

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 March 2024 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: Bruce & JoAnn Russenberger 110 Beech St W:

Discussion on the application. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried, to approve building permit for deck. 4-0 Abstaining from vote Mayor JoAnn Russenberger**

Building Permit: Jon Holtz 4th Ave NW :

Discussion on the application. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion carried, to approve building permit for shipping container. 4-0 Abstaining from vote Council Member Jon Holtz**

Council Member Bruce Borntrager:

Bruce read a letter about his concerns with the city council, the city and being a productive cohesive unit with Council and Employees.

Mark Griffith:

Discussion on the surrounding communities have had to write off large amounts due to pay mixed with Medicare only pays so much and the issue that the billing company is not billing out in a timely manner. EMS Task Force is looking to see how they can help. They are working on a proposal for forming a nonprofit to do billing for the Southern Minnesota area. They are working to get the Attorney General involved in trying to get some things regulated. In our area there is 31 Ambulances in 9 counties.

Farmers Market:

Discussion on the proposal of a pollinator garden. The two garden areas they will improve on will be around the Trimont digital sign area and around the Anderson Park sign. Farmers Market will maintain, weed and water the two garden areas. Council is unanimous for this to be in Anderson Park.

Trimont Green House:

Discussion on the 6 pots in the two parks. They are asking for \$100 a pot. Tabled until next month

Police Report:

Tabled the discussion on the stop sign proposal until the next council meeting.

Public Works Report:

The dump truck hydraulic ram is starting to oblong. The pins are worn out. Discussion on 3 tree stumps that need to be removed. **Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve estimate from Thate’s Tree Service for \$900 for the removal of the 3 tree stumps. 5-0** Still working on estimates for a Feerick pump. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried to approve \$500 or less for a pump. 5-0**

Ambulance Report:

Allie Kuehl passed her EMR class.

Personnel Committee:

Jon Holtz stepped down from the committee. Nomination for Bradford Flohrs for Personnel Committee **Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, and motion carried to approve Bradford Flohrs to the Personnel Committee 4-0 Abstaining Council Member Bradford Flohrs**

Resolution 2024-08 Contribution for Ambulance:

Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion carried to approve Resolution 2024-08 Contribution for \$5000 from Martin County Area Foundation. 5-0

Clerk Report:

Discussion on clerk to attend MMCI Clerk Academy May 6 - 10. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion carried to approve Clerk to attend MMCI Clerk Academy. 3-2 N: Council Member Bruce Bortrager and Council Member Jon Holtz** Discussion on the extra cost for Holtz Construction to finish removing trees at drudge ditch. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve Holtz Construction for \$105. 4-0 Abstaining Council Member Jon Hotlz**

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

Approve minutes from February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting, February 23, 2024 Special Meeting, March 11, 2024 Special Meeting, as printed.

Approval to pay the following bills.

February Bills

ALEX AIR APPARATUS 2 LLC	\$252.25	Name plate & gear patch
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$39.09	
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$538.92	

BADGER METER	\$700.98	
BORNTRAGER AUTO BODY & TOWING	\$378.42	White truck - repairs
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$1,118.59	
CUSTOM ELECTRIC LLC	\$533.51	replace lights at Waste/Triumph Basement/ Shop Lights
EXPERT BILLING, LLC	\$270.00	
FAIRMONT AWARDS MFG., INC	\$140.00	14 items embroidered
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$13.50	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$3,957.10	
HEAT TACTICAL TEAM	\$753.19	2024 Dues
JASON BECKER	\$280.50	miles & meals for testing in St Cloud
JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$637.43	2 ball valves - 1 for each tanker truck
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$584.55	street lights
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES	\$1,113.75	Safety training 2024
MAC QUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$2,722.85	Broom parts
MARTIN CO. TREASURER	\$83.93	Ditch Billing for Ditch #100
MARTIN COUNTY STAR	\$78.75	PW ad
MED COMPASS	\$1,380.00	SCBA user exam - 17
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	\$792.27	cleaning supplies/ weed killer
MINN. DEPT OF HEALTH	\$826.00	
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$1,676.41	
MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$20,453.17	2nd payment for Hwy 4 project
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$246.40	Fire Hall faucet repair
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIE	\$234.63	
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$5.29	
SANDS SPECIALTIES	\$332.66	lights installed on squad
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$4,643.17	
SOUTH CENTRAL FIRE ASSN.	\$100.00	Dues
TOWN CENTER INC	\$329.29	fuel
TRUMAN AMBULANCE	\$43.34	medication

UC LABORATORY	\$828.12	
ULINE	\$281.51	shirts
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$177.55	
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$167.50	
WEX BANK	\$157.86	

Fire Report:

Question on making sure checks are deposited into correct account. Two firefighters went to fire rescue training. Keeping an extra copy of grants at city hall. Looking to get a list of donations and grants from 2019-current.

Public Safety Aid:

Discussion on how to spend the \$30,632 in safety aid money. Police \$6,632, Fire \$12,000, Ambulance \$12,000. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried to approve dollars to each department Police \$6,632, Fire \$12,000, Ambulance \$12,000 with the safety aid. 5-0**

Other Business:

Council Member Bruce Bortrager – training for employees. Possibly having Sterling and Dave come and give knowledge to employees. Will have Sterling and or Dave come to the workshop to discuss some training ideas.

**Motion made by Council Member Bruce Bortrager, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs. Motion carried. To adjourn meeting. 5-0
7:55 pm**

Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer