

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 22nd day of February, 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.

No comments were made during the Community Comment period.

The time being 5:30 P.M., the Public Hearing of the Trimont Planning Commission was called to order. Commission Members Robert Connors and Neil Royer were present via Zoom. Board Chair Borntrager reviewed the proposed ordinances to rezone parcels owned by Crystal Valley Cooperative, two from Ag to Industry, and one from Residential to Industry. Those present in person and virtually were invited to comment and ask questions. Discussion included concern over truck traffic and hours of operation of the feed mill proposed for the rezoned property. Representatives from South Central Electric were present with information about the substation that has been proposed for the residential parcel. Following discussion, the hearing was closed and the council meeting reopened. It was the recommendation of the planning commission to move forward with rezoning Agriculture parcels 39.040.0015 and 39.040.0190, but to leave parcel 39.040.0050 zoned Residential to maintain a buffer between Industrial and Residential zones. Further, it was recommended that the electric substation be constructed to the west of the old railroad bed instead. Roger Kienholz with Crystal Valley asked about the possibility of using the residential parcel as a staging area during construction of the feed mill. The city clerk was directed to consult the city attorney regarding the request. Kienholz stated they are planning to apply for a permit to demolish the existing elevator. Zoning applications for that and for the feed mill will be considered for approval at the March meeting. **Mayor Troy Schmidtke introduced Ordinance 2021-01 to amend Section 7.03, Classification of District, Subd. 2, City Zoning Map to rezone from Agriculture to Industry parcels 39.040.0015 and 39.040.0190.**

Police Chief Ross Wiggin reviewed the department report. Trimont's former police chief Ron Reicherts was presented a gold badge for his service on the department which he had not received at retirement.

Public Works Supervisor Mike Paulson provided the department report. The Triumph Hall insurance claim was partially paid and options to repair the floor were considered. It was agreed to replace the wood with flooring of a similar color and also to get an estimate to replace the carpet with that flooring as well. The work will be scheduled around the chamber book sale planned for April. Also discussed was a recent watermain break that took place when one employee was out of town and the on-call employee was ill. With no plan in place for such emergencies, various alternatives were considered. Information on operation of the water system will be shared with Beemer Companies so they are equipped to help in those situations.

Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl went over department business. Planning is underway to replace the rescue truck. A new chassis will be purchased and the old box will be reused. Options to fund the purchase were discussed. The old chassis will be sold, as it has no trade in value, with that revenue used to outfit the new truck.

The department will be meeting with township officials in March to discuss their contribution toward the rescue. Details of the plan will be brought to an upcoming meeting for the council to consider.

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to approve holding spring cleanup on Saturday, June 19th.

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

**Resolution 2021-06
Resolution approving contribution**

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to approve cashing in CD #6846 at maturity to help replenish water and wastewater cash in checking.

Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to approve holding the Local Board of Appeal Hearing with Martin County on April 22, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

Council Members Russenberger and Hage met recently to discuss revisions to personnel policies. Changes to how sick and vacation leave are requested and used were put forward for consideration. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

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

- Approval of minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting as printed.**
- Approval of financial statements from January, 2021 as presented.**
- Approval of zoning permit applications from: Mark Whitacre.**
- Approval to pay the following bills:**

American Welding	\$ 33.76	Beemer Co.	\$ 6608.00
Blue Cross	\$ 2927.66	Bolton & Menk	\$ 4984.50
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 31.58	Borntreger Auto	\$ 141.95
Cardmember Service	\$ 215.59	City of Sherburn	\$ 25.00
Core & Main	\$ 1672.36	Expert T Billing	\$ 210.00
Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70	Frontier Comm.	\$ 747.86
Gopher State One Call	\$ 2.70	Hawkins	\$ 1599.82
Heat Tactical Team	\$ 2500.00	Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4412.74
Indoff Inc.	\$ 40.64	Kuehl's Electric	\$ 954.55
Lacey Schmidtke	\$ 80.00	League of MN Cities	\$ 600.00
Martin Co. Sheriff	\$ 90.00	Martin County Star	\$ 75.60
Midwest IT Systems	\$ 465.00	MN Dept Public Safe.	\$ 200.00
Minnesota Energy	\$ 1346.79	MN Dept. of Health	\$ 823.00
Minnesota DNR	\$ 182.31	Moore & Ace	\$ 135.81

MWOA	\$ 60.00	Nathan Vrieze	\$ 16.02
Nuway Coop	\$ 1165.50	Postmaster	\$ 118.30
Ross Wiggin	\$ 71.06	SEH	\$ 15,776.30
South Central Elec.	\$ 4662.13	Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70
UC Laboratory	\$ 530.30	Verizon	\$ 334.02
Wex Bank	\$ 348.63		

In other business, Mayor Schmidtke is looking into options to provide city emergency notifications to residents via text or email. Nuway has been advised of plans for the trail to the Town Center. They've requested engineers remark the proposed trail location in that area as it has been revised. Council Member Krumwiede asked about holding two council meetings per month due to the large number of upcoming projects. It was decided for now to call special meetings as needed. Council Member Hage asked about obtaining iPads for the council to get meeting information instead of getting paper agenda packets. He will look into the cost and software options.

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