

## Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 21st day of April 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:

Elizabeth Viesselman – concern of water quality issue. Would like to see the fire hydrants flushed twice a year. When the Chief is gone could we get better coverage. Tyler Kettner – Not happy with things that are happening at City Hall.

### Burkhardt & Burkhardt:

Going over the 2024 audit results. We had a clean audit. Infractions were in the areas of Conflict of Interest & the endorsement on paid claims on the back of checks. We had a good increase in government funds. The city's business funds don't hold enough days of funds in reserves. Should increase utility rates as the Business funds need to be self-sufficient. Also stated to council that infractions can hurt our bonding rates.

### City Attorney:

Recommended that the council participate in the collaboration with the League of Minnesota Cities. Second recommendation would be to have an employment attorney. The city should make a Conflict of Interest policy. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion to approve collaboration with the League. 5-0** **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve Flaherty & Hood as employment attorney. 4-1 N: Council Member Bradford Flohrs** **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve the Mayor as contact for employment attorney. 5-0**

**Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve minutes March 17, March 18, March 25, April 3 with correction. 5-0**

### Emergency Meeting:

Held the meeting to decide on wiring the new heaters in the fire hall. There was one heater running, the council felt that was sufficient.

### Water/ Sewer Committee Update:

Max isn't going to change his contract. The other guy has not had favorable reviews and some favorable. We no longer need an A operator. Need to keep in mind the financial part. Do we want to bid it out? **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve advertise to class B operator contract to be advertised. 5-0**

#### Finance Committee Update:

There was discussion on the Edward Jones account and that we should watch it and see if there is a pattern. If we would not have a significant loss to go ahead and pull that money out. Also, discussion on how if you are on a city committee that you can't solicit on behalf of the city. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve Ronald Shade and Kelli Harder to decide if the Edward Jones investment could be sold. 5-0**

#### Public Works Report:

Council is good to keep the Shelter house open all the time unless someone is renting it or a bad storm is coming in. Discussion for summer help. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve advertising for summer help at \$15/hour. 5-0** amended motion. Working on a list of trees that would be acceptable to replant. Going to go around town and see what is treatable or needs to be taken down. Our ordinance states that it is the homeowner's responsibility even if trees are in the boulevard. We have a handful of trees that are unsafe trees, and they need to come down. Be sure to include the ordinance that includes the boulevard trees in notices. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve the December 16th original motion budgeted \$50,000 does not have to be matching funds, after list is created get bids out.** The other two windows in the basement of the library are leaking.

#### Police Report:

Stats for last month are in your packet. Discussion on a cordless mic. Have a little bit of safety money left but that doesn't cover all the cost. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve purchase of cordless mic with safety money first and then cover with police budget. 5-0** Police will be checking on more ordinance violations. DARE graduation will be next month.

#### Clerk Report:

Clerk was approved for the \$300 grant for the Clerks Institute. Closed on the old school lot. Cashed out the Berkly Bond from the Edward Jones account. Our Fall Clean up date will be August 23. The bid for 341 Apple St will be in the paper. There are back taxes owed on the property that the city will have to pay for to transfer to our name. Dave Lubben helped the city out and wants to be paid more. Liquor license renewals were sent out. Consensus on the Biffy's at Memorial Park and the ballfield. Birch St resident had to connect to our sewer line with a new connection and doesn't want to pay the fee. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve pay Dave Lubben \$50/hr. 5-0** **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve Tom Echmann does not have to pay for sewer connection. 5-0** Discussion on the 341 Apple St Back taxes. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve paying back taxes for 341 Apple St E. 5-0** Some residents are asking if we are going to get Facebook back. Per the advice from the attorney, he said to shut it off. Our website has all the same information on it and it's one place to go. The website also has a notification system so we could get rid of Clicksend and that expense.

Council Member Krumwiede had a request to thatch the ballfield. Do I have to have permission from the council if it is done for free. Consensus of council is you would need a motion and proof of certificate of insurance.

Tabled Electrical in Fire Hall

Discussion on two bids that were received. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Kuehl's Electric bid. 4-0 abstained Mayor Kevin Kuehl**

Resolution 2025-04 Contribution to Ambulance.

**Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 contribution to ambulance for \$200. 5-0**

Chicken Permits:

211 Birch St E. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve Chicken Permit. 5-0**

Zoning Permit:

211 Birch St E. fencing for dog area. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve zoning permit. 5-0**

Romsdahl sidewalk:

Discussion on removal of sidewalk for 131 Main St E on the east side of property. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve removal of east side property sidewalk. 5-0**

Trimont Businesses:

Discussion what has been going on in town and at council meetings. Reference to Conflict of interest. Scott Borntrager stated a lot of other towns do it. If council agrees then it's not a conflict. We have to work together.

Consent Agenda:

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

**Approval of Bank Reconciliation**

**Approval of paying the following bills**

## March Bills

AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$40.52	
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$347.68	air fuel oil filters
BADGER METER	\$342.02	
BEVCOMM, INC	\$677.32	
BOMGAARS	\$55.99	ryan clothing
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$100.71	
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$1,623.15	
CENEX FLEET FUELING	\$520.80	

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CONFITREK	\$96.00	
FLOW	\$947.00	flow meter certificate
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN	\$9.45	
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$330.82	chemicals
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$6,251.58	chemicals
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$30.00	storage tanks
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$1,345.34	vacuum reg
INDOFF INC.	\$15.99	
JACOB EBELING	\$111.62	fuel reim
JETTER CLEAN INC	\$425.00	
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$180.00	flouride pump
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$1,017.10	street light repair
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES	\$198.00	Kevin & Brian day at the hill
MAC QUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$1,358.85	sweeper parts
MAXWELL EUGENE LONGLEY	\$2,200.00	
MINN. DEPT OF HEALTH	\$826.00	water permit
MINN. DEPT OF HEALTH	\$23.00	Jason Class C Water lic
MINNESOTA DEPT. OF COMMERCE	\$343.75	Unclaimed p[roperty Report 100432
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$1,016.68	
MN DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$200.00	Tier II report
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$317.03	
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIE	\$581.89	
QUILL CORPORATION	\$69.99	office supplies
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$19.53	
RURAL WATER IMPACT	\$880.00	Content transfer
RURAL WATER IMPACT	\$1,236.00	Annual & new site setup
RYAN KUEHL	\$117.60	168 miles to fire school
SARAH GWIN	\$80.00	cleaning library 11/24 - 3/25
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC ASSN	\$4,487.48	
SOUTHER MN HOME CREATIVE	\$100.00	Police
STEVE SMITH	\$500.00	Seal up basement windows library

STORM	\$225.00	Police Training
TEXAS REFINERY CORP.	\$590.00	grease
THE TITLE TEAM	\$504.96	Sale fees for old school lot
TOWN CENTER INC	\$6.89	water for office
UC LABORATORY	\$857.38	

Other Business:

Mayor Kuehl discussion on talking with Martin County Sheriff for services when Police Chief is out. Council Member Flohrs would like to relook at how the committees are structured. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben,** Mayor Kuehl suggested that we wait until after the collaboration to decide this. Council Member Shade had discussion on the code of conduct.

Citizen Complaint: Chief stated that it is a business who do I address it with. He will look it up and get an answer. Chief stated he had a complaint about this business last year. He worked with them and everything looked great.

**Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade.**  
**Motion carried. To adjourn meeting. 5-0**  
**9:07 pm**

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Signed, Kevin Kuehl, Mayor

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Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer