

## TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Pro-Tem Bruce Borntrager, Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and Council Member JoAnn Russenberger.

The following members were absent: Mayor Thomas Hage.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bruce Borntrager presided over the meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Borntrager added to the agenda; a motion to consider allegations against a city employee. Council reviewed a letter from Paulson's Attorney Howard Bolter in which he asked to be provided an opportunity to present information and evidence in response to the allegations. Bolter was on Zoom and addressed the council directly asking for the matter be continued until after the holidays for time to respond to the 11-page report from the city that was received the day prior. Bolter was advised that the criminal investigation was not yet complete.

It was a consensus of the council to move forward with dismissal on serious misconduct. **Motion made by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to terminate employment of Mike Paulson effective December 7, 2021.** It was confirmed by Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl that the action has no effect on Paulson's position with the fire department

Discussion was held regarding the 2022 budget and levy. Items discussed included renewal of the Blue Cross insurance policy, purchasing fire gear, street repairs, and anticipated expenses for the trail project.

**Motion made by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to adjourn.**

Signed, Bruce Borntrager, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk