

## TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

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

Mayor Troy Schmidtke presided over the meeting.

During the community comment period, Ryan Kuehl commented about the City website.

Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl presented the fire department report. The relief association requested approval to increase the retirement benefit from \$1050 to \$1100. **Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to approve the request.** Kuehl advised that Knox Boxes have been ordered and are due to arrive this week. Department members are planning to attend the upcoming fire convention. Kuehl is looking into requirements in the bylaws regarding vaccinations, chest x-rays, and physicals for new department members. The department is also looking into providing annual screenings, in part due to cancer concerns for firefighters exposed to hazards of the job. Med Compass is a company that can come do them on site. Information and pricing will be brought back for consideration.

Discussion took place regarding cleaning two city owned tax forfeited houses, and having them tested for hazards that need to be removed prior to demolition. If the houses will be burned, Chief Kuehl is licensed until July 1<sup>st</sup> to conduct the training. State funds may be available to help with that cost.

Ambulance Director Nathan Vrieze advised the council that Mike Paulson and Mike Ebeling have resigned from the department and two new members are taking training at this time. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to accept the resignations and to hire Jacob Ebeling and Kristian Melson in the ambulance department.**

Police Chief Ross Wiggin provided the council with a department update.

Mayo Health St. James requested a revision to the seventh addendum to the clinic lease that was approved last month. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to approve the revised Seventh Addendum to Lease with Mayo Health System-St. James.**

Further discussion took place regarding cleanup of the tax forfeited properties. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to obtain dumpster and schedule sentence to serve to clean out both houses, and to schedule hazard testing and abatement.** Council Members Borntreger and Hage were appointed to a committee to coordinate the work.

A letter was sent to Martin County regarding interest in purchasing the county shop building if it becomes available. No additional information is available at this time.

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

**Resolutions 2020-05, 2020-06, 2020-07  
Resolutions approving contributions**

Discussion took place regarding holding employee reviews. Mayor Schmidtke and Council Member Hage plan to schedule them for a day in March.

Mayor Schmidtke advised he wants to schedule a special meeting with all city employees, including the fire and ambulance departments, to go over communication and general coordination between departments.

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

**Approval of minutes from the January 27, February 5 and February 12, 2020 meetings as printed.**

**Approval of City's January, 2019 financial statements as presented.**

**Approval to pay the following bills:**

Alex Air Apparatus	\$ 453.61	Advance Auto Parts	\$ 56.08
Arnold Motors	\$ 28.80	Automatic Systems	\$ 567.60
Beemer Companies	\$ 44,557.96	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 2689.67
Cardmember Services	\$ 114.50	Chad Winchester All Seasons	\$ 110.00
Delta Dental	\$ 74.70	Elizabeth Chevrolet	\$ 61.95
EMSRB	\$ 246.00	Expert T Billing	\$ 180.00
Faribault-Martin Co. Transit	\$ 42.00	Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70
Frontier Communications	\$ 717.70	Gloria Schmitz	\$ 100.00
Gopher State One Call	\$ 20.25	Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4693.85
Indoff Inc.	\$ 111.96	Janitors Closet	\$ 146.93
KHC Construction	\$ 12,761.28	League of MN Cities	\$ 180.00
Martin Co. Sheriff	\$ 90.00	Martin Co. Ditch Billing	\$ 31.65
Martin Co. Star	\$ 159.60	Mayo Clinic Ambulance	\$ 432.55
Midwest Air Apparatus	\$ 695.00	Midwest IT Systems	\$ 205.00
Minnesota Energy	\$ 1688.94	MN Child Support Service	\$ 175.80
MN Dept. of Health	\$ 823.00	MN Dept. of Public Safety	\$ 200.00
MN DNR	\$ 162.07	MN Wastewater Operators	\$ 25.00
Moore & Ace	\$ 658.56	MWOA	\$ 40.00
Pest Pro	\$ 192.87	Poppe's Car Wash	\$ 10.00
Postmaster	\$ 172.95	Ryan Kuehl	\$ 277.02
SEH	\$ 2720.06	South Central Electric	\$ 4259.42
Town Center Super Valu	\$ 1.79	Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70
UC Laboratory	\$ 913.70	USA Bluebook	\$ 120.61
USABLE Life	\$ 5.60	Verizon	\$ 330.92
Wex Bank	\$ 503.60		

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In other business, discussion took place regarding a financial report of cash and investments in each fund that was provided to the council.

**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