

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 15th day of March, 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.

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to adopt the following Ordinance

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.

A zoning permit application from Crystal Valley Cooperative was considered for construction of a feed mill, warehouse, and retention pond. Bob Raue with Crystal Valley addressed the council regarding options for the location of the retention pond and an electric substation, preferring to have the pond placed on low ground south of the mill. Locating the substation to the east of that would require the property be rezoned for Industry. **Council Member JoAnn Russenberger introduced Ordinance 2021-02 to amend Section 7.03, Classification of District, Subd. 2, City Zoning Map to rezone from Residential to Industry parcel 39.040.0050. Motion made by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve a zoning permit for Crystal Valley to build a feed mill and warehouse, and a retention pond to be located south of that facility.** Motion carried 4/0, with Council Member Krumwiede abstaining due to a conflict of interest due to his employment with Crystal Valley. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve a zoning permit for Crystal Valley to demolish their elevator at 340 Main Street West.** An application from Crystal Valley for a temporary conditional use permit was considered that would allow them to use of their residentially zoned property as a staging area for construction material and equipment during construction of the feed mill and retention pond. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to approve a Temporary Conditional Use Permit for Crystal Valley Cooperative, with a fee of \$100.**

Discussion took place regarding the location for South Central Electric to build a new substation to replace the one on Highway 4. Because their prime location is the Crystal Valley residential property, action on the permit was tabled until the ordinance to rezone that parcel is acted on. It was decided to hold a Special Meeting on Friday, March 19, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. for that purpose.

Police Chief Ross Wiggin reviewed the department report. The court data services agreement with BCA is up for renewal. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to adopt the following Resolution**

Resolution 2021-09

Resolution to approve State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of the city attorney and the police department

The snow emergency ordinance was reviewed to consider changes for next season. Council asked for information on how other cities handle snow emergencies.

Public Works Supervisor Mike Paulson went over the department report. The damaged floor at the Triumph Hall is scheduled to be removed next week. Batteries in some water meters are starting to fail due to age. A decision needs to be made about when to start replacing them, and if it will be all at once, in groups, or as needed. Additional information will be obtained for further discussion.

Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl provided a summary of the discussion from the recent meeting with townships. All townships agreed to pay a portion of the cost to replace the rescue truck, with city reserve funds for fire equipment to be saved for a fire truck that will be needed in the next five years. The chassis is expected to be delivered in July, with the box transferred and work completed by late fall. The approximate total cost is \$200,000. One of the townships asked to delay half of their portion until 2022 if necessary. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to approve ordering the chassis on state bid at a cost of up to \$100,000.** In other matters, Kuehl advised it is in fire department by laws to allow department members to borrow various items, such as tables and chairs and kitchen items, for their personal use. If a policy is set so employees cannot use property belonging to the city, the by laws need to be changed. Council asked that a copy of that policy be provided to them to discuss further in April. Council approval was given for the fire department to assist Crystal Valley with dust control during demolition of the elevator. They will be billed for water and the cost of labor.

Council reviewed liquor license applications from Josie Jurries for the Rusty Spur Saloon. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bornttrager, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to approve an on and off-sale liquor license, and a 3.2 on-sale license to serve on Sundays, pending receipt of applicable fees and proof of insurance, and payment of outstanding property taxes.**

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

Resolution 2021-07

Resolution approving purchase of land for sewer ponds

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bornttrager and carried to approve \$500 for Martin County West Community Education.

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

Approval of minutes from the February 22, 2021 meeting as printed.

Approval of zoning permit applications from: Jason & Sara Rosenberg (no variance, survey required).

Approval to pay the following bills:

Advance Auto Parts	\$ 117.92	American Welding	\$ 184.89
B & D Repair	\$ 328.30	Beemer Co.	\$ 9587.45
Blue Cross	\$ 2927.66	Bolton & Menk	\$ 4492.50
Borntrager Auto	\$ 39.95	Cardmember Svcs	\$ 42.47
Costello, Carlson, Butzon	\$ 2150.00	Delta Dental	\$ 74.70
EMS Custom Education	\$ 650.00	Expert T Billing	\$ 240.00
Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70	Frontier Comm.	\$ 761.71
Generator System Services	\$ 1510.00	Grainger	\$ 555.30
Hawkins	\$ 15.00	Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4431.77
Indoff Inc.	\$ 28.80	Jason Anderson	\$ 50.00
Lacey Schmidtke	\$ 80.00	Martin County Star	\$ 425.60
Midwest IT Systems	\$ 355.06	Mid-American Res.	\$ 432.36
Minnesota Energy	\$ 1472.74	Moore & Ace	\$ 431.05
No BS Performance	\$ 540.00	P & A Security	\$ 903.96
Postmaster	\$ 119.00	Quill	\$ 196.33
River Bend Business	\$ 7.01	Ross Wiggin	\$ 93.95
SEH	\$ 10,363.50	South Central Electric	\$ 4672.12
Tactical Solutions	\$ 34.00	Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70
UC Laboratory	\$ 635.20	USA Bluebook	\$ 504.99
Voluntary FF Benefit Assn.	\$ 234.00	Westrum Leak Detec.	\$ 1100.00
Wex Bank	\$ 555.59	Ziegler Cat	\$ 46.30

In other business, Mayor Schmidtke talked about the recent Joint Powers meeting. Information was provided to explain that the purchase of a different jetter truck isn't cost effective. There was more discussion about drafting a mutual aid agreement between the cities to authorize public works employees to provide assistance to other cities as needed, when possible. Another option could be having Joint Powers employ someone that all cities could share for public works. More research will be done for further discussion. Ordinances that regulate weight limits on city streets were reviewed, along with the best way to deal with trucks and agricultural equipment using the streets when they exceed those limits. It was decided to address problems as they arise rather than taking any preemptive action.

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

Signed, Troy Schmidtke, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk