

TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 31th day of January, 2022 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Thomas Hage, Council Member Brian Krumwiede, Council Member Jon Holtz, Council Member Bruce Bortrager, and Council Member JoAnn Russenberger.

Mayor Thomas Hage presided over the meeting.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion took place around the City Clerk/Treasurer interviews that took place on January 29, 2022 and how the personnel committee asked current Interim City Clerk/treasure Brenda Nielsen @ 5:30 pm and Kelli Harder @ 6pm for the second open interviews with council.

The council proceeded to ask questions proceeding on with second open interview for Brenda Nielsen Interim City Clerk/Treasurer starting at 5:35pm. Interview ended at 5:45 pm.

Discussion took place around the Kurt Nelson declining the public works position. The city has offered the position to Jason Becker @ \$23/hr. plus benefits with a one-year probation period, and 1.5% increase July 1, 2022 with a start date of 2/14/2022. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede to hire Jason Becker @ \$23/hr. with a one-year probation period, and 1.5% increase July 1, 2022, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager. Motion Carried.**

Discussion took place around the regular scheduled meeting moving it from Monday February 28, 2022 to Tuesday February 22, 2022 to get bills approved before the last day of month. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede to change the regular scheduled council meeting to Tuesday February 22, 2022 @ 5:30pm, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager. Motion Carried.**

The council proceeded to ask questions proceeding on with second open interview for Kelli Harder starting at 6pm. Interview ended at 6:25pm.

Discussion took place around the community building water softener needing replacement, and to buy or rent. **Motion to buy the Culligan water heater for \$2200 from Culligan in Fairmont by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager. Motion carried.**

Discussion took place around the smoking policy. The current smoking policy was reviewed. Discussion took place around having a designated smoking space with proper receptacles for disposal.

Discussion took place around the amended monthly bills from the January regular meeting approved in the consent agenda and the additional bills added to list. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager to approve additional bills and amended bill amounts, seconded by Council Member JoAnne Russenberger. Motion carried.**

Council discussed to close the meeting to discuss both applicants for the City Clerk/Treasurer fulltime position. **Motion made by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger to close the meeting to discuss the applicants for the City Clerk/Treasurer fulltime position, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager. Motion carried.**

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager to open the meeting back up, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede. Motion carried.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager to hire Kelli Harder @ \$26/hr. for a salary of \$54,080 plus benefits with a one-year probation period for the City Clerk/Treasurer position, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council member Bruce Bortrager. Motion carried.

Signed, Thomas Hage, Mayor

Attest: Brenda Nielsen CGW, Interim City Clerk