a credit card. The service should be available around the first of the year. Further discussion took place regarding the two firms interested in taking over as city attorney. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to offer the position to Costello, Carlson, Butzon & Schmit, LLP, if they are willing to accept the retainer in the amount currently paid.**

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to adjourn.

Signed, Troy Schmidtke, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk