

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 18th day of October, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Pro-Tem Thomas Hage, Council Member Bruce Bortrager, and Council Member JoAnn Russenberger.

The following members were absent: Mayor Troy Schmidtke, and Council Member Brian Krumwiede.

Mayor Pro-Tem Thomas Hage presided over the meeting.

No comments were made during the community comment period.

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

Resolution 2021-21

Resolution to accept resignation of Mayor Troy Schmidtke, effective immediately, and to declare a vacancy.

Bill Helget with Bolton & Menk Engineering provided an update regarding the trail project. Helget, Mayor Pro-Tem Hage, and DOT representative Glen Coudron met with Nuway and Ritter Ag to go over plans for the trail and the Highway 4 project that will take place the following year. The easement from Nuway is in process, the 90% plan is in to DOT, and additional grant money has been approved to do work in the right of way for DOT during the trail project. A permit is needed to work in the DOT right of way, and a limited use permit for lights and wiring. The entrance to the nursing home is anticipated to be widened to help with additional traffic due the proposed closure of the adjacent entrance. Both Helget and Coudron plan to attend the November 2nd work session to discuss plans for the Highway 4 and Main Street intersection.

Police Chief Ross Wiggin was not present. The department report was provided and reviewed.

Public Works Supervisor Mike Paulson was unable to be present. Council reviewed a letter about I & I from MPCA that was received by Mayor Schmidtke in September. A response is required within the next 30 days. Replacement of the PLC at the wastewater plant was discussed. SEH will be contacted to provide assistance, and also to put a plan together for other repairs needed at the plant. A special meeting will be called to discuss replacement of the PLC. Mayor Pro-Tem Hage will contact Karen at SEH regarding a response to the MPCA letter and to finalize the choice of land for the sewer ponds.

Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl was present to go over fire department business. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to accept the resignation of Troy Schmidtke from the fire department. Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to accept resignations from Troy Schmidtke and Lacey Schmidtke from the ambulance department.**

Sale of a city owned lot in the 400 block of Main Street East was discussed. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to offer the lot to Kevin Moore, with a quit claim deed, for the same price as the adjacent lot that was sold to him earlier.**

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to approve use of the Triumph Hall at no charge for a 4-H event in December.

Council reviewed a letter from Bev Pearson regarding upkeep of Anderson Park that asks about projects or updates that may be needed. Further discussion will take place at the upcoming work session to provide her with a list of ideas.

In old business, Council Member Russenberger advised she is working with a relative who has experience in HR to look over the personnel policies and the employee handbook. Council was also advised that an area land owner may be willing to sell some land for development and has asked for an offer to be made for consideration. Street extensions were briefly discussed.

Motion made by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager and carried to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approval of minutes from the September 20, 2021 meeting as printed.**
- Approval of financial statements from September, 2021 as presented.**
- Approval of zoning permit applications from: Crystal Valley Coop.**
- Approval to pay the following bills:**

American Welding	\$ 37.14	Arnold Motor Supply	\$ 65.22
Automatic Systems	\$ 3536.20	Banyon Data Systems	\$ 1785.00
Bevcomm	\$ 87.85	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 2927.66
Bolton & Menk	\$ 15,114.50	Bortrager Auto	\$ 205.95
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 370.03	Bureau of Criminal Appr.	\$ 150.00
Cardmember Service	\$ 87.97	Costello, Carlson & Butzon	\$ 1725.00
Delta Dental	\$ 74.70	Erika Ask	\$ 40.00
Expert Billing	\$ 150.00	Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70
Frontier Communications	\$ 591.92	Gopher State One Call	\$ 24.30
Generator System Services	\$ 225.00	Hawkins	\$ 10.00
Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4355.29	Kuehl's Electric	\$ 98.40
Lacey Schmidtke	\$ 438.40	League of MN Cities	\$ 229.00
League of MN Cities Ins. Tr.	\$ 32,561.00	Martin County Hwy. Dept.	\$ 76.72
MCFOA	\$ 45.00	MN Fire Svs Cert. Board	\$ 120.00
Midwest Garage Door	\$ 4015.00	Midwest IT Systems	\$ 350.00
MN Ambulance Assn.	\$ 175.00	Minnesota Energy	\$ 259.40
Moore & Ace	\$ 709.63	Nic Miller	\$ 15.81
Nuway	\$ 1537.20	Postmaster	\$ 137.20
Pritt's Electric Motor	\$ 289.00	River Bend Business	\$ 26.69
SEH	\$ 2904.75	South Central Electric	\$ 4942.16
Trimont Fire Relief Assn.	\$ 20,855.10	Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70
UC Labs	\$ 715.70	USAbLe Life	\$ 5.60

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Motion made by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to adjourn.

Signed, Thomas Hage, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk