

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 August 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:

None

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

Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve minutes July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting, 5-0

Public Works:

Discussion on the Thein bid. Our Well #3 needs to be serviced for the manganese build up. Burn site update, the county is in charge of our burning permit not the DNR. Their recommendation is that we don't allow anything bigger than 4 inches in diameter, if we do the city has to watch the fire until it is out. At the new house being built in town there are some broken wires under the driveway that is causing the streetlight to not work.

Clerk Report:

Payment from Town Center was received. 341 Apple St E is all cleaned up and has been evaluated for a selling price from the realtor. Curbside Clean up is Saturday August 23. Max Longley has signed all the paperwork to terminate his last contract and start the new one. MDH charge will be going up next year. Need to know how the council wishes to proceed with the building on city property that we have no access to. Also councils wish on cannabis licensing. Clerk would like to take the training for Budgeting Process 101 through the GFOA. The electricity was turned on at the ball field. Council Member Krumwiede will talk to the key holder of the building the city has no access to and see if they are willing to have it surveyed and sell the lot to them at their expense. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Martin County to approve cannabis retail licensing for the City of Trimont, 5-0** **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve Budgeting Process 101 training from GFOA for the clerk. 5-0**

Zoning Permits:

40 5th Ave SE. – privacy fence 40' long 6' height 2' from property line - **Motion made by Council Member Justin Lubben, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve zoning permit for fence at 2 feet from property line. 5-0** 181 3rd Ave SE – storage shed - **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve zoning permit for storage shed contingent on survey. 5-0** 210 Ash St E – fence - **Motion made by Council Member Justin Lubben, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve zoning**

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permit for fence. 5-0 251 Apple St W – steps and back deck - Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve zoning permit for steps and deck. 5-0

Laura Girard:

Resident would like to make a payment plan for their past due account. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve making a payment plan in working with City Clerk and Mayor Kuehl. 5-0**

Megan Morgan:

Resident asking for sewer charges to be less as the water for their pool doesn't go down the sewer. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Kevin Kuehl, and motion to approve waving the sewer fees, 4-1 Nah: Council Member Bradford Flohrs**

Fire Department:

Discussion on the Jr Fire Fighter program. They would like the By-Laws for the relief to be reconsidered. A year ago, the relief association switched to the PERA for the Fire Fighters retirement. They no longer have a special fund account. The Relief will keep the name, but they are their own 501-C3. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion to approve Jr. Fire Fighter Operating Guidelines as written maximum of 5 Jr Fire Fighters. 5-0 Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve By Laws for Trimont Fire Relief. 5-0 Motion made by Council Member Brian Krimwiede seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve City to pay for chair rental to Olsen Rental. 5-0** Would like to get monthly expenses.

Mark Gaalswyk:

Presented a slide show on how treatment with his product can affect an infected ash tree. He would be willing to offer this treatment to citizens in town for a reduced price.

Ean Sinn:

Discussion on a conditional use permit for a crematory at the funeral home in Trimont. Mets all emissions standards for all states. **Motion made by Council Member Justin Ludden, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve conditional use permit for crematory. 5-0** Council to consider updating ordinance so he doesn't need a conditional use permit every year.

One Day Liquor License:

Town Center is hosting their 10-year anniversary event and would like to sell liquor at the event. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve one day liquor license. 5-0**

Ordinance 2025-02:

2nd reading of Ordinance 2025-02. **Motion made by Council Member Justin Lubben, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Ordinance 2025-02. 5-0**

Resolution 2025-10:

Appointing Responsible Authority. **Motion made by Council Member Justin Lubben, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve Resolution 2025-10. 5-0**

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Water Rates:

Discussion on raising water rates. **Motion made by Council Member Justin Lubben, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to table item. 5-0**

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Justin Lubben, and motion to approve consent agenda item numbers, one two and three. 5-0

Approval of paying the following bills

July Bills

AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$40.86	
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$162.01	
BADGER METER	\$342.02	
BEVCOMM, INC	\$666.06	
BOBS BIFFYS	\$550.00	FunFest Biffys
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	\$5,072.00	
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$1,321.87	
CARTER BLOOMGREN	\$84.70	121 miles to get pumper
CENEX FLEET FUELING	\$567.19	
CHAD STRIEMER	\$200.00	inspection of what trees to remove.
CMS	\$551.49	repayment
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	\$1,188.42	telescoping pipe
EXIT 87 TRUCK WASH	\$45.00	
FLAHERTY & HOOD PA	\$1,000.00	MESERB membership assessment
FLEET AND FARM SUPPLY 2	\$163.53	blades
GFOA	\$250.00	membership
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$8.10	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$30.00	
HOMETOWN BILLING	\$274.19	
IBEW LOCAL UNION 160	\$252.02	
INDOFF INC.	\$3.09	
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$442.68	library elect pull out from storm
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$135.00	wet well transducer
MARTIN COUNTY STAR	\$25.00	

MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$2,200.00	Aug
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MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTR	\$55.00	Jason Test
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$962.46	
NO BS PERFORMANCE	\$20.00	
NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL	\$1,886.22	Emergency work on pumper
NUWAY COOPERATIVE	\$136.10	Roundup
PAULSON HEATING & COOLING	\$356.25	a/c at wasteplant
RICK DEBOER LETTERING	\$30.00	ATV permit stickers
SITZMANN LAWN & LANDSCAPE	\$100.00	1/2 bug spray for Sundaes in the Park
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$4,511.39	
THEIN WELL	\$430.00	annual inspection of pumps & wells
TOWN CENTER INC	\$22.48	bottled water
UC LABORATORY	\$926.05	

Consent Agenda item four:

Resignation of Police Officer Jonanthan Auringer. Thank Jon for his service to the community. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben. Motion carried, to approve resignation of Jonathan Auringer. 5-0**

Other Business:

Discussion on the second round of tree cuttings. **Motion made by Council Member Justin Lubben, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade. Motion carried, to approve taking trees down within the remaining budget by Dec 15th. 5-0** When is the seasonal help done? Are the heaters in the Fire Hall wired.

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

8:04 pm

Kevin Kuehl, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer