

Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 18th day of September, 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

Building Permit: Crystal Valley 450 Main St W:

Review & discussion of application for Diesel Dispensing System. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz and motion carried, to approve building permit. 5-0**

Building Permit: Jake Baker 20 3rd Ave SE:

Review & discussion of application for moving a shed in. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, and motion carried, to approve building permit. 4-1 N: Council Member Jon Holtz**

Town Center:

Asking for interest forgiveness on the loan they have with the city. Council thanks them for starting to make payments. **Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried, to approve interest forgiving on loan for 2023. 5-0**

Mike – Farmers State Bank:

Discussion on moving the general checking fund to Farmers State bank to increase the interest money the city could receive with the banks Super Now Charitable Account program. Council Member Borntreger asked to table discussion until next month.

Josh – Martin County EDA:

Discussion on what the EDA can do for the city & businesses in our community. Josh is going to send us some information on some grants for building maintenance. There is a lot of work that needs to be done on the Fire Hall building.

Doug – SEH – PER Report:

Discussion on the updates to the PER report that the council had asked for. They were able to shorten the timeline of completion of the ponds. Discussion on what if the I/I is not low enough and what else could be done. Discussion took place on taking out some avenues that we could boar in when there is only one service on that section of the avenue. Once the design process starts the council can make some of those detailed decisions then.

Resolution 2023-15:

Adoption of preliminary engineering report for Trimont infrastructure improvements. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, Motion carried, to approve the adoption of Preliminary Engineering Report, with the addition of adding water tower coating & lead removal. 5-0**

SEH:

Discussion on the proposal of the engineering company asking for more money. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried to approve \$35,600 payment with letter. 5-0**

Police Report:

Mayor addressed the Chief & Council of the letter she had gotten, stating that Trimont Police Department passed the recent review from the Post Board. Chief Auringer went over his traffic stop report from last month. Chief, will be out on Wednesday to attend Officer Kevin Cram services in Algona Iowa. Things have been peaceful.

Ambulance Report:

Discussion took place on weekend pay for ambulance crew. They would be on duty from 6 am Saturday through 6 am Monday. This would become effective immediately. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried, to approve 2 days of a weekend with a pay of \$20 a day. To have two Crew members signed up to work. 5-0**

Ambulance Director is going to look at some grants for radios.

Public Works Report:

The Public Works Department has been working a lot on building maintenance. Walked through three buildings so far with committee to be sure we are getting a list together of items that need to be taken care of. MPCA report came back. There are just a few minor things that need to be taken care of. The corrective actions are not due unit 2024. All new water meters have been installed. Discussion took place about potentially taking out the back stairwell to Triumph Hall. Discussion also on renting a truck for the biosolids spreading.

Clerk Report:

Set the Truth and Taxation Meeting. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried to approve the TNT meeting for December 18, 2023 at 6 pm.** Budget discussion took place. Water rates will stay the same for 2024. Change the Water base rate from \$20 a month to \$25 a month. Sewer Base Rate from \$25.40 a month to \$20 a month. The citizens will not see an increase in the minimum monthly charge. It will decrease by \$0.40.

Resolution 2023-14:

Approving 2023 Tax levy, Collectable in 2024. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, motion carried to approve Resolution 2023-14, 2023 Tax Levy, collectable in 2024. 5-0**

Liability Coverage Waiver:

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, motion carried, does not waive the monetary limits. 5-0

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

Approve minutes from August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting, as printed.

Approval of financials from August 2023.

Approval to pay the following bills.

August Bills

AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$474.72	supplies
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$474.82	Street sweeper filters
BADGER METER	\$316.35	meter monitoring
BEEMER WELL DRILLING, INC.	\$10,791.66	Main E & 3rd Ave NE
BEEMER WELL DRILLING, INC.	\$9,964.29	2nd Ave & Apple W
BEVCOMM, INC	\$302.94	
BOBS BIFFYS	\$400.00	Fun Fest
BOEKETT BUILDING SUPPLY INC.	\$79.08	Ggld - Library
BORNTRAGER AUTO BODY & TOWING	\$44.86	wiper on squad - mower tire fix
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$1,089.19	
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$866.85	
CRYSTAL VALLEY COOP	\$12,500.00	2022 tax abate
EMBLEM ENTERPRISES, INC.	\$229.27	Police patches
FASTENAL COMPANY	\$31.13	reducer
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$21.60	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$80.00	
HOG SLAT	\$68.00	clear bradied hose
INDOFF INC.	\$14.64	
JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$108.94	structure gloves
KRISTIAN MELSON	\$162.72	fix corner of Main & 2nd Ave SW
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES	\$1,026.00	2024 membership

M.R. PAVING & EXCAVATING INC	\$4,611.52	apple st W & 2nd Ave NW
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	\$511.06	meters
MIDWEST IT SYSTEMS	\$300.00	
MINN. DEPT OF HEALTH	\$799.00	3rd quarter
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$350.28	
MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTR	\$55.00	Class D test - Jason
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$651.08	
PEARSON BROS. INC.	\$56,059.92	Seal coating
QUILL CORPORATION	\$151.94	PAPER & OFFICE SUPPLIES
QUILL CORPORATION	\$103.56	
RICK DEBOER LETTERING	\$24.00	ATV stickers
SANDS SPECIALTIES	\$223.96	Whelen Light - Street sweeper
UC LABORATORY	\$871.04	
USA BLUE BOOK	\$670.32	
W.W. GOETSCH ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$1,500.00	annual pump inspection
WESTRUM LEAK DETECTION	\$1,100.00	hydrant leak test
WEX BANK	\$780.51	

Other Business:

Council addressed a citizen compliant.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz. Motion carried. To adjourn meeting.

8:02 pm

Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer