

Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 17th day of April, 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

Community Comments: None

Building Permit: Mathew & Jennifer Farabee – 10 3rd Ave NE

Review & discussion of application for fencing, also the rules with the chicken permit. **Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried, to approve building permit & the chicken permit.**

Building Permit – Jake Baker – 20 3rd Ave SE:

Review & discussion of application for a bigger deck. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, and motion carried, to approve building permit.**

Building Permit: Nathan Swanson – Pre-purchase

Checking into if a building permit would be approved before he purchases a property.

Sherburn/Welcome Police Report:

Review of the contracted services from March 1- April 3. Thanked SWPD for all the help they provided to the city of Trimont during the interim.

Green House Contribution:

Discussion on the flowerpots in Memorial Park. They will keep up 4 pots in Memorial Park & the 1 at Anderson Park. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, and motion carried, to approve \$300 to have Hosanna's Nursery to care for 5 flowerpots.**

4H flowerpots on Main St.:

Proposed to get new pots on Main St. There are 13 of them. The proposed new pots are plastic with a 10-year warranty. Holtz volunteered to pick them up to get them off the streets for winter. 4H has applied for a grant. Table until May meeting to see if they get a grant.

Audit Report:

The city had a clean audit. We had a weakness from not having the Broker Certificate & Payroll taxes were not paid while the interim city clerk was here. After Kelli started, she took the corrective action to correct these matters. The water & sewer fund has suffered again this past year. Recommended that we look at these funds mid-year and see how things are going. Might need to increase pricing at that time.

SEH – PER report:

Details on the construction cost. Total would be 42.8 million. It would be a 9-year construction. First priority is to combat the I&I issue with the streets & utility portion of the project. Second priority would be lining everything else. Third would be the stabilization pond & the construct of that. They need to get the I&I issue under control first, needs to be reduced by 47%. The Council doesn't feel our building will last that long. Could do rehab. It could extend the life 15-20 years to the building. In an emergency we would have to apply for disaster funds for a rehab. This is going into year 4 already on this project. There will be a Public Hearing on May 15, 2023 at Triumph Hall at 6:30 pm for the PER report to the public.

Hwy 4 Project:

This will be a mill & overlay, with a 2 inch overlay. This resurfacing should last 20 years. Will work with the state try get some help paying for the school flasher. Will put in 2 LED flashing stop signs at Main St. and the Hwy. The overhead flasher will be taken down at that intersection. There will be 4 or 5 trees that will have to be taken down. Talking with South Central Electric about the streetlights at Beech St & Main St. Glen is looking into adding another catch basin on the southwest corner of Hwy 4 & Main St. Discussion of the speed signs coming into town, move out farther to try to slow down traffic coming in. Asked for signs for the Noise ordinance for Jake braking coming into town. Estimation for the cost to the city is \$90,000.

Police Report:

Been busy getting the office & truck up to date. Town has been fairly quiet. Got the printer in the squad fixed. May 1st going to start on ordinance violations. The grant for a tonneau cover was denied. **Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, and motion carried, to approve up to \$500 for a new tonneau cover for the squad.** Looking for some part time help. In the near future will be posting for that. Body camera policy discussion. Will get this set & ready for public hearing at the next council meeting. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion carried, to approve docking station & yearly subscription for body cam.**

Public Works:

Looking for seasonal help. Getting ready for MCPA to visit. Missing some BMR reports from a few years back. Trying to get into the login to get them but we have no passwords. Went up to look at a Jetter truck for Joint Powers. Very well maintained, along with having the maintenance logs for the truck. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried, to approve the purchase of the Jetter Truck with Joint Powers.** Discussion on seasonal help, mowing & trimming. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried, to approve Part time help up to \$3500.** With the 125th Celebration next year we will need to work on extra things like the signs, light poles & painting curbs. Parts came in for the hydrant & 3 valves. We may need some more gravel.

Body Camera:

We will need to have a second person on the system.

Building Permit – Brandon & Marissa Poppe – 240 Apple St W – driveway extension & patio in back yard. Discussion on the application. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried, to approve building permit.**

Check into vacating the alley by Poppe & Beatty.

Building Permit Jessica Samstad – 220 Apple St E:

Renew old permit for fence & gravel for parking. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried, to approve building permit.**

Fire Report:

Would still like to get the tree out front taken down. Public Works will clean out the drains when we get the vac truck. Men’s bathroom stool needs the guts to be replaced. Public Works has already fixed the stool. Asking about landscaping around the flagpole. This is not in the budget.

Resolution 2023-10 contribution:

Contribution of \$1500 from Trimont FunFest. Payback from funds that were accidentally deposited into their account. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried, to approve Resolution 2023-10.**

LMC Conference:

No one will be attending this year.

Ordinance 2023-01:

Introduction of unlawful discharge ordinance. First reading.

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

Approve minutes from March 20th, 2023 meeting as printed.

Approval of financials from February & March 2023.

Approval to pay the following bills.

March bills

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$133.76	
B&D REPAIR	\$135.00	
BADGER METER	\$259.35	
BEEMER WELL DRILLING, INC.	\$6,584.53	Water main break Chestnut St West
BEVCOMM, INC	\$224.33	
BORINTRAGER AUTO BODY & TOWING	\$781.00	
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$244.88	disconnect door knockers
COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	\$1,657.00	new laptop for clerk
COSTELLO, CARLSON, BUTZON LLP	\$150.00	audit letter
CUSTOM ELECTRIC LLC	\$86.17	Plug for welder
EPIQ	\$213.75	45- MyTrueidentity
EXPERT BILLING, LLC	\$330.00	
FLEET & FARM SUPPLY	\$342.11	
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$4.05	
H & L MESABI	\$478.76	cutting edges snow go
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$5,673.88	

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JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$1,256.51	
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$289.28	
LACEY SCHMIDTKE	\$361.44	
LIVEWIRE PRINTING CO.	\$128.10	
MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$2,200.00	2 months
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MCDONALD HOPKINS	\$1,914.30	
MIDWEST IT SYSTEMS	\$500.00	2 months
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$2,226.97	
MN DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$400.00	
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$802.66	
RANDY SCHMIDT	\$200.00	Welder
RICK DEBOER LETTERING	\$800.00	relettering squad
RITTER AGRI-SALES	\$67.75	
SHERBURN/WELCOME POLICE DEPT	\$5,211.81	
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$5,608.72	
SOUTHER MN HOME CREATIVE	\$75.00	March issue
TOWN CENTER INC	\$5.89	water
UC LABORATORY	\$806.93	
USA BLUE BOOK	\$336.37	
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$342.40	
VIA ACTUARIAL SOLUTIONS	\$1,200.00	GASB report
WEX BANK	\$365.07	

Other Business:

April 20, 2023 7pm – Board of Appel meeting.

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

Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer