

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 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.

Police Chief Ross Wiggin reviewed the department report. Checking with other cities that have civil penalties for ordinance violations, it was found to be a lengthy and time-consuming process to manage. He recommended no change in how violations are handled for now.

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

### **Ordinance 2021-03**

#### **An Ordinance to amend use and operation of golf carts on public streets**

Public Works Supervisor Mike Paulson went over the department report. A quote was considered from Paulson Heating and Cooling to add a mini-split heat pump to the library at a cost of \$3,015. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve the purchase, if the model qualifies for the \$800 rebate from South Central Electric.** Street repair bids were reviewed. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to accept street repair bids from MR Paving \$65, 880 for overlay, \$15,965.90 for patching, and \$19,177.16 for mill and fill patching, and from Midwest Asphalt \$6,981 for crack seal.** The Birch Street property clean-up project is nearing completion and it will need to be seeded.

Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl provided a department report. A plan is needed for replacing fire gear and PPE in the event that pending grant applications are not approved. The cost could be split over a number of years, a loss control representative from the League can come down to look at needs to develop a report for the council, and it would be helpful to establish a committee consisting of two council members to meet with the department to assess needs in more detail. It was decided to have the League representative come down to provide a report for review at the July work session. The council was advised the ambulance is down for repairs and a loaner will be in use during that time.

Discussion took place regarding the wastewater treatment plant, and plans for converting to sewer ponds. Property southeast of town that might be available for the ponds was found to be problematic due to the water table and also because the train tracks run through it. The preliminary engineering report SEH is working on requires the location for the ponds to be selected before the report can be completed. Mayor Schmidtke and Council Member Hage agreed to meet with a few land owners prior to the July work session. SEH came in to look at some concerns at the treatment plant.

Some of the structures are believed to have a remaining life of only 2 years. They will draft a full report of the findings.

Mayo Health Systems provided written notice for termination of the clinic lease, effective September 6, 2021. Mayor Schmidtke met with their representative to look over the property to determine what work is needed prior to the end date. It was decided to reach out to other area health care providers to ask them to consider coming to Trimont to provide services here.

Community development was briefly discussed. Committee members Russenberger and Borntrager had no news to report. Erika Ask will be invited to the July work session to talk about selling city owned lots.

**Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to approve renewal of the on and off-sale liquor licenses for Rusty Spur Saloon, pending receipt of a certificate of insurance.**

**Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to approve up to \$1,000 for portable restrooms and wash stations for Fun Fest.**

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

**Resolution 2021-13**

**Resolution adopting assessment for unpaid charges**

**Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to adopt the following Resolution**

**Resolution 2021-14**

**Resolution approving contribution**

In old business, discussion took place regarding vacating two unused alleys that run for half of a block. It was decided to table the matter due to the cost for engineering and legal work associated with the process. Council decided that the Sunday liquor question will wait until the next general election due to the cost the city would incur if a special election is held. Building maintenance was discussed. A second quote for the front door of the fire hall is still pending. It was noted that all the doors are keyed alike, so locks would also need to be changed. It was decided to also have them quote replacing openers for the bay doors. Setting a policy for the use of city owned equipment was discussed. It was decided to handle matters as they arise rather than setting a policy that would cover all situations. Any equipment use will require approval of the department supervisor. Chief Wiggin looked into drafting an employment contract for his position, but found only sample contracts for interim chiefs of police. No action was taken on the matter. No volunteers were found to plant flowers in the park this year. It is hoped to begin doing so again next year. Discussion was held regarding the proposal to change the monthly work session to a second regular council meeting. It was decided to leave it as is for now. Council Member Russenberger spoke to the resident in the first block of Apple Street West who removed the public sidewalk from his property. They will be replaced this summer.

Mayor Schmidtke advised that a fire truck and the ambulance will be present during the upcoming truck pull being held during Fun Fest. Council Member Hage advised that maintenance work at the ballfield has been completed. Council earlier approved \$500 for the project, but the total came to \$727. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to approve the invoice from Nicklasson Athletic for \$727.70.**

**Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to approve the consent agenda as follows:**

**Approval of minutes from the May 17, 2021 meeting as printed.**

**Approval of financial statements from April, 2021 as presented.**

**Approval of zoning permit applications from: Randy Scheff, Alan & Theresa Peterson.**

**Approval to pay the following bills:**

Abigail Swenson	\$ 196.00	Alex Air Apparatus	\$ 39,970.00
Amborn Lumber	\$ 931.04	American Welding	\$ 35.88
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 2927.66	Bolton & Menk	\$ 3830.50
Borntrager Auto	\$ 45.45	Bound Tree Medical	\$ 672.55
Cardmember Service	\$ 42.71	Cash – Ambulance	\$ 25.00
Costello, Carlson, Butzon	\$ 1725.00	Crystal Valley	\$ 1026.85
Delta Dental	\$ 74.70	Doolittle’s Carpet & Paint	\$ 12,943.05
Expert T Billing	\$ 390.00	Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70
Fleet & Farm	\$ 134.95	Frontier Communications	\$ 568.51
Gopher State One Call	\$ 24.30	Hach	\$ 175.48
Hawkins	\$ 2728.58	Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4383.51
Indoff Inc.	\$ 77.50	Kuehl’s Electric	\$ 245.15
Lacey Schmidtke	\$ 100.00	League MN Cities Insurance	\$ 26,490.00
Mayo Clinic Ambulance	\$ 323.49	Midwest IT Systems	\$ 1023.13
Minnesota Energy	\$ 428.87	Moore & Ace	\$ 1833.84
Postmaster	\$ 123.84	Quill	\$ 110.92
Ritter Ag	\$ 131.77	River Bend Business	\$ 31.31
Rubin Construction	\$ 10,779.49	SASCS	\$ 1950.00
SEH	\$ 5117.00	South Central Electric	\$ 4135.64
SC Regional Fire Assn.	\$ 50.00	Streicher’s	\$ 184.98
Trimont Fun Fest	\$ 675.00	Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70
UC Laboratory	\$ 715.70	USABle Life	\$ 11.20
US Postal Service	\$ 122.00	Verizon	\$ 678.16
Wastecorp Pumps	\$ 1967.81	Welcome Oil	\$ 47.50
Wex Bank	\$ 803.61		

In other business, a zoning permit application from West Martin Seeds was considered. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to approve the permit, contingent on meeting the required 75’ front setback.** A zoning permit application was reviewed from United Methodist Church to replace their sign. It was determined that no permit was required.

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Mayor Schmidtke provided details from a recent Joint Powers meeting. Other cities in the group are still looking into buying a different jetter truck. Council Member Hage advised the council of an upcoming EDA loan application from a local business.

**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