

Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 19th day of August 2024 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Council Member Brian Krumwiede, Council Member Jon Holtz, Council Member Bradford Flohrs, Council Member Bruce Borntreger, Mayor JoAnn Russenberger

Mayor JoAnn Russenberger presided over the meeting.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Community Comments: None

Zoning Permits:

Ronald Shade – 240 Ash St East- Discussion of application for addition to south side of garage. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve zoning permit. 5-0**

Jay Weitzel – 211 Birch St W - discussion on application for fence. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion to approve zoning permit. 5-0**

Mark Whitacre- 40 Ash St W- discussion on application for lean-to . **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, and motion to approve zoning permit. 5-0**

Roger Thayer – 230 Birch St E – Extension from previous zoning permit. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion to approve zoning permit extension. 5-0**

Town Center:

Event on September 13, 2024. Would like a 1-day event liquor license. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion to approve 1 day liquor license. 5-0**

City Attorney:

Addressing issues on topics of Open Meeting Laws, when meetings can be closed. Discussion on what is a quorum, employee evaluation and procedures & Conflict of interests. Comments on the complaints the city received. Discussion on Code of Conduct for council members. More discussion on Council Members discussing city staff in public. As a council member you have no authority as an individual.

Mike Ennis:

Discussion on water bill as his apartment building at a major water leak last month. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion to approve his bill be a total of \$594.00. 3-2 N: Council Member Bruce Borntreger, Council Member Bradford Flohrs**

Public Hearing:

Order of Abatement for nuisance - abandoned and structurally substandard building at 341 Apple St E. No community comments. The garage on the property has fallen. The city could take bids to hire someone to dismantle the structure. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, and motion to approve order of abatement for nuisance - abandoned and structurally substandard building. 5-0**

Pond Update:

2 out of the 3 surveys are done. They should be doing the wetland survey this next week. USDA still has not reviewed our PER report.

Ambulance Report:

Nothing to report

Fire Report:

Discussion on Jr. Firefighter. Checking to see about age eligible for this. The old tanker pump would not start, it is in the shop for repair. Ordering new radios. Budget question about the capital outlay dollars rolling over every year. The relief has voted to switch to PERA for their retirement plan. Mayor & Clerk are not being notified of relief meetings.

Police Report:

Chief Yochim had discussion of service tickets during contracted services for the city. Council decided to let Sherburn/Welcome PD keep what was collected during that time. Chief Auringer was awarded lifesaving award. Chief is getting after some ordinances. If the police can't issue an E-Citation than the city attorney can take care of anything that doesn't have a ticket attached to the ordinance. Discussion of the police contract, this would make him a just cause employee.

Public Works Report:

Gaalswyk Brothers Trucking offered to bring a load of woodchips for Anderson Park, for just the cost of woodchips. The council agreed this maintenance needs to be done. Asked to let Ryan attend the Rural Water 3 day class in St Cloud in October. **Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve Ryan to attend the wastewater class in St Cloud. 5-0** Well #4 has been leaking on the north side. Ryan & Jason cleaned the north side of the aeration basin, the filtration system has calcified.

Cleaning City buildings

Discussion on the applications. **Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, and motion carried to approve to hire Brenda Bonser to clean the city buildings. 5-0**

Data Practice Policy:

Discussion on the Data Practice policy for Public & Subject. **Motion made by Council Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, and motion carried to approve the Data Practice policy both Public & Subject. 5-0**

Resolution 2024-20 – tabled

Resolution 2024-21

Resolution of contribution. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Jon Holtz, and motion carried to approve Resolution 2024-21 for \$10,000 from Martin County Area Foundation, also \$400 from Gaalswyk Brothers, for use of new park equipment. 5-0**

Resolution 2024-22 – Interfund loan. **Motion made by Council Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion carried to approve Resolution 2024-22 5-0**

Clerk Report:

Discussion on new classes the clerk has taken. Talked about the new paid leave act and what was learned at the cannabis webinar. Post on Facebook to take applications.

Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion carried to approve the consent agenda. 4-0 Abstain: Council Member Bruce Borntrager

Approve minutes from July 15 Regulars Meeting, August 6 2024 Special Meeting, as printed.

Approve financials statements from June July & August 2024

Approval to pay the following bills

July Bills		
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO.	\$494.16	alarm troubles WW
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO.	\$494.17	Well 3 alarms
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO.	\$2,060.83	clearwell transducer
BADGER METER	\$337.56	
BEVCOMM, INC	\$629.46	
BOBS BIFFYS	\$455.00	Biffy's for FunFest
BORNTRAGER AUTO BODY & TOWING	\$30.13	light bulb red truck
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$711.78	
BURKHARDT & BURKHARDT, LTD.	\$2,850.00	cash recon
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$1,022.60	
CENEX FLEET FUELING	\$925.59	
EXPERT BILLING, LLC	\$540.00	
GENERATOR SYSTEM SERVICES	\$1,690.50	
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$35.10	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$30.00	tank rent
KRISTIAN MELSON	\$41.94	Pumper & Rescue parts

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KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$90.00	Well #4
LACEY SCHMIDTKE	\$643.04	cleaning
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$326.25	
MN ENVIRO. SCIENCE RVW BOARD	\$1,000.00	2024-2025 membership
NATHAN VRIEZE	\$58.96	meds for ambulance
NO BS PERFORMANCE	\$361.54	oil & fuel filters maint.
NO BS PERFORMANCE	\$120.00	tech fee #11 tanker
PEARSON BROS. INC.	\$48,065.94	
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$13.37	
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$5,246.42	
THEIN WELL	\$660.00	annual well inspection
TRUCK CENTER	\$300.46	Coolant Leak - Rescue
UC LABORATORY	\$1,040.49	
USA BLUE BOOK	\$205.22	sampler tubing
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$208.71	
Moor & Ace	\$41.71	

Other Business:

Council Member Borntrager – double checking on infrastructure funds in reserve account. Council Member Krumwiede discussion on Birch St thrift store. Mayor Russenberger – addressed the complaints that were received. Will discuss each of them at the workshop.

Motion made by Council Member Jon Holtz, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager. Motion carried. To adjourn meeting. 5-0

7:49 pm

Signed, JoAnn Russenberger, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer