

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 19th day of July, 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.

During the Community Comment period, Tyler Koch addressed the council regarding his concern that the Trimont Conservation Club Park at Big Twin is not open to the public.

Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl provided a department report. A plan was presented for the replacement of PPE and fire gear over the next several years if pending grants are not awarded to the city. Various options to finance the cost were proposed. Further discussion will take place when the 2022 budget is considered. Other items discussed included the policy in place for responding to calls under the influence, dive team equipment in the hall, and responding to the League risk assessment report.

The time being 6:30 P.M., the Rural Service District Hearing was called to order. Those present in person and via Zoom were invited to comment. Priscilla Maniscalco asked about reducing the taxes on her land by having it detached from the city. It is low land that is not suitable for development. She was advised how to look into doing so. There being no further questions or comments, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:40 P.M. and the council meeting was reopened. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to adopt the following Ordinance**

Ordinance 2021-04

An Ordinance amending Section 9.03 and 9.04 of the Trimont City Code relating to annual adjustments of the Rural Urban Service District

The time being 6.41 P.M., the Public Hearing was called to order to provide details of a USDA grant application submitted by the fire department. Mayor Schmidtke reviewed the application, the equipment that would be purchased, and other options to fund the cost of the gear. There being no questions or comments on the matter, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:50 P.M. and the council meeting was reopened.

Police Chief Ross Wiggin reviewed the department report. A request was made for approval to attend DMT-G certification training at a cost of \$375.00. Approval was given to do so. The wage currently paid to part-time officers is below that of area cities and an increase to \$20.00 per hour was proposed. **Motion made by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to increase the wage paid to part-time police officers to \$20.00 per hour, effective immediately.**

Mayor Schmidtke advised that the land purchase related to the sewer pond project is in the hands of lawyers and will be finalized shortly.

Mayor Schmidtke proposed adoption of a resolution in support of having the proposed trail along Highway 4 moved off of the shoulder of the road and to instead construct a ten-foot multi-use trail in the existing right-of-way. The resolution would be presented to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, along with similar resolutions from other area cities. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to adopt the following Resolution**

**Resolution 2021-15
Resolution supporting trail along trunk Highway 4**

A permit application from Kathy Meade was considered to allow chickens to be housed. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to approve the permit.**

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to not waive monetary limits on tort liability.

In old business, the clinic building has been vacated and will become available for another tenant. Community development committee meetings continue and Erika Ask will be consulted regarding the sale of city owned lots. Council Member Borntrager ask about the availability of grants for the extension of infrastructure to new development areas. The matter will be researched. Mayor Schmidtke received another quote for a new door on the fire hall. It was higher than anticipated, so another quote will be obtained to consider. The Triumph Hall received minor damage from the last rental and council directed the security deposit be retained to cover the cost of repair. The AC unit has been installed in the library building. The back door will be replaced and the wall repaired in that area to complete the project. No information was presented regarding proposed revisions to personnel policies. Mayor Schmidtke is working on easements for the trail project and Council Member Hage offered to help with grant administration. The city owned property on Birch Street East is restored and needs to be seeded.

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

Approval of minutes from the June 21 and July 9, 2021 meetings as printed.

Approval of financial statements from May and June, 2021 as presented.

Approval of zoning permit applications from: Jessica Samstad, Mark Brackelsberg, Mike Gonzalez, Tyler Kettner & Kelsey Borntrager.

Approval to pay the following bills:

Automatic Systems	\$ 1554.00	American Welding	\$ 35.25
Beemer Co.	\$ 9155.59	Bevcomm	\$ 236.67
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 2927.66	Bolton & Menk	\$ 691.00
Bob's Biffys	\$ 385.00	Bound Tree Medical	\$ 678.14
Bureau of Criminal App.	\$ 150.00	Cardmember Service	\$ 211.43
Delta Dental	\$ 74.70	Doolittle's Carpet & Paint	\$ 266.00
Doug Fuller Construction	\$ 1260.00	Expert T Billing	\$ 330.00
Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70	Fleet & Farm	\$ 108.23
Frontier Communications	\$ 602.31	Hawkins	\$ 15.00

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Holtz Construction	\$ 4575.00	Hometown Sanitation	\$ 12,167.79
Janitor's Closet	\$ 37.67	Kuehl's Electric	\$ 78.00
Lacey Schmidtke	\$ 390.00	Martin County Star	\$ 357.70
Midwest IT Systems	\$ 300.00	Minnesota Energy	\$ 204.42
MN Fire Svs. Cert. Board	\$ 480.00	Minnesota Public Facilities	\$ 96,930.00
Modern Office Systems	\$ 990.00	Moore & Ace	\$ 1402.70
Ninety-Four Services	\$ 2902.96	Northview Bank	\$ 5051.00
Paulson Heating & Cooling	\$ 1507.50	Plunkett's Pest Control	\$ 192.87
Postmaster	\$ 122.76	Quill	\$ 296.03
River Bend Business	\$ 24.86	Shane Borntrager	\$ 92.17
SEH	\$ 1034.50	Service Master by Rice	\$ 1035.00
South Central Electric	\$ 6044.93	Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70
UC Laboratory	\$ 978.70	Wex Bank	\$ 952.46

In other business, Council Member Hage advised that a donated bench has been installed in the park, and another is pending. Council was advised of Small Cities Aid of \$22,614 that Trimont will receive in 2021 for street repair and maintenance. A request was made to move the storage shed at the ballfield for better access. After discussion, it was decided to leave it where it is for now.

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to adjourn.

Signed, Troy Schmidtke, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk