

TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building, and also remotely via Zoom, on the 25th day of January, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Troy Schmidtke, Council Member Bruce Borntrager, Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, Council Member Thomas Hage, and Council Member Brian Krumwiede.

Mayor Troy Schmidtke presided over the meeting.

Newly elected officials took the oath of office; Mayor Troy Schmidtke, and Council Members Brian Krumwiede, JoAnn Russenberger, and Bruce Borntrager.

During the Community Comment period, Ocie Nelson asked about the status of her request to update the city ordinance on the employment of felons in establishments holding a liquor license. Mayor Schmidtke will contact the city attorney to discuss.

Annual committee appointments were announced. A new building maintenance committee will be added, with Schmidtke and Borntrager as members.

The fee schedule was reviewed and approved as presented.

Bob Raue and Roger Kienholz with Crystal Valley Cooperative updated the council on the new feed mill slated to be built in Trimont. A public hearing to consider rezoning three parcels owned by the cooperative will take place at the February 22nd council meeting. Concerns over dust control and truck traffic were discussed, along with a proposal to build a new electric substation on property adjacent to the feed mill to provide the additional power they will need.

Bill Helget with Bolton and Menk addressed the council via Zoom with an update on plans for the trail to the Town Center. Research found there is a dedicated 40' service road where the trail can be located. An easement will be needed where the road ends on the Nuway property. Helget will work on the easement with the city attorney. A special meeting will be held to discuss the plans with property owners.

Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl provide a department report. **Motion made by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to approve fire department officers for 2021 as follows: Chief Ryan Kuehl, Assistant Chief Jeremy Glidden and Kristian Melson, Secretary Nicholas Swanson, and President Kevin Hilgendorf.** Discussion followed regarding gear the department needs, and grant applications that have been submitted. Kuehl proposed ordering six complete sets of SCBAs, along with options to split the cost between the fire department budget and the relief association. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve the purchase as proposed, with the city paying \$14,290 of the cost using \$7500 in the fire department budget for capital outlay and the balance coming from reserves.**

Police Chief Ross Wiggin reviewed the department report. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager and carried to approve a \$2,500 contribution to the Heat Tactical Team for their vehicle fund using funds from the sale of the squad car. Motion made by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager and carried to approve the purchase of a safe using grant funds obtained, approve the sale of the old safe, and payment of a \$100 stipend for the grant writer Bradford Flohrs.** Approval was given for Wiggin to attend a one-week crisis negotiation training conference in February, with his wages the only cost to the city.

Public Works Supervisor Mike Paulson reviewed the department report. Karen Cavett with SEH was also present via Zoom. Engineers continue to work on plans for the screen at the wastewater plant. The preliminary engineering report is in progress to set priorities for future projects. The report on televising the sewer mains is also pending. The status of land acquisition for the sewer ponds was discussed. Council plans to meet again with property owners. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve the annual contract with SEH Engineering.**

Three bids were received for cleanup of 181 3rd Avenue SE. Separate proposals were requested for demolition and removal of the garage and material from the house burn, and another for trees, brush, and junk on the property. Holtz Lawn Care bid \$3650 and \$425, All Seasons bid \$5850 and \$500 with a deduction of \$2000 if he gets both jobs, and B & D Repair bid \$7150 and \$1950 respectively. **Motion made by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to hire Holtz Lawn Care for both jobs, giving six months to complete the work with payment upon satisfactory completion.**

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

**Resolutions 2021-01, 2021-02, and 2021-03
Resolutions approving contributions**

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

**Resolutions 2021-04 and 2021-05
Resolutions to contract with city officials for 2021**

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to call for a public hearing of the planning commission for the purposes of considering rezoning of three parcels of land.

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

**Approval of minutes from the December 21, 2020 meeting as printed.
Approval of financial statements from December, 2020 as presented.
Approval of zoning permit applications from: Jeremy Glidden.
Approval to pay the following bills:**

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Advance Auto Parts	\$ 21.79	Alex Air Apparatus	\$ 4746.00
Automatic Systems	\$ 544.00	American Welding	\$ 33.76
B & D Repair	\$ 886.97	Blue Cross	\$ 2927.66
Beemer Companies	\$ 38,253.75	Bolton & Menk	\$ 6620.00
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 9.89	Brenda Nielsen	\$ 337.50
Cardmember Service	\$ 805.95	Carr's Tree Service	\$ 2985.50
Costello, Carlson, Butzon	\$ 1725.00	Delta Dental	\$ 149.40
Dana Faber	\$ 468.00	Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70
Frontier Communications	\$ 726.25	Fisher Scientific	\$ 70.09
Gopher State One Call	\$ 56.75	Hawkins	\$ 15.00
Heat Tactical Team	\$ 602.55	Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4412.74
Indoff Inc.	\$ 82.27	Kuehl's Electric	\$ 191.12
Lacey Schmidtke	\$ 60.00	League of MN Cities	\$ 180.00
Livewire Printing	\$ 86.48	Midwest IT Systems	\$ 1346.83
Minnesota Energy	\$ 1467.61	MN Rural Water	\$ 350.00
Minnesota West	\$ 100.00	Moore & Ace	\$ 307.15
Nathan Vrieze	\$ 96.14	Poppe's Store	\$ 10.00
Postmaster	\$ 175.45	Quill	\$ 133.73
Riteway Business Forms	\$ 186.00	River Bend Bus.	\$ 20.00
Robin White	\$ 324.00	South Central Elec.	\$ 3728.59
State of Minnesota	\$ 8.00	Streicher's	\$ 35.49
Town Center Super Valu	\$ 13.27	Trimont Fire Relief	\$ 1930.86
Triumph State Bank	\$ 547.68	UC Laboratory	\$ 2424.65
USABLE Life	\$ 5.60	Verizon	\$ 751.45
Wex Bank	\$ 360.93		

In other business, Council Member Hage would like to begin reviewing the employee handbook to bring it up to date. Council Member Russenberger agreed to work with him on the project. Due to the late February council meeting, the February work session will be moved to Tuesday, February 9th.

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

Signed, Troy Schmidtke, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk