

## 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 October 2024 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

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

Mayor JoAnn Russenberger presided over the meeting.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Community Comments: Justin Lubben – Concern regarding fighting the union ex-council Member Bruce Borntreger being the point of contact, no approval to spend money and what was sent regarding if the employees are confidential or not, falsified the documents and should be looked into. Back in Oct of 2023 voted for Ex Council Member Jon Holtz to clear the drudge ditch for \$3000 with the city workers picking trees up after it was cleared. It was a contract & now city is waiting on a bid from Winchester.

Zoning Permits:

Dan Krumwiede – 441 Ash St E - Discussion of application to build addition on to garage in back. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve zoning permit. 3-0**

Tom Eckmann – 540 Birch St E. - Discussion of application to build a garage. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve zoning permit. 3-0**

Council Applications:

Discussion on the applications received. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve appointing Cliff Vrieze to Council. 3-0**

Oath of Office with Council Member Cliff Vrieze.

Ean Sinn:

With the Trimont Fire Relief hosting a one-day event on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Having a Ham Bingo night & would like a one-day liquor license as a fund raiser for the Fire Relief. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve one day liquor license. 4-0**

David Walz – CEO Madelia Health:

Discussion on the potential for a clinic to open in the city's old clinic building. Would like to staff 5 days a week. He will be going to the board of Madelia Health for further discussion.

Code of Conduct:

Formally adopting the Council Code of Conduct as policy. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve Council Code of Conduct Policy. 3-0 Abstained Cliff Vrieze as he has not read it yet.**

Resolution 2024-28

Special assessments for unpaid bills owed to the city. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve Resolution 2024-28. 4-0**

Fire Report:

Would like to hire Brycen Kettner as a Jr Firefighter. Would go to meetings, training, not allowed to go on calls and not paid. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, and motion to approve hiring B. Kettner as Jr. Firefighter. 4-0** Discussion on old tanker pump motor not working. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve to pay St James Fleet and Farm for repairs \$2178.86. 4-0** Pumper Truck failed certification. Discussion on what it would cost to fix the pump a broken lense, leaking valve & the foam system. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve for equipment repair for \$8266.44. 4-0** The Pancake fundraiser is Sunday October 27 9am-1pm.

Public Works Report:

Discussion on bids for the heater in the waste plant. It must be explosion proof. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve Paulson Heating & Cooling bid for \$10,398.00 with no electric 50% down. 4-0** Drudge ditch clean out this fall. Can we wait until spring. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve All Seasons Services to clear drudge ditch for \$8688.00.** Check with city attorney on Jon Holtz had agreed to clear ditch for set amount. Work on picking up leaves in the streets. The playground sign got pulled out. PW crew got it fixed.

Police Report:

Discussion on police contract. Discussion on starting the Dare program back up. Working on ordinance violations. Jon completed the EMR training. The squad needs new tires. Going with a cheaper brand as we didn't get any more miles out of the last set.

Pond Update:

None

TNT Meeting:

**Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve TNT meeting for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6pm. 4-0**

Burkhardt & Burkhardt:

Read the letter from the mid-year audit.

Cleaning City Buildings:

The fire department will have the fire fighters clean their building. Same with the library. Hope to have someone else clean the city hall. Clerk will cover for now. If you rent the Triumph Hall you have to clean it.

Clerk's Report:

Clerk will contact to have the biffy's picked up. The Verizon bill & credit card bill will now be paid in full via auto pay. Contact Dwight Adamson regarding interest of renting the farm ground for next year. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to**

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**approve clerk to negotiate ½ & ½ payment with Dwight for farm rent payment. 4-0** Discussion on the total \$ received for the Zoll machine.

The employee union has been certified by the state of Minnesota. All city employees are in the same union.

**Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve yearly subscription to Martin County Star newspaper for \$50. 4-0**

Ordinance 2024-02:

Introduction of ordinance for Errors and Omissions.

Clerk Report:

Discussion on the Clerk attending training with the GFOA. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve GFOA course Intermediate Governmental Accounting in Chicago with a budget of \$1200. 4-0** Double check on the content coverage of the fire hall.

Budget discussion.

**Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve the consent agenda. 4-0**

**Approve minutes from September 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, as printed.**

**Approve financials statements from September 2024**

**Approval to pay the following bills**

**Approval of Bank Reconciliation**

<b>September Bills</b>		
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$40.52	
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$69.78	oil both trucks
BADGER METER	\$338.53	
BANYON DATA SYSTEM	\$1,875.00	
BETTY CONNORS	\$177.00	Election
BEVCOMM, INC	\$629.75	
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	\$1,357.50	Topographic & Boundary survey
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$1,619.96	Batteries for cot - 2
BRENDA BONSER	\$248.00	Cleaning for Sept
BURKHARDT & BURKHARDT, LTD.	\$6,200.00	mid year audit
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$574.86	
CENEX FLEET FUELING	\$576.46	
CRYSTAL VALLEY COOP	\$12,500.00	2024 Abatement
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	\$12,527.69	gate valves
FAIRMONT AWARDS MFG., INC	\$50.00	Ryan clothing embroidery
FLAHERTY & HOOD PA	\$1,705.00	Union business

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GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$22.95	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$4,608.05	
INDOFF INC.	\$12.88	
JANE BURKHARDT	\$177.00	8/13 election & training
JON AURINGER	\$225.45	miles for EMR training
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$90.00	Well #4
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES IN	\$45,580.00	
LOCAL LUMBER	\$59.68	museum wood for steps
MARTIN CO. TREASURER	\$2,665.00	
MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$2,200.00	
MIDWEST PLAYSAPES	\$20,390.00	install playground equipment
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$332.10	
MODERN MARKETING	\$339.33	Safety Money - mood pencils
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$288.80	
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIE	\$255.25	Sensor cap replacement
NUWAY COOPERATIVE	\$1,204.00	
PAULSON HEATING & COOLING	\$6,590.00	1/2 down for install tube heaters in Fire Hall
PRAIRIELAND SOLID WASTE	\$51.00	waste from play equipment
QUILL CORPORATION	\$40.38	
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$25.95	
ROBIN WHITE	\$221.00	8/13 election, training & trip to fairmont
ROGERS TWO WAY RADIO INC.	\$874.20	radio repairs
RYAN GEISTFELD	\$15.04	meal
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$4,524.57	
TINA KRUMWIEDE	\$179.70	8/13 election & online training
UC LABORATORY	\$894.15	
ULINE	\$197.94	
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$209.16	
W.W. GOETSCH ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$1,850.00	Annual Service Inspection
WATSONS PLUMBING	\$4,948.50	Water heater in Fire Hall

Trimont Fire Relief	\$ 23,805.00	State Aid
Trimont Fire Relief	\$ 2,975.00	2024 Contribution 17@ \$175
MARC	\$1,352.22	chemicals

Other Business:

None

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

**Motion carried. To adjourn meeting. 4-0**

**7:56 pm**

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Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

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Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer