

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 November 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, Council Member Justin Lubben, Mayor JoAnn Russenberger

Mayor JoAnn Russenberger presided over the meeting.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Community Comments: Lois Schultz - Concern regarding the 2-year council open position and why it was not a special election. Also, why council decided to not give out names of who was interested in the open position. Mayor Russenberger did address the room with answers. To hold a special election both circumstances must be true. Vacancy occurred before the first day of filing affidavit of candidacy opened for the next regular city election. – No. Second more than two years remaining on the unexpired term. – Yes. Both circumstances were not met there fore a special election is not required. Council made the decision to use the number system in discussion of the applications of interest, to be able to speak freely of candidates.

Council Member Appointment:

Nomination of Shane Bortrager by council member Cliff Vrieze. Nomination of Justin Lubben by council member Bradford Flohrs. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve closing of nominations. 4-0** Council did paper votes. Shane Bortrager 2 Justin Lubben 2. Discussion on nominated candidates between council. Another paper vote done by council. Shane Bortrager 2, Justin Lubben 2. Both candidates were able to speak of why they would be good for the council. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to appoint Justin Lubben for Council. 3-1**
Oath of office with Council Member Justin Lubben

Zoning Applications:

Bob Carlson – 211 2nd Ave SW. Discussion on the application. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve zoning permit. 5-0**

Al Seckinger – 210 3rd Ave SE. – Discussion on the application. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve zoning permit. 5-0**

Cleaning Library & Fire Hall:

Discussion on Sara getting paid to clean the library. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion carried to approve Sara Gwin to be paid \$20/hour to clean library. 5-0** Fire Hall cleaning was also discussed. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, and motion carried to approve Fire Relief to clean fire hall at \$100 a month. 5-0**

Fire Report:

Discussion on the donated funds in city account to be paid to Fire Relief for some batteries for lights. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to**

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approve donation dollars to be paid out to Fire Relief in the amount of \$1583.34. 5-0 The pumper truck repair is set for the week after Thanksgiving. Discussion on invoice from MN West for the house burn. Is this typical?

Resolution 2024-29 Contribution:

Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve Resolution 2024-29 for \$4000 from Compeer for radios for Ambulance Department. 5-0

Pond Update:

Nothing to update.

Police Report:

Shop with a cop is coming up. Discussion on doing the Dare program & cost for that. Police contract was submitted to the city attorney, needs to be looked at from the city side. What type of notice does he need to give. Items in policy and statues don't need to be in there. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to table police contract until January 2025 meeting. 5-0**

Public Works Report:

Street sweeper broke down and we do have the parts ordered. We did a smoke test found a few places of concern. Beech St., Poppe's new place, Birch St & a field tile #1 on the map. Christmas décor will go up next week. Discussion on streetlights that were not put back up from the Hwy 4 project. Listed who we have for snow drivers. The Poyzer yard was dug up with concern that our standpipe was broken. Conclusion was that our pipe was good. There is a broken clay tile under our standpipe. City capped tile, the clay tile is very brittle but not on city. Will advise her. The standpipe at the bar was also fixed.

Ordinance 2024-02:

Final reading of ordinance for Errors and Omissions. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve Ordinance 2024-02. 5-0** Discussion on what number means.

Clerk's Report:

Discussion on the farmland rent & increasing the rent. Would like ½ of property tax. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve farmland rent at \$23,766, payable March 1, 2025. 5-0** GFOA training will be over the budget. Council was ok with this. Triumph Hall rental agreement updated. Comp time being paid out at the end of the year. Elected official training in Feb. Discussion on sending a letter to Borntrager Auto. Ron will chat with them first. Discussion on employee increase & health insurance for 2025. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve 3% pay increase for all employees, for 2025. 5-0**

Other : Mayor Russenberger stated that we have interest from a Dr to buy the clinic building.

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

Approve minutes from October 21st Regular Meeting, as printed.

Approve financials statements from November 2024

Approval to pay the following bills

Approval of Bank Reconciliation

October Bills

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$112.53	oil filters
BADGER METER	\$338.53	
BETTY CONNORS	\$135.00	Nov Election
BEVCOMM, INC	\$629.67	
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	\$1,746.00	Topographic & Wetland survey
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$1,619.98	cot batteries - 2
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$2,399.98	3 Lucas batteries
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$471.62	
BRENDA BONSER	\$233.00	building cleaning
CENEX FLEET FUELING	\$713.07	
CHRIS WOHLFORD	\$236.25	Nov election Training & Nursing home
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	\$239.00	
EMERGENCY APPARATUS MAINT.	\$1,924.64	Pumpr test
FEELY AUTO REPAIR	\$483.43	Front rotors & pads on squad
FLAHERTY & HOOD PA	\$275.00	
FLEET AND FARM SUPPLY 2	\$2,178.86	Old Tanker Pump repair
FLOW	\$617.00	
GALENA TOWNSHIP	\$650.00	5 hours @\$130/hour
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$27.00	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$50.00	
JANE BURKHARDT	\$131.92	Nov election
KATELYN KENNEDY	\$150.00	Training & election
KEYA RICARD	\$157.50	Training & Election
KRISTIAN MELSON	\$529.95	Fire & Ambulance radio parts
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$376.81	Well #3
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$850.00	Cord reels at fire hall
MAC QUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$1,151.12	brooms for sweeper
MARTIN COUNTY STAR	\$45.00	

MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$4,400.00	
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	\$277.88	
MIDWEST FIRE EQUIP.	\$334.43	misc parts to put old tanker pump on
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$687.59	
MINNESOTA WEST	\$3,500.00	House Burn
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$294.10	
NO BS PERFORMANCE	\$698.50	tires for the squad
PAULSON HEATING & COOLING	\$5,199.00	1/2 down WW Heater
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$13.66	
ROBIN CARLSON	\$120.00	Nov Election
SASCS	\$1,400.00	Emergency Vehicle operation
SASCS	\$1,500.00	Basic Firefighter - David Nelson
SASCS	\$2,000.00	Fire ground Operations training
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$4,023.41	
SOUTHER MN HOME CREATIVE	\$100.00	Kid Creative subscription
UC LABORATORY	\$1,719.28	
VIA ACTUARIAL SOLUTIONS	\$2,400.00	2023 GASB- Fire Dept.

Other Business:

Council Member Shade – would like to see the compost, red rock & clay for sale or free advertised once it is organized by Jason.

**Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs.
Motion carried. To adjourn meeting. 5-0
8:07 pm**

Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer