

Truman City Council Minutes
January 18, 2022

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 18th day of January 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Councilor Patty Truax, Councilor Jake Ebert, and Councilor Brian Nickerson

Absent: Mayor Terry Bentele, Councilor Brandon Mosloski

Staff present: Utility Foreman Brent Brown, Police Chief Justin Jobe, and Street Superintendent John Bosshart, Utility Billing Spec./Deputy Clerk Carol Becker,

Also Present: City Attorney Derrick Greiner, Jennifer Brookens Truman Tribune, Resident Elliot Belgard

Pro Tem Mayor Jake Ebert presided over the meeting, beginning at 5:30pm, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda/Additions or Changes

Additions to agenda – Carol Becker requested to add a DOT letter under Item 10. Derrick Greiner has an update on C & B to be added under Old Business. Derrick Greiner Item 5 will be requested to be held under closed session. Item 5 will be moved to the end of the meeting for administrative reasons. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve the agenda with additions noted.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Jan 3 and Special Meeting Jan 10th

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment

Prairie Land called City Office and reported no citizen complaints.

Resolution 2022-02 Designating Polling Place

Resolution to Designate Polling Place for 2022 approved by roll call vote; Truax, Nickerson, Ebert all ayes; Bentele & Mosloski absent.

Planning & Zoning Committee Report

Jake Ebert presented information from the January 10th Planning & Zoning meeting. Discussed re-zoning a section of property currently zoned as B1 to M1, and an area that is B1 and contains homes to R1. The current B1 west line is M1 zoned. The B1 area to be rezoned to R1 also has R1 property adjacent. Discussed options for moving forward. Tabled, no action needed from the Council at this time.

Utility Business

Brent Brown reported that Bolten & Menk is finished with the plans & specs for water tower rehab. Like to authorize request for bids to complete the rehab, would like to get contracts secured so that are able to move forward with filter rehab. Advertise request for bids Feb 10, 2022 at 2 PM in the Municipal Building. Expects a few bids to choose from. \$21,000 had been set aside for bidding and design. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to authorize advertising for bids. All ayes, motion carried.**

Brent Brown provided information on a grant opportunity for workforce development from Heartland. Targeted towards new hires for items such as sign-on bonuses, training, lineman books,

MMUA trainings. Needs to be used for utility employees. No objections from the union on this. This is 100% grant money. Council agreed to having Brent Brown applying for grant.

Approval of Claims

Submitted claims total \$138,448.32, check #39615-39660. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve claims. All ayes, motion carried.**

Old Business

John Bosshart followed up on the pool area being heated during the winter. There are backflow prevention and heat exchanger that although drained may still contain water, so heated some to prevent damage.

Heaven's Table – Carol Becker has received some correspondence from Heaven's Table. Seeking clarification on some of the specifics. Justin Jobe has agreed to be the primary contact for Heaven's Table. He has offered to pick up food boxes and deliver to Truman, and also monitor the pick-up site for a few hours on Wednesdays. Patty offered to be a secondary contact. Fire department will be available the day after for pickup and delivery.

Liquor Licenses for 2021 - none were reimbursed or prorated. Jake will reach out to the holder that was inquiring about this.

Derrick Greiner provided an update on C&B operations. The phase 1 environmental testing is nearly completed. The appraisal amount is \$4,200. The city is obligated to sell the land roadway tract for the appraised amount, however the EDA is not. Derrick suggested that the City sell the roadway tract for the appraised amount, and EDA property price be adjusted so that the total price of the combined property is unchanged. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to sell roadway tract at \$4,200 subject to EDA approval. All ayes, motion carried.**

New Business

Elliot Belgard shared that the county has abated taxes for 10 years as incentive to build homes. Suggested the City of Truman do the same. This is not available for businesses, only homes. Schools can do the same if they choose. Derrick Greiner will work on this, and Elliot Belgard offered to attend future meetings.

City Clerk has been hired, starts Feb 7th. She has experience the council was seeking. Now searching for Administrative Assistant. Patty Truax has been reviewing the candidates and would like the other council members to review them as well and provide input by the end of the week. Patty Truax also suggested doing multiple interviews a day to keep progressing on this.

Resident complaint – City has received a written complaint of allegations against a member of the police department. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13d.05 subdivision 2b regarding consideration of a preliminary allegations against an employee, to move to closed session. Seconded by Truax. All Ayes. Meeting closed at 6:10 pm.**

Meeting re-opened at 6:31. No further action needed by the Council at this time.

A motion was made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to adjourn. All ayes - meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Carol Becker, Deputy Clerk