

## Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 20th day of November, 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 Borntrager, Mayor JoAnn Russenberger

Mayor JoAnn Russenberger presided over the meeting.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Community Comments:

None

Building Permit Tony Weiss 60 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW:

Review & discussion of application for deck. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz and motion carried, to approve building permit. 5-0**

Building Permit: Justin Lubben 41 Apple St W:

Discussion of the notice of putting up a tarp for the winter months over a dog run. No permit required.

Engineer for ponds:

Discussion on which company to go with for the ponds. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz and motion carried, to approve Bolten & Menk as the city engineer. 4-1 N: Council Member Bruce Borntrager**

Police Report:

Resignation from Austin. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve resignation of Austin Claude. 5-0** Working on getting background done on Mike. Discussion on purchasing some items for the police department.

**Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, and motion carried to approve up to \$4500 for push bumper with LED lights, PCM and raffle. 5-0**

Discussion on MSCIC 2024 winter conference. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve Chief Auringer to attend the conference. 5-0**

Fire Department Report:

Resignation of Michael Andrews. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried to approve resignation of Michael Andrews. 5-0**

Discussion a Truck Center bill.

Resolution 2023-17:

Discussion on the special assessments. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve Resolution 2023-17. 5-0**

Clinic Renewal:

**Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried to approve renewal of contract for the clinic building listing price at \$54,900. 5-0**

Rental of farm land:

Table discussion until further discussion with engineers.

Clerk Report:

Fee Schedule to look over for updates for 2024. Discussion with salaries, employees will have a 4% increase. Lowering the final budget by another 5%. City cleaning is requesting an increase in charging for services.

**Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, and motion carried to approve Lacey Schmidtke increase in cleaning charges per the request. 5-0**

Public Works Report:

Bio Solids are done. Working on winterizing. Chemical Feeds are all updated. Will be finishing cleaning catch basins. Notice of resignation for Bradey. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve resignation with regrets for Bradey Schmidt. 5-0** Reason for leaving, not liking things that are happening with a few council members. Will start the ads in the paper right away.

**Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, and motion carried to approve the consent agenda. 4-0. Council Member Jon Holtz abstained.**

**Approve minutes from October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting, as printed.**

**Approval of financials from October 2023.**

**Approval to pay the following bills.**

## October bills

ACTIVE911 INC.	\$480.00	
American Solutions	\$114.06	New checks
American Welding	\$39.83	
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$1,052.95	lights repair sweeper & plow truck oil & air filters
BADGER METER	\$328.70	
BEVCOMM, INC	\$303.41	
BOMGAARS	\$93.47	beaver traps
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$335.67	
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$405.75	
CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	\$180.00	Certificate Fee - Ambulance
Custom Electric	\$159.20	Install new outside light & LED bulbs in shop
EXPERT BILLING, LLC	\$570.00	

FLEET & FARM SUPPLY	\$166.99	Jason Clothing
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$10.80	
Hawkins	\$10.00	
Holtz Construction	\$910.00	
Holtz Construction	\$2,555.00	drainage ditch work
INDOFF INC.	\$31.98	
LACEY SCHMIDTKE	\$100.00	
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES IN	\$44,345.00	Property & Casualty insurance
MARTIN CO. TREASURER	\$335.72	Drainage ditch assessment
Martin County Star	\$11.20	intent to file ad
MAYO CLINIC AMBULANCE SERVICE	\$976.79	
MIDWEST FIRE EQUIP.	\$29.99	phoenix nut
MIDWEST IT SYSTEMS	\$271.60	
Minnesota Energy	\$817.43	
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$408.67	
MSCIC	\$150.00	2024 Conference - Police
NUWAY COOPERATIVE	\$873.00	
PIONEER RESEARCH	\$379.28	
QUILL CORPORATION	\$229.60	
RITEWAY BUSINESS FORMS	\$425.61	utility bill form
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$38.14	
Ryan Kuehl	\$239.87	Part of the Fire conference reimbursement
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$5,466.16	
TOWN CENTER INC	\$76.66	election lunch - Water
TRIMONT FIREMEN S RELIEF	\$21,585.05	State aid & City contribution
UC LABORATORY	\$1,613.06	
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$167.28	
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$208.71	
WEX BANK	\$751.84	
Ziegler	\$193.86	

Other Business:

Council member Krumwiede addressed members about overstepping the city employees and concerned that this will keep happening. Council Member Flohrs addressed his feelings about letting the employees do their job.

**Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs.  
Motion carried. To adjourn meeting.  
7:39 pm**

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Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

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Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer