

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 May 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

Community Comments:

Letter handed to mayor about trees.

Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Agenda. 5-0

Travis – Pond update:

Discussion on the response from the PER report, concerns with I and I and the size of ponds. USDA would like to do all of the infrastructure first along with updates to waste plant to keep it going. South half of the city infrastructure and waste plant updates would be completed in the first two years. The north half of the city would be in the following 2 years. After completion of infrastructure, we would check flows to determine the size needed for ponds. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve amending the PER report to USDA. 5-0**

Fire/ Ambulance:

The relief has raised funds for new extraction tools. They will investigate selling the old tools. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Resolution 2025-07 contribution from Trimont Fire Relief to purchase extraction tools. 5-0**

Public Works Report:

Discussion on issues with lighting on Hwy 4, the new sign cut the underground wires. Second issue with lighting at 140 Main St E. due to a mailbox installation that made a break in electrical wiring. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve sending state bill for wiring repair. 5-0** Thein is coming to fix the pipe on well #4. The gazebo has been power washed, Ean Sinn is going to paint it. The windows on the east side of the library, in the basement, are now leaking. Discussion on Class B operator bids going out. Discussion on ash trees and the arborist showing Public Works what to look for. Discussion on the motion about trees in December 16, 2024 regular meeting and where do we start taking trees down. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve removal of the 5 hazardous trees by Snyders. 5-0**

341 Apple St E:

Discussion on the bid for garage removal. Does it need an inspection? **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve tabling bids. 5-0** **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve having an inspection done. 5-0**

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Summer Help:

Setup interviews with 4 applicants. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve interviews and Bradford's approval for hire. 4-0 abstaining Council Member Bradford Flohrs**

Police Report:

Numbers are up a little bit from last month. DARE graduation was today. It went very well. Council Member Bradford Flohrs stated he wanted to give the Chief a pat on the back with the DARE program.

Clerk Report:

Back taxes were paid on the 341 Apple St E parcel, of which the \$4513.41 paid \$3908.45 will come back to the city for the cities portion. Discussion on the insurance appraisal. **Motion made by Council Member Justin Lubben, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion to approve Fire Hall content increased to \$190,000. 5-0** Council Member Krumwiede will discuss with Troy Melson about the city getting a key for the old schoolhouse by the museum. Discussion on Rural Service District and if we wanted to increase our rates. Mayor Kuehl had a discussion on if there is an easement behind Chestnut Street. Believes we should send a letter to citizens about where their property line is. Will contact the attorney for advice. Discussion on works comp of city council members. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve Work Comp insurance on council members. 5-0**

Ordinance 2025-01

State passed an updated statue that we must allow grass to be 8 inches tall or before it goes to seed. Introduction first reading of the new ordinance.

Parliamentary procedures.

While attending the clerk's academy I learned a few things that we need to change. With a no vote on a motion, need to state a reason why. If something is on the agenda, you have to have a motion to table it. If it is not on the agenda anyone can say tabled and discussion is done. Two people got their water shut off today, one for not keeping payment plan and the other for an NSF check. Discussion on how the red tag works from the county for back taxes.

Liquor License:

Discussion on Town Center having met all requirements for renewal. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Town Center liquor license renewal. 5-0**

Resolution 2025-05:

Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve resolution 2025-05 authorizing Capital bonding for 2026 for infrastructure improvement. 5-0

Fee Schedule:

Added charges for toolcat and updated charge for new meter. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion to approve updated fee schedule. 5-0**

Resolution 2025-06:

Check from Martin County Area Foundation to the Farmers market. No Motion.

Water Rates:

Discussion on whether we should be increasing the water rates.

Sidewalk and bench at Memorial Park:

Would like to have on the schedule the sidewalk up to the park from the street and along the front side. Have confirmed 3 benches and one picnic table for the park. Would like to change the font on the cities bench.

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve consent agenda with removal of Trimont Farmers Market check. 5-0

Approval of paying the following bills

April Bills

AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$40.13	
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$75.40	2 oil changes
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	\$543.00	2025 membership
BADGER METER	\$342.02	
BANYON DATA SYSTEM	\$1,750.00	
BEVCOMM, INC	\$671.13	
BIRKHOLZ & ASSOCIATES, LLC	\$22.14	Miles for Tal
BOBCAT	\$82,198.04	toolcat
BURKHARDT & BURKHARDT, LTD.	\$20,400.00	2024 Audit
Cardmember Services	\$1,803.09	
CENEX FLEET FUELING	\$563.12	
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	\$8,623.00	pit pump
FLEET AND FARM SUPPLY 2	\$79.98	oil filter - police 2 changes
FOSTER BERNHARDT POST 373	\$472.38	flags
FMCP	\$4,223.00	
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$27.00	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$30.00	
HEAT TACTICAL TEAM	\$753.19	2025 Dues
HOMETOWN BILLING	\$429.89	April billing

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IBEW LOCAL UNION 160	\$252.02	
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$93.64	chlorine mixer
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$362.46	Rahm mail box temp service
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$117.00	street light repair rahm mailbox
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$237.90	HWY 4 street light
MARTIN CO. TREASURER	\$3,147.00	property taxes
MARTIN CO. TREASURER	\$4,513.41	39.820.1350
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	\$393.26	new e-series meter
MINN. DEPT OF HEALTH	\$32.00	Ryan water test
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$677.46	
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$224.72	
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$39.92	
ROSBURG CONSTRUCTION	\$6,500.00	install water/ sewer service to 131 main st E
ROSBURG CONSTRUCTION	\$800.00	540 Birch St E cap sewer
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$3,911.86	
UC LABORATORY	\$1,108.38	
Verizon	\$209.21	
Bomgaars	\$274.98	clothing allowance items
Jefferson Fire & Safety	\$38,800.75	extrication tools

Other Business:

Council Member Krumwiede had concern at 241 Beech St E and the boats in the driveway. Police will contact the homeowner. Also wondering if we are going to do Facebook. Mayor Kuehl goal to have employee reviews done with each employee by next month's meeting.

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

Motion carried. To adjourn meeting. 5-0

8:04 pm

Signed, Kevin Kuehl, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer

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