

## Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 16th day of October, 2023 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

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

Mayor JoAnn Russenberger presided over the meeting.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Community Comments:

None

Citizen complaint: Dave Dale – question about fencing. Neighbor has put up a boarder along property line. Wants to put up T post for reinforcement for snow removal. According to the city attorney, a stake in the yard is not considered a fence. When you connect it with something that is considered a fence & then you need a zoning permit.

Building Permit: Larry Flohrs 131 Apple St W:

Review & discussion of application for 4 foot high fence in back yard. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and motion carried, to approve building permit. 5-0**

Police Report:

Chief Auringer went over his calls for service report from last month. Personnel committee interviewed a candidate for part time police officer. Discussion on conditional offer. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz and motion carried, to approve conditional offer to PT officer at \$24/hour. 5-0** Discussion about posting our ordinance about snow emergency as a reminder for the residents.

Public Works Report:

There are a few beavers in the creek by the wastewater plant. Their dam is backing up very close to the top of our outfall pipe. Bradey has talked with the DNR to have approval to trap them. Spoke with the railroad company to have permission to take out the trees in the drainage ditch. Next week they will also be staging some trailers at the ballfield for a project they are working on. The city will hire Jon Holtz to help with clearing the drainage ditch. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Brad Flohrs and motion carried, to approve no more than \$3000 for Holtz to work with the city to clear the drudge ditch. 4-0 Council Member Holtz abstained from the vote.** Next week PW will prepare for Bio-Solids.

Ambulance Report:

Abby Swenson resignation. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried to approve resignation of Abby Swenson with regrets. 5-0**

Fire Report:

Conference training should be \$309.37 for the cities half. Mike Paulson has retired from the Fire Dept.

**Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, and motion carried to approve resignation of Mike Paulson. 5-0** David Nelson has been cleared from the background check for hiring as a firefighter. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried to approve hiring David Nelson. 5-0** Discussion on Fire Dept. proposed budget. Leak in the meeting room again. Discussion of the public safety aid that is coming in December 2023.

Clerk Report:

Discussion on Clerk report items. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve purchase new laptop for Clerk.**

**4-1 N: Council Member Bruce Borntreger.** Discussion on switching the main checking account. Clerk to keep a minimum of \$10,000 in the other account to keep it open. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve opening a checking account at Farmers State Bank, clerk to maintain a minimum of \$10,000 in other account, whichever bank is paying highest interest will have the majority of funds. 5-0** Review plans for Memorial Park play equipment. Clerk will move forward with getting grants.

Resolution 2023-16:

Receiving contribution of \$100 to the Fire Dept. **Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, motion carried to approve Resolution 2023-16, contribution of \$100. 5-0**

**Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion carried to approve the consent agenda. 5-0**

**Approve minutes from September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting, as printed.**

**Approval of financials from September 2023.**

**Approval to pay the following bills.**

September Bills		
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$78.97	
BADGER METER	\$326.80	
BANYON DATA SYSTEM	\$1,875.00	annual software use
BEVCOMM, INC	\$303.41	
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$53.97	
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSIO	\$600.00	CJDN access
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$1,103.64	
FLEET & FARM SUPPLY	\$177.89	Bradey Clothing
FLOW	\$452.00	

GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$8.10	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$3,864.83	
INDOFF INC.	\$5.99	
JASON BECKER	\$92.88	reimbursement
KELLI HARDER	\$565.75	Aug 2022- Aug 2023 miles
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$492.25	cross walk at school
LACEY SCHMIDTKE	\$417.44	3rd quarter cleaning
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES	\$127.94	Adobe
MARTIN CO. TREASURER	\$2,232.00	2nd 1/2 of property taxes
MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$2,200.00	
MIDWEST IT SYSTEMS	\$470.25	
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$348.62	
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$23.91	Library
MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$20,453.16	Hwy 4 project
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$951.97	
PIONEER RESEARCH	\$380.29	Chemicals
QUILL CORPORATION	\$190.98	
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$70.27	
SANDS SPECIALTIES	\$977.00	tires red truck
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC.	\$35,600.00	Extra charge for PER report
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$6,860.49	
TOWN CENTER INC	\$3.90	water
UC LABORATORY	\$1,074.93	
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$208.62	
WEX BANK	\$688.63	

Other Business:

Workshop moved to Nov 14. Regular meeting will be Nov 20.

**Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz. Motion carried. To adjourn meeting.**

**7:22 pm**

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Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

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Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer

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