

**Truman City Council Minutes**  
**March 7, 2022**

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 7th day of March at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Terry Bentele, Councilor Brandon Mosloski, Councilor Patty Truax, Councilor Jake Ebert, and Councilor Brian Nickerson.

Absent: None.

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

Also Present: City Attorney Derrick Greiner, Nancy Salic and Donna Kotewa Truman Days Committee, Jennifer Brookens Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel.

Mayor Terry Bentele presided over the meeting, beginning at 5:30 pm, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda/Additions or Changes

Additions to the agenda: Dilapidated Property, Community Survey, Fire Service Agreements, Office Furniture. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve the agenda with additions. All ayes – motion carried.**

Minutes of the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting

**Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve the Minutes. All ayes – motion carried.**

Public Comment

Prairie Land called City Office and reported no citizen complaints.

Carl and Kathryn Bosshart addressed the council regarding drainage and flooding problems on their property. It has been a problem for some time and Councilor Ebert reviewed some solutions that had been considered in the past. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to contact Jetter Clean to televise the tile to investigate. All ayes – motion carried.**

Members of the Truman Days Committee provided an update. More help is needed, and Councilor Truax and Mayor Bentele offered to assist with sanitation and general maintenance work. The city's summer seasonal worker can also help during the event. Street closures are also a concern and the police and street departments agreed assist with that detail.

Utility Business

Nothing to report.

### Approval of Claims

Submitted claims totaled \$63,941.52, check #39760-39795. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to approve claims. All ayes – motion carried.**

### Old Business

The old copier has been moved to the municipal building. A maintenance agreement is available for \$33.00 per month for up to 1500 copies. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the maintenance agreement proposed. All ayes – motion carried.** The cost will be split between the fire, ambulance, and street departments.

Councilors Truax and Ebert recently met with the City Clerk and Utility Superintendent to review the pay equity report to understand how points are established for each position. The final draft of the report was presented for council approval. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to approve the pay equity report. All ayes – motion carried.**

### New Business

Council reviewed Resolution 2022-03 to assign equity. Discussion took place regarding the proposal to hold back \$400,000 from the future investment reserve to replenish the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund, which would bring unassigned funds to the minimum level required by city policy for year-end 2021. Also reviewed was Resolution 2022-07 to lend \$200,000 from the Electric Fund to the Water Fund to mitigate a cash deficit in that fund as of year-end 2021. It was decided to ask the city auditor to attend the next meeting to provide additional information before these decisions are made. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to table approving Resolutions 2022-03 and 2022-07. All ayes – motion carried.**

**Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Ebert to adopt Resolution 2022-04 to approve a gambling permit for Southern MN Ducks Unlimited. All ayes – motion carried.**

**Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2022-05 to reestablish the voting precinct and polling place. All ayes – motion carried.**

**Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Ebert to adopt Resolution 2022-06 to elect the standard allowance available under the revenue loss provision of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act. All ayes – motion carried.**

Councilor Truax asked about the calculation of building permit fees. There is concern the fee might cause residents to reconsider doing projects due to that added cost. It was decided to survey area cities to compare building permit fees.

Discussion took place regarding the regulation of alleyways to ensure they remain open and free of obstructions.

Council was advised there will be a Special Election held on May 24<sup>th</sup> for a seat in Congressional District 1 due to the passing of Representative Hagedorn.

Consideration was given to doing a community survey to help set priorities for the city. Greg Mitchell with Bolton & Menk will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the status of various projects they have been working on for Truman.

**Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve renewal of township fire contracts at the same rate as 2021. All ayes – motion carried.**

Councilor Ebert asked about dilapidated properties that remain in violation of city ordinances after the owners have been notified by letter to abate the violations. It was decided to send a final notice giving owners 30 days to respond with a plan to clean up their property. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to send final notice letters as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

A request was made to approve replacing office chairs that are in poor condition, and to purchase a desk to use in the records room. The requests were tabled until the next meeting to look at the budget for these items.

**Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to adjourn. All ayes - meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.**

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**Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk**