

Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 16th day of September 2024 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Council Member Bradford Flohrs, Council Member Ronald Shade, Mayor JoAnn Russenberger

Mayor JoAnn Russenberger presided over the meeting.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Community Comments: Jon Holtz – wondering what happened to the old playground equipment from Memorial Park. Tyler Kettner – Question on what the rate changes were.

Zoning Permits:

Ronald Shade – 240 Ash St East- Discussion of application change to be a moved in shed instead of an addition. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Mayor JoAnn Russenberger, and motion carried to approve zoning permit. 2-0 Abstaining: Council Member Shade**

Town Center:

Discussion on loan interest to be forgiven for this year. Will keep the payments as the same monthly amount.

Trimont Wild Bar – Morgan was not able to make it

Pond update:

The Anderson parcel is not looking favorable. They are looking into having 4 ponds instead of 3. Will investigate the land west of town and what any restrictions we would have. The PER report is still waiting for a response/review.

Ambulance Report:

Brad, Nate & Kelli talked with a new billing company. There would be \$500 startup fee & 7% of money received would be their fee. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve hiring Hometown Billing LLC for our ambulance billing company. 3-0**

Fire Report:

Moving the Relief retirement to Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA). Everything the city is responsible for will stay the same.

Resolution 2024-27:

Discussion on the resolution for moving the Fire Relief retirement plan. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Resolution 2024-27 Joining Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan. 3-0**

Police Report:

Discussion on ordering a new radio for the police department. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve to purchase new radio for police department \$5630.80. 3-0** Still working on police contract.

Public Works Report:

Discussion on bids for the heaters in the fire hall and deciding to go with forced air or radiant heat. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve Paulson Heating & Cooling bid for \$13,180.00. 3-0** Thank you to Bo Schultz for the use of his trailer to move the new playground equipment into town. Getting ready to take Well #4 offline for the winter.

Resolution 2024-20:

Replacing resolution 2024-18 As state law requires someone named and it must be a city employee. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve resolution 2024-20 for appointing the Cities Responsible Authority. 3-0**

Resolution 2024-25:

Proposed tax levy payable in 2025. **Motion made by Council Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve resolution 2024-25 with changes. 3-0**

Resolution 2024-26:

Signers for accounts for the city. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Mayor JoAnn Russenberger, and motion carried to approve Resolution 2024-26 signers for the city. 3-0**

Council Code of Conduct:

As members of the City Council, they will uphold conduct with one another, in private encounters, with city staff, with the public & in unofficial settings. Was stated that it is important for council to follow. All Council members signed.

Clerk Report:

Discussion on the League increasing their fees.

Consent Agenda: Discussion on the first bill from the City Union Attorney. Comment made that the new concrete at Triumph Hall looks really nice. Discussion which account to get the funds for payment for the rest of the park equipment. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve moving money from the 4M account to pay remaining amount to Midwest Playscapes. 3-0**

Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve the consent agenda. 3-0

Approve minutes from August 16th Regular Meeting, August 29th Emergency Meeting, as printed.

Approve financials statements from August 2024

Approval to pay the following bills

August Bills

ALEX AIR APPARATUS 2 LLC	\$476.61	batteries for SCBA's
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$40.52	
BADGER METER	\$338.53	
BEVCOMM, INC	\$630.84	
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	\$19,495.50	
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$238.42	
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CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$137.23	
CENEX FLEET FUELING	\$946.27	
COHRS CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$3,156.56	Gravel for streets
EXPERT BILLING, LLC	\$180.00	
FLAHERTY & HOOD PA	\$7,495.00	union city attorney
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$37.80	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$30.00	
INDOFF INC.	\$85.46	
JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$392.00	Chief helmet for Ebeling
KELLI HARDER	\$481.36	Mileage Sept 2023- Aug 22, 2024
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$228.61	Well #4
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES	\$344.00	Membership increase 2024
LOCAL LUMBER	\$208.02	Museum steps
M.R. PAVING & EXCAVATING INC	\$52,934.06	
MARTIN COUNTY STAR	\$25.00	FunFest safety ad
MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$2,200.00	
MIDWEST PLAYSAPES	\$61,080.53	
MINN. DEPT OF HEALTH	\$826.00	7/1 - 9/30/24
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$323.30	
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$512.54	
NORTH CEDAR CONCRETE LLC	\$4,930.00	curb & gutter

NORTH CEDAR CONCRETE LLC	\$9,525.00	sidewalk at Triumph Hall
QUILL CORPORATION	\$237.56	
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$48.00	
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$45.62	Bus Shed - July
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$6,191.65	All for Aug
TRUCK CENTER	\$43.35	
UC LABORATORY	\$894.15	
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$208.71	PW & on call
W.W. GOETSCH ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$3,075.00	JWC grinder
WESTRUM LEAK DETECTION	\$1,200.00	LEAK DETECTION SURVEY

Other Business:

Mayor Russenberger – still taking application to fill council seat until October workshop. Council Member Flohrs – Thanking Dennis Harder for his time & equipment to get the site prepped for the new playground equipment.

Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs.

Motion carried. To adjourn meeting. 3-0

6:24 pm

Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer