

TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building, and also remotely via Zoom, on the 19th day of March, 2021 at 8:00 o'clock A.M.

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

The following members were absent: Council Member Brian Krumwiede.

Mayor Troy Schmidtke presided over the meeting.

Consideration was given to rezoning Ordinance 2021-02 that was introduced at the March 15, 2021 meeting. Bob Raue with Crystal Valley Cooperative addressed the council, providing a map of the plan for the feed mill, retention pond, and substation to illustrate the space needed for each. Concern was expressed earlier regarding the view of the substation if located adjacent to residences, but it would be mitigated by planting trees and with slats in the fencing. Representatives from South Central Electric addressed concerns about the electromagnetic field from the substation, explaining the waves are only transmitted up to 5 feet from the equipment, and the power lines in the area already give off more of the harmless EMFs than the substation will. If the location for the pond and substation have to be switched, both Crystal Valley and South Central Electric expect to incur added costs for their projects.

Motion made by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage, to adopt Ordinance 2021-02 to amend Section 7.03, Classifications of District, Subd. 2. Voting in favor of the motion, Council Members Russenberger and Hage, voting against the motion, Council Member Borntrager and Mayor Schmidtke. Motion defeated 2/2.

Discussion continued regarding the location for the substation. **Motion made by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to amend the zoning permit for Crystal Valley to relocate the retention pond to parcel no. 39.040.0050. Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to approve a zoning permit for South Central Electric to build an electric substation on parcel no. 39.040.0015, south of Crystal Valley's feed mill.**

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to adjourn.

Signed, Troy Schmidtke, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk