

Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 19th day of September, 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 Borntreger, Mayor JoAnn Russenberger

Mayor JoAnn Russenberger presided over the meeting.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Community Comment:

Lois Schultz: We have 12 people running for council, lived here 70 years & don't know half of them. Could we have a meeting to hear their agenda so we know what they are standing for. Is that possible? Has this ever been done? Would the candidates even be interested in what is going on in our community. Council – it would be possible if someone is interested in putting it together. In the past candidates have contacted the paper & done an interview with them.

Building Permits:

Town Center – storage shed – Discussion about where it is located & why they need it. **Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried, to approve building permit for storage shed.**

Police report:

The training scheduled for October, is to be determined. Trying to work out the details. It's been busy, lots of things going on.

Public Works Report:

Fire hall roof is done. They had to come back to caulk the edges and install some new fasteners along the edges. Also screwed down the fascia. Tree trimming letters went out & posed on Facebook, giving citizens until the end of October to get that work completed. PW has started to flush hydrants and will have that done this week. The street sweeper is still down. The seals are out of it. Got the estimate to get it fixed. It's 22 years old. We should be able to get a few more years out of it, if we fix it. Should look to the future about replacing it. If you order one it can take a year to get it. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson, and motion carried, to fix the street sweeper at no more than \$12,000 with picking up & bring back the equipment.** Looking at having 15-18 ton of crushed concrete on hand. The tree in front of the fire hall needs to be cut down, its dying & dropping a bunch of branches. We should look at planting a few trees in the spring at the park & the fire hall.

Offer for old Chassis:

We have an offer from Galena Township. The truck needs to be in working order plus the windshield fixed with the offer of \$5000. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried, to approve the offer from Galena township for \$5000 in working order.**

Fee Schedule:

Discussion on the garbage rates. Add a charge for a flash drive - \$25 **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, and motion carried, to approve adding the flash drive charge of \$25.**

Discussion on the sidewalk for Justin Lubben. Mayor Russenberger will contact him & report back.

Discussion on the door from the basement of Triumph Hall. We have someone interested in buying it. It was the door from the boiler room from Triumph Hall. Council consensus: It should stay with the town & not sold, or even put it in the museum.

Hwy 4 Warranty deed:

There is a section of land in the ditch across from the school that the city owns. The highway dept. is wanting to buy the land from the city for the right of way. It is an approach in the ditch. 347 square foot. It is worth \$29,500. The minimum compensation of \$500 is what they will pay the city for. **Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, and motion carried, to approve the selling of the land for the right of way to Minnesota Department of Transportation for \$500.**

2023 Budget:

Discussion on city wide clean up. Added \$8000 to budget. Looking for ways to get the cost down on this event. Council would like the budget to be \$4000. Will get the details worked out in the spring on how to limit or change how to control the cost.

Resolution 2022-19:

To allow gambling at Trimont Wild Bar

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion carried to approve resolution 2022-19 approving gambling premises permit.

2023 Budget Discussion:

City Clerk worked with auditor on the sewer & water fund. If the city did a monthly usage rate for the sewer the city would have generated \$26,869 more in 2021. With this the sewer fund could be self-sufficient & would not need to levy those dollars, as to what we have been doing. The water fund has lost \$260,000 since 2019. Our rate is \$4.00/1000. The auditor recommends an increase of \$3.50 to cover our cost. Clerk will proceed to change ordinance to monthly usage for the sewer. The water rate had not been changed for 10 years until last year. The water rate will be \$5.50/1000 starting January 1, 2023. Need to look over the fee schedule for the first of the year. The city should get an increase in property revenue from some of the value from the improvements to Crystal Valley. In 2024 the full value from Crystal Valley feed mill will be on the tax revenue. We will adjust the budget for 2023 when we have better numbers. Discussion on where we are with bonds and abatements, and how many years we have left on them.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion carried to approve proposed budget 2023.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried to approve the consent agenda with the change noted.

Special meeting Aug 11 – change to approve over not allow

**Approve minutes from August 11, 15 & 22, 2022 meeting as printed.
 Approve Financial Statements for July & August 2022
 Approval to pay the following bills.**

Aug Bills

AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$37.83	
B&D REPAIR	\$40.00	braze roll pin
BADGER METER	\$132.00	
BETTY CONNORS	\$138.00	Election Aug 9
BEVCOMM, INC	\$117.31	
BORNTRAGER AUTO BODY & TOWING	\$187.45	new battery in squad
BRADFORD FLOHRS	\$100.00	writing Body Cam Grant
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$261.23	
CHRIS WOHLFORD	\$120.00	Election Aug 9
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	\$390.69	repair ball curb stop cts
DEPT. OF EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC DEV.	\$9,192.00	
EXPERT BILLING, LLC	\$240.00	
FLEET AND FARM SUPPLY 2	\$136.08	
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	\$203.64	
GENERATOR SYSTEM SERVICES	\$500.00	
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$22.95	
HACH COMPANY	\$516.81	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$50.00	
HOMETOWN SANITATION	\$4,222.95	
INDOFF INC.	\$99.54	calendars- labels
KRISTIAN MELSON	\$405.02	repair handrail
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES	\$980.00	
MAC QUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$139.73	Street sweeper
MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$2,200.00	
MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEMS1	\$1,394.00	
MIDWEST IT SYSTEMS	\$250.00	
MINN. DEPT OF HEALTH	\$838.00	3rd Qtr
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$506.56	
MN HWY SAFETY & RESEARCH CTR	\$490.00	Austin driving class
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$468.46	
NO BS PERFORMANCE	\$440.47	Def Tank Heater Ambulance
NUWAY COOPERATIVE	\$2,417.50	
PEARSON BROS. INC.	\$63,335.20	Seal Coating 2022
PLUNKETTS PEST CONTROL	\$206.37	

RICE LAKE CONSTRUCTION	\$1,375.00	Trickling Filter Repairs
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$4.59	
ROBIN WHITE	\$162.00	Election Aug 9
RONALD REICHERTS	\$20.02	mower fuel
SASCS	\$1,170.00	
SCHWICKERTS	\$28,761.00	Roof Repair - Fire Hall
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$7,342.78	
TINA KRUMWIEDE	\$120.00	Election Aug 9
TOWN CENTER INC	\$7.96	
UC LABORATORY	\$956.29	
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$148.28	
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$213.87	
W.W. GOETSCH ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$1,500.00	Annual Service Check for lift station
WEX BANK	\$442.99	

Other Business:

SEH coming to our work shop in October.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede. Motion carried, to set Truth and Taxation hearing to December 19, 2022, at 6 pm.

Shut off the Fire Hall landline telephone. Saving the city about \$700 a year.

Had a citizen ask about getting a foster pet tag. They have 2 dogs themselves. Council will allow them to foster a dog for 6 months, as long as there is no complaints.

Clerk got her Notary Certificate

They have begun to paint our going hog wild pig.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson. Motion carried. To adjourn meeting

Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer