

Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont City Hall Building on the 26th day of January 2026 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:

Scott Borntrager stated for businesses that the county would like them to put snow on the street from the sidewalk so it doesn't get packed down. Parking vehicles the opposite direction, that Todd likes it that way to get other vehicles by. During Snow emergency no parking on the streets, the council 30 years ago said they could park on the city sidewalk. This council needs to quit going back and forth. Stop taking pictures or videos on city time. Don Holtz stated what is the plan what's the change. Jon Holtz stated he talked to the county guy and no problems with the way it's done. Been doing this 21 years and now someone doesn't like him. Taking pictures on city time is ridiculous.

Public Works:

Jason will be taking his C Wastewater test in March. Minnesota Rural water is coming to help clean out a tank that Jason has never done before. This is a free service. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve Jason to take his class C wastewater license. 5-0** Get the mower looked at before spring.

Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade and motion to approve agenda . 5-0

Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve minutes December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting, December 16, 2025, Special Meeting and Public Hearing. 5-0

Fire report:

2026 officers, Jake Ebeling – Chief, Nick Swanson Assistant Chief – Kristian Melson 2nd Assistant chief. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade and motion to approve Fire Chief Jake Ebeling, 1st Assistant Chief Nick Swanson, 2nd Assistant Chief Kristian Melson, 5-0** There are some invoices in the packet for the council to approve. Discussion on foam and extra charges and when additional hours are charged and gallons of water used to refill tanks after a fire. Meeting with townships is scheduled for February 9th. Discussion on the change of township agreement. Andrew Lawrence has turned in all required gear and is off the department. Mayor asked about 2 items that were not in the fire report or in the packet. Discussion on showers and extra hours the fire department wants to be paid for. Discussion on extra laundry being done at the fire hall. Discussion on taking away hours if a meeting is missed. Discussion on mutual aid. Discussion on tools that get damaged at a fire call. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade and motion to approve 9” cordless cutoff saw purchase with \$1000 funds from donations. 5-0**

Interview:

Council interviewed for Part Time Police Officer.

Highway 4 Lighting:

City Engineer Travis Winter discussed the options for the light on Hwy 4 and Beech St with the council.

Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and motion to approve to agree to change order from MNDOT. 5-0

Ambulance Report:

Approve officers. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve Ambulance Director Nate Vrieze, Assistant Chief Jake Sinn, Secretary Ben Broslma, 5-0**

Clerk Report:

We got the town center payment. Email was forwarded regarding the city being awarded 1 million dollars towards the infrastructure project. Printer in clerks office is not working well. Check received for the removal of old schoolhouse off our insurance. Joint powers would like the city to participate in the meetings. W2's have all been mailed out. Union rep coming to our next workshop. MCFOA conference is coming up. CD's up for renewal. Safety Deposit box renewal. **Motion made by Council Member Justin Lubben, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade and motion to approve clerk to attend MCFOA conference March 24-27. 5-0** **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade and motion to approve clerk to renew all CD's with banks they are located at currently. 5-0** Public works will be working on updating our Christmas street decorations.

Promissory note:

Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve updated Promissory note. 5-0

Liaison:

Discussion on liaisons. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve, keep it the way it was last year including financial committee. 3-2 N: Council Member Flohrs Council Member Lubben**

Fee Schedule:

Discussion on fees: **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Justin Lubben, and motion to approve updates on fee schedule as eliminate Ambulance transfer to funeral home, Fire Department Ambulance Assist \$250, Fire Call \$1200, Community Building no charge, Foam \$200 per pail. 5-0**

3rd Party investigator:

Got one cost from Keith Hiller recommended from Flaherty and Hood. We have more to look at. Concerns of Flaherty and Hood talking to the investigator that we haven't hired. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Justin Lubben, and motion to approve table discussion for Ron to gather more information. 3-1 N: Council Member Brian Krumwiede Abstaining from vote Mayor Kuehl**

Resolution 2026-01:

Discussion on the grant agreement. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Ronald Shade, and motion to approve resolution 2026-01 for Support of Grant Dollars. 5-0**

Resolution 2026-02:

Discussion on ACH clearinghouse. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve resolution 2026-02 for approved ACH clearing house authorization. 5-0**

Resolution 2026-03:

Discussion on signers for bank accounts. **Motion made by Council Member Justin Lubben, seconded by Council Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve resolution 2026-03 for approved signers. 3-2 N: Council Member Krumwiede Mayor Kuehl**

Data Policy:

Discussion on Data Practice Policy. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Brian Krumwiede, and motion to approve a Financial Committee meeting for review of Data Practice Policy in March. 5-0**

Carlson SV:

Discussion on the desire to get a hard book for all council. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Ronald Shade, and motion to approve a special meeting for audit review. 5-0**

Mayor Spending:

Discussion on mayor spending. Example tree stumps to be removed without calling a special meeting. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Mayor Kevin Kuehl, and motion to approve mayor to spend \$800 without council approval. 3-2 N: Council Member Bradford Flohrs Council Member Justin Lubben**

Collaboration:

Discussion on the future dates for the next meetings. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Collaboration dates of February 3 and February 17 work session. 5-0**

Conditional use permit:

Discussion on allowing light manufacturing in a commercial zone. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Justin Lubben, and motion to approve an indefinite conditional use permit for Casual Mints. 5-0** Discussion on dog boarding permit. **Motion made by Council Member Justin Lubben, seconded by Council Ronald Shade, and motion to approve conditional use permit for dog boarding for 6 months and no more than 4 dogs. Amended motion. 4-1 N: Brian Krumweide**

Consent Agenda:

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

Approval of paying the following bills

December Bills

ACTIVE911 INC.	\$518.40	
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$40.86	
BADGER METER	\$345.51	
BEVCOMM, INC	\$816.21	
BIRKHOLZ & ASSOCIATES, LLC	\$25,000.00	2026 retainer
BOMGAARS	\$793.67	
BOMGAARS	\$154.92	
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$39.27	
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSIO	\$600.00	
CARTER BLOOMGREN	\$295.46	EMT book
CENEX FLEET FUELING	\$128.40	
CLIFFORD ANDERSON	\$2,160.00	2025 Bio Solids
CUSTOM ELECTRIC LLC	\$350.16	ballast repairs
DYLAN PAULSON	\$295.46	EMT book
FAIRMONT GLASS & SIGN PRO	\$35.95	Anderson Park window
FOTY LOCK & SAFE	\$277.98	city hall front door
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$4.05	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$179.38	ferric pump
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$60.00	
HOMETOWN BILLING	\$492.96	
IBEW LOCAL UNION 160	\$252.02	
INDOFF INC.	\$105.00	Ice Melt
INDOFF INC.	\$3.09	
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES	\$1,079.00	
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MARTIN CO. TREASURER	\$471.87	Farmland ditch

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF	\$7,875.00	Nov 16- Dec 31 2025
MARTIN COUNTY STAR	\$63.00	
MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$1,500.00	
MIDWEST GARAGE DOORS-FAIRMONT	\$885.00	repair garage door on shop
MINN. STATE FIRE DEPT. AS	\$175.00	
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$2,851.24	
MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTR	\$45.00	Ryan D waste lic
MJM MEDICAL DIRECTION CONSORTIUM	\$1,800.00	2026 medical direction
MN DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$81.00	
MN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	\$450.00	
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$181.78	
NORTHVIEW BANK	\$19,052.00	
RITeway BUSINESS FORMS	\$490.64	
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$300.00	
ROSBURG CONSTRUCTION	\$32,110.00	
RYAN GEISTFELD	\$327.45	Hotel - wastewater test
RYAN GEISTFELD	\$272.80	miles and meals for waste test
SARAH GWIN	\$60.00	3 hours of cleaning
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$5,096.27	
UC LABORATORY	\$695.94	

2025	December EFT Payments
PERA- Public Employee Retirement Association	\$ 3,561.02
State of Minnesota	\$ 2,175.37
EFTPS - Electronic Funds Tax Payment System	\$ 12,028.50
FMPC - Family Medical Care Plan	\$ 4,223.00
Reliance - Health Ins	\$ 75.20
Cardmember services	\$ 890.84
Verizon	\$ 195.25
Farmers State Bank	
US Post Office - United States Post Office	\$ 206.79
Total EFT payments	\$ 23,355.97

Other Business:

Discussion on last year's summer help. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben. Motion carried to approve hiring the same summer help as 2025 for spending up to \$3500. 5-0 Amended motion** Questions on if the state paid for that electrical work on Hwy 4. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, motion to approve clerk to delete inv to state for Hwy 4 broken wires. 5-0** Ryan did pass his class D wastewater license. All ash trees are out of the boulevard.

Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade. Motion carried. To adjourn meeting. 5-0
8:29 pm

Kevin Kuehl, Mayor

Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer