

## Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 21st day of January 2025 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Council Member Bradford Flohrs, Council Member Ronald Shade, Council Member Justin Lubben, Council Member Brian Krumwiede, Mayor Kevin Kuehl

Mayor Kevin Kuehl presided over the meeting.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

### Police Report:

Discussion on the D.A.R.E class. The school is very interested in having this program be a part of the curriculum. Will start with focusing with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students first. The Chief has been in contact with the county to start an account for some reimbursements for expenses with the D.A.R.E. program. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve Chief to attend D.A.R.E. training. 4-1 N: Council Member Brian Krumwiede** Chief provided council with a year report of the calls over the 2024 year.

Community Comments: Justin Hansen, Discussion on benches that his company makes. Looking at the potential for making some for the Triumph Memorial Park.

### Pond Update:

Travis stated that we have not heard back on the PER report submitted to USDA. We did hear back about the Effluent limits on the farmland the city owns. The phosphorus limit for ponds on that parcel is not feasible for discharge. The city has collection & distribution systems that are aged & approaching the end of its life. The wastewater plant meets the limits most of the time. The pond project is still a work in progress. Discussion on the wastewater permit & the new limits that were sent to the city in July of last year. The criteria qualifies our plant to be a Class A facility with the new permit. We have responded to the state, that with the current setup this is infeasible to be a Class A and have requested a variance. Checking into having someone come and check out the facility for a potential Class A operator. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Jason talking with someone about being our Class A operator. 5-0** Our plant class will be determined with the permit renewal. The city is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> on the state list of the highest priority list. It was stated that it is cheaper to run ponds than a mechanical plant.

### Committee Appointments:

Council would like each committee to develop roles and responsibilities for each committee. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve committees as written. 5-0** Council to organize a new finance committee. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve new finance committee. 5-0**

### Coming together to Govern:

Mayor read his statement in regard to facing changes and challenges and the council to put Trimont first.

Resolution 2025-01:

Authorization of signatures. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 authorized signatures with changes. 5-0**

Fee schedule for 2025:

Review of fee schedule items. ALS runs have increased by \$40 from Mayo. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve 2025 Fees Schedule as written with an increase of \$40 for ALS runs. 5-0**

Fire Report:

Release from duty for David Nelson. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion to approve release Firefighter from duty for David Nelson. 5-0** Council would like to know department duties, for both fire & ambulance.

2025 Fire Officers: Chief: Kristian Melson – Assistant Chief: Jake Ebeling and Nick Swanson – Secretary: Dylan Paulson – President: Kevin Hilgendorf. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve 2025 Fire Officers. 5-0** Pumper truck is still having problems. In conversation with NCI in Mankato, they could plug into a computer and read what is going on with the pump. We don't know the cost for this to be done. The surrounding communities will be notified that we are down a pumper truck. Meeting with the townships is coming up. Discussion will be in regard to a 30 years old tanker for replacement. 4 firefighters going to Riverland for training. Going to have an ice rescue training hosted by Trimont. Holding off on more Jr. Firefighters until we have better structure and rules. Chief will continue to carry turnout gear in his vehicle.

Ambulance Report:

Hire Alysia Bolstad. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion to approve hiring Alysia Bolstad for Ambulance 5-0** Discussion on new ambulance and the cost of everything. The Fire Relief to pay half of what is left on the Zoll. Estimation on a new ambulance is \$400,000.

Public Works Report:

Discussion on the possibility of purchasing a Toolcat for the city. Council looking for some more numbers on cost savings and uses for it. Tabled discussion for now. Discussion on bids for the explosion proof heater at the waste plant. Conflict of interest with an elected official came up. Minnesota statue says it has to be passed by a resolution unanimously. The city has had two infractions for this from the audit in both 2019 & 2023. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, motion for Kuehl's Electric bid did not pass for a lack of a second.** Tabled discussion.

Work Session:

Discussion about having the auditors coming to talk about understanding the budget. At a cost of \$500 - \$1000. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve auditor coming to explain understanding the budget. 5-0**

Publish Agenda:

Council would like the agenda published on our website.

CD #8938:

Discussion on the renewal of the CD. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve renewal of CD #8938 at Triumph Bank for 4.1%, for 12 months, compound interest. 5-0**

Clerk’s Report:

Discussion on the playground donation sign. Looking into another possible option with a lazer cut bench.  
Discussion on the money from the state for the ambulance. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion carried to move money to 4M account earmarked for new ambulance, after final cost taken out for Zoll machine. 5-0** 1099 and w-2 are all out.  
**Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve Clerk to attend MMCI Clerk Academy. 5-0** Clerk will apply for the grant for academy. The Board of appeals will be open book this year. Attorney is waiting to hear back on the abatement on dilapidated building on Apple St. Adding autopay for union dues and the new health insurance company. The clerk answered questions that came up at last meeting. Also read the email from auditors that all costs for water repairs must be accrued to the water fund account. New council to sign code of conduct. Closed on the clinic building last week. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve proceeds from sale of clinic to EDA fund bank account. 5-0**

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

**Approve minutes from December 16 Regular Meeting, as printed.**

**Approve financials statements from December 2024**

**Approval of Bank Reconciliation**

**Approval to pay the following bills**

## Dec Bills

ALL SEASONS SVS OF TRIMONT	\$8,688.00	remove trees from drudge ditch
ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS	\$300.00	program new radio- police
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$80.32	
BADGER METER	\$342.02	
BEVCOMM, INC	\$631.07	
BIRKHOLZ & ASSOCIATES, LLC	\$6,000.00	2025 Retainer
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	\$2,683.00	
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$909.99	
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$341.66	
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSIO	\$600.00	
BURKHARDT & BURKHARDT, LTD.	\$150.00	
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$1,203.41	

CENEX FLEET FUELING	\$442.37	
CLIFFORD ANDERSON	\$1,938.00	hauling biosolids
EMERGENCY APPARATUS MAINT.	\$8,093.11	pumper truck repairs
FAIRMONT AWARDS MFG., INC	\$95.30	
FLEET AND FARM SUPPLY 2	\$64.98	Ryan clothing
FLEET AND FARM SUPPLY 2	\$198.07	
FLEET AND FARM SUPPLY 2	\$95.52	recoil & tune up
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$4.05	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$2,983.74	
HEARTLAND TIRE	\$512.67	Tire on loader
INDOFF INC.	\$18.99	
JON AURINGER	\$22.76	Meal reimbursement
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$90.00	fuse at water plant
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$435.84	water plant
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES	\$1,033.00	2025 Membership
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES	\$1,400.00	Elected official training
MARTIN CO. TREASURER	\$83.93	ditch
MARTIN COUNTY STAR	\$103.50	
MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$2,200.00	Dec 2024
MELSON WELDING	\$708.56	Ambulance repair
MINN. DEPT OF HEALTH	\$32.00	Jason Water test
MINN. MAYORS ASS N	\$30.00	
MINN. STATE FIRE DEPT. AS	\$175.00	
MINNESOTA DEPT. OF REVENUE	\$65,509.52	State Aid repayment
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$1,543.11	Nov
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$3,889.63	Dec
MN VALLEY ACTION COUNCIL INC.	\$9,731.15	
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$141.19	
NATHAN VRIEZE	\$315.77	Alysia's training book
NORTHVIEW BANK	\$18,311.00	
QUILL CORPORATION	\$389.85	
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$11.84	dec copies
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$4,122.88	Nov
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$5,366.43	
TRIMONT FIREMEN S RELIEF	\$200.00	2024 cleaning

UC LABORATORY	\$828.12	
ZIEGLER, INC.	\$72.84	strut for loader

Other Business:

Council Member Krumwiede – Ritter Ag was sold. Thought the city had agreement to buy lots back with first opportunity. He only sold the business.

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

**Motion carried. To adjourn meeting. 5-0**

**8:23 pm**

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Signed, Kevin Kuehl, Mayor

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Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer