

Trimont City Public Hearing Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Public Hearing meeting was duly held at the Triumph Hall Building on the 15th day of May, 2023 at 6:30 o'clock P.M.

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

Council member absent: Council Member Brian Krumwiede

Mayor JoAnn Russenberger presided over the meeting.

Opened meeting: 6:30 PM

Introduction of Doug Scott & Brent Kavnitz from SEH. Discussion took place in regard to the Preliminary Engineering Report. The USDA requires this report & an environmental review on said projects to receive funding.

MPCA sets rates for things like the I/I (Inflow & Infiltration). Another way of saying clean and clear water. It is very costly to treat this type of water. Upon the review of the city's flows. There needs to be a reduction of I/I by 47%. The public works has been working on correcting that by checking homes for how their sump pump water is taken out of the homes. Also checking manholes & getting a clear sight of any tiles running into the city's sewer system.

Concerns from the council are, no improvements to the water plant, no new water tower, installing a reverse osmosis or lime softening, upgrading some storm sewers, upgrading more water mains, and including the addition of a jetter pit to the pond.

Discussion on the map with the proposed upgrades to the infrastructure. This project is predicted to take 9 years to fully construct. The engineers will help with finding funds for the project. The prediction of the project will cost \$42 million. Once the PER report is submitted the USDA will put together a fund package that will in detail say how much funding the city will receive to proceed.

The concern of the current plant holding up for 9 years was discussed. Further discussion with Bradey on this matter.

Opened up for citizens' questions.

This project has been talked about for 4 years already. Council response: Covid, employment changes, we had to televise all pipes in the city, bad timing & council not pushing hard enough.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, Motion carried. To adjourn meeting at 7:28pm

Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer