

Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 21st day of November, 2022 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Council Member Brian Krumwiede, Council Member Jon Holtz, Council Member Sterling Adamson and Council Member Bruce Bortrager, Mayor JoAnn Russenberger

Mayor JoAnn Russenberger presided over the meeting.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Community Comment:

No Community Comment

Building Permits:

Dennis & Kelli Harder – new deck 221 Beech St E.– Discussion about moving the doorway & building a new deck on the front of the house. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz and motion carried, to approve building a new deck.** One year extension on finishing the house. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager and motion carried, to approve one year extension on finishing the house.**

Fire Department:

ADA grant is getting finalized. Carter Bloomgren has started on the fire dept. **Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz and motion carried, to approve Carter Bloomgren to be hired on to the Fire Dept.** Gage Eggestein has moved out of the area, no longer eligible to be on the department as he is out of our jurisdiction.

Resolution 2022-23:

To receive \$2500 donation from MCC for the fire department.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson, and motion carried, to approve resolution 2022-23 donation for the Fire Department.

Ambulance Report:

We have 2 applications for the ambulance crew. They have passed the background check. They will start class in Jan-May, 2 days a week. They will car pool. **Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, and motion carried, to approve Renea Wallace & Alyssa Nieszgocki to take EMT classes.** Discussion on ambulance response time. Dispatch to in route response time is 19.72 minutes. So far in 2022 there has been 88 calls. Most EMT's are living out of town so at night it takes longer to respond. Discussion on fire fighters driving the ambulance at night to get in route faster.

Public Works Report:

Bio solids are complete. We are recertified for 3 years. We had a fire at the compost site. It burned ½ of Bishops land. He was contacted & made aware of the burn. The sweeper was repaired & PW got all streets cleaned and catch basins vacuumed out. PW will be making new signs for the compost pile to better identify where residents should put branches and leaves. PW ordered a hydrant. They are 36 weeks out. PW have 200 meters installed. There will need to work some OT after hours to get the residents that work later installed with the new meters. A new ladder is needed. We have 3 that are not OSHA compliance. **Motion made by Council**

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Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried, to approve purchasing a little giant ladder with a working platform. We are ready for snow. The 2 meters with instant shut off have come in. Discussion on overtime paid for this year. \$10,504.57 – in 2022 through Oct. \$20638.78 – in 2021, \$27,655.28 – in 2020. Mayor thanks PW for watching the OT. Discussion on some land by the waste water plant for the ponds. Have a farmer willing to trade some land. PW checking with MPCA about the possibility & if there would be a need for a special variance. Pictures were sent to SEH to check into the possibility.

Garbage:

Jay from Waste Management discussed the options that WM can do for the Trimont residents. Concerns of how hard it is to get a real person to talk to. They will give us a direct line number to Marcia & himself. They also have an online portal for our residents. Discussion on a different options for city wide clean up. They also offer valet service for those that qualify. Yearly cost for WM is lower for all citizens & the city. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, motion carried, to approve Waste Management as the city garbage pickup company and Waste Management will do the billing with a 3-year contract beginning Jan 1, 2023.**

Ordinance 2022-01 adoption:

2nd Reading of the new ordinance amendment:

Changing of sewer use charges to be billed by monthly usage. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, motion carried, to approve Ordinance 2022-01.** Roll call: Jon – Y, Bruce – Y, Brian – Y, Sterling – N.

Ordinance 2022-02 introduction:

1st Reading of the new ordinance amendment:

Resolution 2022-22

With this change, Add the 7th address to the resolution

Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion carried, to approve Resolution 2022-22 for assessment for unpaid charges, with the noted change.

City Attorney:

Discussion on changing city's attorney. This would be a \$900 a year savings. Others have had good experiences with them. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried, to approve Birkholz Law as the new City Attorney beginning Jan 1, 2023.**

Farmland:

Discussion on rates. 16 acres rate at \$200/acre. Pond land rate will stay the same as previous year. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion carried, to raise rate for Anderson to \$200/acer. Adamson will stay the same.** Council Member Sterling Adamson abstained from vote for conflict of interest.

2023 Budget:

Discussion on the options for the health insurance & employee wages. Employee will pay 20% and the city will pay 80% of the cost of the employee health insurance. Life Insurance benefit will increase to \$10,000 and Short-Term Disability added to benefits with 100% of these benefits paid by the city. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, motion carried, to change insurance company through Midwest Benefits, with employee paying 20% and city pays 80%, increasing life insurance to \$10,000, and add Short Term Disability with the city paying 100%.** Discussion on employee wages. **Motion made by**

Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion carried, to approve 5.5% wage increase beginning Jan,1, 2023.

Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, and motion carried to approve the consent agenda.

Approve minutes from October 24, 2022 meeting as printed.

Approve Financial Statements for October 2022

Approval to pay the following bills.

October Bills

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$72.88	oil change in both trucks
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$37.14	
B&D REPAIR	\$263.40	sweeper repair
BADGER METER	\$250.80	
BEVCOMM, INC	\$322.17	
BOBS BIFFYS	\$235.00	BALL FIELD BIFFY
BORINTRAGER AUTO BODY & TOWING	\$705.00	
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSIO	\$600.00	CJDN access fee
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$449.91	
CUSTOM ELECTRIC LLC	\$134.58	
EXPERT BILLING, LLC	\$390.00	
FASTENAL COMPANY	\$20.48	
FLAHERTY & HOOD PA	\$723.75	
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	\$159.55	
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$35.10	
HACH COMPANY	\$2,724.96	portable multi meter
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$2,343.79	
HOLTZ LAWN& YARD CARE	\$150.00	330 Ash St W
HOMETOWN SANITATION	\$4,234.89	
INDOFF INC.	\$29.12	
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$2,782.75	Well #5
LACEY SCHMIDTKE	\$381.94	
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES	\$98.44	
MAC QUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$6,827.48	
MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$4,400.00	
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	\$1,136.86	
MIDWEST GARAGE DOORS-FAIRMONT	\$1,400.00	garage door on Bus shed

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MIDWEST IT SYSTEMS	\$293.00	
MINN. STATE FIRE DEPT. AS	\$175.00	2023 membership
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$393.39	Library
MN ENVIRO. SCIENCE RVW BOARD	\$1,000.00	membership
MN FIRE SVS CERTIFICATION BRD	\$208.33	
MN VALLEY ACTION COUNCIL INC.	\$26,493.73	reimbursement SCDP
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$639.53	
QUILL CORPORATION	\$161.93	
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$3.17	
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC.	\$6,109.50	
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$6,465.47	Library
SOUTHER MN HOME CREATIVE	\$75.00	Kid Creative Mag
STERICYCLE INC	\$1,059.07	shred old records
STEVE OLSON	\$132.07	repayment
SUNDAES IN THE PARK	\$140.00	spraying in Memorial park
TOWN CENTER INC	\$39.28	carpet cleaner - Water
TRIMONT FIREMEN S RELIEF	\$16,558.19	Repayment from state aid
TRUCK CENTER	\$86,158.00	2023 Freightliner - Fire Chassis
UC LABORATORY	\$1,580.77	
ULINE	\$5,352.52	picnic tables
USA BLUE BOOK	\$40.81	
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$213.47	PW & on call
WEX BANK	\$1,662.38	

Other Business:

Letter to our residents to explain changes to sewer rate, garbage & snow emergencies, will be sent out. Clerk will send out Thank you to MCC for donation to Fire Dept. Discussion on Newly Elected official classes in Mankato in February. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede. Motion carried, to any elected official to attend the courseu.**

Some writing on the bathroom wall at Triumph Hall. Updated on the sale of Town Center. Still working on getting the paperwork changed to the new name. Edward Jones would re-affirm on the CD to renew at 4.65% for 3 years. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager. Motion carried, to re-affirm the matured CD at 4.65% for 3 years.**

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz. Motion carried. To adjourn meeting

Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer