

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 December 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: Mayor stated that citizens are able to speak during community comment time, if you want to be on the agenda you need your request in by noon on the Friday before the meeting. Kelsey Borntrager – Doesn't know why there was no community comment time at the last meeting. Why there was a few people blocked from the City Facebook page. Nikki Indergaard – Clarify when forms for community comment need to be filled out, some have spoken without filling out form. Not to assume that all citizens are on Facebook. Tyler Kettner – Wondering about being blocked from the Facebook page. Pointed out dates on last bill were incorrect. Why are not all Council Members listed on website. Does Justin's email work or not. Jon Holtz – Question as to why the back of the check has the undersigned payee clause. Kevin Kuehl – For all who have served on Council it's a difficult thing. You can't please everyone. Thank you to all for trying to make Trimont a better place.

Ambulance Report:

Nothing to report as everything is going good.

Police Report:

Everything is going good. Been busy with calls to service.

Public Works Report:

Two new lights went up on Apple Street today. Snow equipment is ready to go. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Jason taking C Water test March 4-6. 5-0**

Water rates:

Currently at \$6.50/1000 gallons. Questions asked by citizens were, what are the cost to deliver water? Can we change what tax rate we will be at? Is everything from a water break a cost from the water fund? **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve water rate increase of \$1.50/1000-gallon effective January 2025. 5-0**

Truth In Taxation:

Opened to the public at 6:14 pm

What is the extra money spent on? Council Member Vrieze explained that the value of all the houses in Trimont went up because of the re-evaluation, it had been 5 years. What does the county use as an appraisal? Review of the 2025 Budget. Changes that were added/changed for the extra cost of employee health insurance. Also changed dollars for the tree project. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion carried to approve 2025 tax increase to 95.7 tax capacity. 5-0**

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Tree Project:

\$50,000 in 2025 to be matched by citizens and businesses by donations. For trees needing removal of dead/dying trees on city property and near city streets. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve \$50,000 to be matched by donations for dead, dying or treatment of trees on city property and near city streets, plus replanting. 5-0 amended motion.**

Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve 2025 tax Levy Resolution 2024-33 for \$620,330. 5-0

Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve Polling Place 2025 Resolution 2024-31. 5-0

Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion carried to approve Resolution 2024-32 for contribution of \$500 for employee training from Cliff Vrieze. 4-0 Abstaining: Cliff Vrieze

Union Contract:

3-year contract has been negotiated and agreed to. **Motion made by Mayor JoAnn Russenberger, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion carried to adopt union contract. 5-0**

Dwight Adamson:

The council will wait to counteroffer on farmland. Discussion on the possibility of the city having to be an A plant. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve for an appraisal to be on the farmland up to \$1000. 5-0**

Clerk's Report:

Discussion on increase of the coverage for the contents in the fire hall. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to increase content coverage to \$190,000. 5-0** Signing up 4 members to attend elected leadership training. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, and motion carried to approve 4 members to attend elected leadership training. 5-0** CD Discussion. **Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion carried to approve CD #21281 6 month at 4.5%, CD #21280 12 months at 4.25%, CD #8937 12 months at 4.1%. 5-0** **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion carried to have CD # 8937 to a compound CD. 5-0**

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

Approve minutes from November 12 Special Meeting, November 18 Regular Meeting, December 3 Special Meeting, December 9 Special Meeting, as printed.

Approve financials statements from November 2024

Approval of Bank Reconciliation

Approval to pay the following bills

November Bills

ACTIVE911 INC.	\$504.00	
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$80.30	
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$1,110.92	filters, oil & Coolant for equipment
B&D REPAIR	\$560.70	
BADGER METER	\$342.02	
BEVCOMM, INC	\$631.03	
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	\$992.00	
BOMGAARS	\$209.99	Boot Jason
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$608.01	
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$1,203.41	
CENEX FLEET FUELING	\$544.17	
CUSTOM ELECTRIC LLC	\$682.29	fix breaker box and wiring for gazebo
EMS CUSTOM EDUCATION	\$380.00	Alyssa refresher
FLEET & FARM SUPPLY	\$125.80	Jeans Jason
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$5.40	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$3,553.54	
HOMETOWN BILLING	\$641.95	setup & Oct billings
HOMETOWN BILLING	\$98.66	
ICRIMEFIGHTER	\$175.00	added to personal phone - Jon
INDOFF INC.	\$16.59	
MAC QUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$1,113.14	Street sweeper
MARTIN COUNTY STAR	\$61.25	
MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$2,200.00	
MINN. DEPT OF HEALTH	\$826.00	
MN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	\$450.00	2025 Membership
MN VALLEY ACTION COUNCIL INC.	\$63,104.00	MVAC
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MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$176.11	
NO BS PERFORMANCE	\$225.51	new battery in squad

NO BS PERFORMANCE	\$235.13	
NUWAY COOPERATIVE	\$1,124.00	
RITWAY BUSINESS FORMS	\$447.94	
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$8.20	
ROSBURG CONSTRUCTION	\$3,500.00	curb stop at bar & 311 Birch St E
THEIN WELL	\$36,419.65	Well #4 work
TOWN CENTER INC	\$4.90	water
TRIMONT FIREMEN S RELIEF	\$1,583.34	flashlight batteries- use city donated dollars
TRIUMPH STATE BANK	\$12.00	Safe deposit box
UC LABORATORY	\$1,465.50	
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$350.00	
WEST BEND INSURANCE	\$100.00	Right of way bond

Other Business:

Council Member Flohrs – Thank Jason & Ryan for fixing the street sweeper saving the city money. Council Member Vrieze – maybe create a finance committee. Mayor Russenberger – Thank everyone for their time being on the council.

Motion made by Council Member Cliff Vrieze, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade. Motion carried. To adjourn meeting. 5-0

8:33 pm

Signed, Bradford Flohrs, Council Member

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer