

Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 23rd day of January, 2023 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Council Member Brian Krumwiede, Council Member Jon Holtz, Council Member Bruce Borntreger, Council Member Bradford Flohrs, Mayor JoAnn Russenberger

Mayor JoAnn Russenberger presided over the meeting.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Oath:

Newly elected officials took the oath of office. Mayor, JoAnn Russenberger, Council Member Brian Krumwiede, Council Member Jon Holtz, Council Member Bradford Flohrs

Community Comment:

No Community Comment

Fire Department:

Discrepancy was found with some funds that were ACH into the Fun Fest account and not the city of Trimont from a donation. Ryan is working with the Bank to get that as a check to the city. The heaters have been worked on in the apparatus bay. It might be that the piping may need to be replaced. Hope to make it through the winter & have it worked on at a later date. There is more maintenance that needs to be done on the Fire Hall building. Clerk asking for some more communication from the fire dept. Asked about a few of the By-Laws. Posting for meetings, mayor & clerk coming to the meetings, bond on the treasurer. Discussion on the Olsen Diesel bill for tanker truck transmission. **Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, and motion carried, to approve payment for \$6658.45 to Olsen Diesel.**

SEH:

Bradey spoke with a land owner about a possibility of swapping some land for the ponds project. This would be closer to the waste plant currently & would save the city a lot from the need of pumping out west of town. Need to check for distances from wells & housing in the area. SEH will be sending out letters to the surrounding land owners as part of the PER report process. A letter will be sent to the land owner of the potential location, to get permission to enter the parcel for testing & surveys. SEH will be moving forward with lining up the surveys & testing on both parcels to see if the land could get the permits the city will need. Council is still very concerned with the problems we have in the Chestnut St area of town. SEH is going to look at the possibility of setting up an emergency repair plan to have done if something would happen before the new ponds were built.

Committee Appointments for 2023:

Discussion took place. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried, to approve committees as written.**

Fee Schedule:

Discussion took place about current fees. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried, to approve fee schedule as written with changes.**

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Interview for Police Chief:
Interview with Jon Auringer. Questions to him took place.

PW Report:

PW presented a bid for a new air compressor. There is \$4000 in the budget for the compressor, tools, air lines & wiring it. Discussion on all options took place. **Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried, to approve buying the air compressor.** Getting 2 bids for the wiring of the compressor was discussed. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion carried, to take the lower of bids to wire air compressor.** MNDOT has it on their list to blow snow away from the curbs on Hwy 4. Asked not take salt snow the Anthony property. Discussion on replacing more valves this year in place of the hydrants that was originally discussed for the budget. Fix the Hydrants that don't work but not replace others. PW needs to be able to shut down less of the town in the case of a water main break.

Fire Department officers:

Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried, to approve Fire Department Officers. – Council member Bruce Bortrager voted Nay
Chief – Ryan Kuehl, Assistant Chiefs – Jeremy Glidden and Kristian Melson, President – Kevin Hilgendorf, Secretary – Nichols Swanson, Relief Trustees/Equipment Safety Committee – Dave Dale and Ben Broolsma, Relief Vice President – Nathan Vrieze

Ambulance Department Officers:

No One Present

Resolution 2023-01, 2023-02, 2023-03 Contract with City Officials:

Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, and motion carried, to approve resolution 2023-01, 2023-02, 2023-03 contracts with city officials.

Resolution 2023-04, 2023-05, 2023-06 Contributions:

Lonnie & Catherine Bristol - \$100

Mark & Julie Ufer – Memory of Kathy Forstrom - \$25

Hawkeye Distribution – Memory of Kathy Forstrom - \$100

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried, to approve resolution 2023-04, 2023-05, 2023-06 for contributions to the Fire Department.

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

Approve minutes from December 19, 2022 meeting as printed.

Approve Financial Statements for December 2022

Approval to pay the following bills.

December Bills

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$14.50	hyd fittings
ALEX AIR APPARATUS, INC.	\$43,751.66	
B&D REPAIR	\$80.00	straighten blower spout
BADGER METER	\$251.75	
BEVCOMM, INC	\$204.92	
BIRKHOLZ & ASSOCIATES, LLC	\$6,000.00	2023 retainer
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$250.15	
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$572.15	
EMS CUSTOM EDUCATION	\$325.00	
EXPERT BILLING, LLC	\$180.00	
FLEET & FARM SUPPLY	\$206.40	
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	\$173.21	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$90.00	
JOYCE RABBE	\$26.25	return 15 garbage tags
LACEY SCHMIDTKE	\$549.50	cleaning
MAC QUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$2,362.69	part for Blower
MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$2,200.00	
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	\$795.71	new meters & endpoints
MJM MEDICAL DIRECTION CONSORTIUM	\$1,800.00	Medical direction 2023
MN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	\$275.00	MRWA 38th conference
MN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	\$420.00	Membership
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$1,056.32	
OLSEN TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC	\$27.16	
PLUNKETTS PEST CONTROL	\$206.37	
RELIANCE STANDARD	\$78.78	
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$3.24	
SHERBURN/WELCOME POLICE DEPT	\$1,143.48	
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$4,053.20	
TOWN CENTER INC	\$3.90	water
UC LABORATORY	\$601.89	
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$167.26	

Council Member Bruce Borntrager has questions on a couple bills. Frontier – 2 places that did not have fiber optics. Will check on the Well #5 & the water plant to see about changing over to Bevcomm. Bill from Mayo clinic on intercept ambulance runs. Will check into how this is billed out.

Other Business:

Sheriff says they are coming everyday through town. Council member has asked for more coverage going down more side streets. Gaalswyk Brothers have let the ambulance fill up with Def. Clerk will send Thank you. There will be a hymn singing at the City Hall the last Sunday of the Month. All W2 & 1099 have been sent out. Sentence to Serve was in town today & they cleaned out around all the fire hydrants. Suggestion from some other cities to add a waiver to building/zoning permits applications. This will take any responsibility off the city if the owner doesn't build within the Minnesota building codes. Clerk will order her new computer & chair that was put into the budget. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede. Motion carried, approved to order the computer & chair for clerk.**

Closed Meeting for labor discussions. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz. Motion carried, approved to close the meeting.**

Open meeting:

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz. Motion carried, to offer Jon Auringer the Chief of Police for \$29 - \$30/hour contingent on background check and meeting the standards of Trimont Police.

Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager. Motion carried, to re-sticker police squad up to \$1000.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs. Motion carried. To adjourn meeting

Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer