

TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 16th day of March, 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, Donald Holtz questioned an invoice he received for sanitation services at his rental house.

Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to clear the balance due on three accounts that were invoiced for past sanitation charges.

At this time, the meeting was closed under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 for attorney-client privilege purposes regarding a real property legal dispute. City Attorney Lynae Tucker and Police Chief Ross Wiggin were also present. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to reopen the meeting.**

Police Chief Ross Wiggin reviewed the department report. The pandemic emergency has caused two upcoming outreach events to be canceled. STS was scheduled to come in to begin cleaning out one of the tax forfeited properties, but they are not doing any service work for now. Discussion took place regarding a demolition permit that was issued last year as to when it will expire. There is concern about the safety of the property and its appearance.

Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl and Ambulance Director Nathan Vrieze were present with department reports and updates on the Covid-19 virus situation. Knox boxes are here and will be installed soon. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to approve hiring Nick Mahle as a firefighter, pending a successful background check.** Vrieze reviewed department protocol related to the virus threat. The March drill will be a home-study training session. The April 13th meeting is scheduled for now with the ambulance department at 6:30 pm and fire at 7:00, followed by a work session with the council and all city employees to go over communication and general coordination between departments.

Public Works Supervisor Paulson was unable to be present due to an emergency at the water plant. Council was advised that the shop door is broken again. Midwest Garage Door looked at it and advises the door and opener should be replaced. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to approve replacing the door and opener.** Discussion took place regarding hiring help for mowing and general maintenance in public works. Approval was given to place an ad for the position and for Paulson to interview applicants and make a hiring recommendation to the council.

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

**Resolution 2020-08
Resolution appointing election judges**

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

**Resolution 2020-09
Resolution approving contributions**

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to offer the lot at 251 Apple Street East to Robert Connors for \$2,000.

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to approve a gambling permit for the Trimont Fire Relief Association.

Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to approve use of the Triumph Hall at no charge by the Trimont Chamber for a pancake feed and a book sale event.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to approve \$500 for MCW Community Education summer recreation.

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

- Approval of minutes from the February 24, 2020 meeting as printed.**
- Approval of City's February, 2019 financial statements as presented.**
- Approval to pay the following bills:**

Advance Auto Parts	\$ 1078.57	Amborn Lumber	\$ 3.12
Beemer Companies	\$ 4411.70	Betty Connors	\$ 183.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 2689.67	Borntrager Auto Body	\$ 30.75
Cardmember Services	\$ 823.32	Petty Cash	\$ 50.00
Costello, Carlson, Butzon	\$ 1725.00	Diane Persson	\$ 224.45
Dons Tire	\$ 285.39	EMS Custom Education	\$ 4380.00
Expert T Billing	\$ 360.00	Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70
Frontier Communications	\$ 724.34	Gloria Schmitz	\$ 80.00
Gopher State One Call	\$ 1.35	Heat Tactical Team	\$ 602.55
Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4209.78	Indoff Inc.	\$ 196.67
Midwest IT Systems	\$ 466.75	Minnesota Energy	\$ 1644.34
MN Pollution Control	\$ 1450.00	MN Child Support	\$ 175.80
Moore & Ace	\$ 656.50	Nuway Coop	\$ 1179.01
Postmaster	\$ 118.65	Quill	\$ 111.75
Robin White	\$ 195.00	South Central College	\$ 1722.92
South Central Electric	\$ 4548.92	Tactical Solutions	\$ 34.00

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The Knox Company	\$ 2395.00	Town Center Super Valu	\$ 14.26
Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70	Troy Schmidtke	\$ 11.49
Wex Bank	\$ 405.71		

Brent Kavitz with SEH was unable to be present. His proposal for preparation of a PER was briefly reviewed and he will be invited to the April meeting.

Mayor Schmidtke went over items in need of repair at the fire hall. He will obtain estimates for the front door and locks, and the west window, for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to accept the city attorney's recommendation regarding the property matter.

Discussion took place regarding continuation of business of the city during the pandemic.

Chief Wiggin asked the council to look into a rental housing ordinance to help enforce housing standards and other concerns related to rentals.

Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to adjourn.

Signed, Troy Schmidtke, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk