

Truman City Council Minutes
May 16, 2022

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 16th day of May 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Terry Bentele, Councilor Brandon Mosloski, Councilor Jake Ebert.

Absent: Councilor Patty Truax, Councilor Brian Nickerson.

Staff present: Utility Foreman Brent Brown, Police Chief Justin Jobe, Street Superintendent John Bosshart, City Clerk Melissa Sirovy, Building Inspector Darold Nienhaus.

Also Present: Jennifer Brookens Truman Tribune.

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

Approval of the Agenda/Additions or Changes

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve the agenda. All ayes – motion carried.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve minutes from the May 2, 2022 regular meeting. All ayes – motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Northland Securities - 2022A Bonds

Jessica Green from Northland Securities reviewed documents for the General Obligation Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2022A, in the amount of \$1,120,000, a 15-year term and a \$400 premium.

Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to adopt Resolution 2022-14, Certification of Minutes Relating to General Obligation Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2022A. Ebert – aye, Mosloski – aye, Bentele – aye, motion carried. Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve execution of the contract with Northland Securities. Ebert – aye, Mosloski – aye, Bentele – aye, motion carried.

Utility Business

Council reviewed Resolution 2022-12 to approve budgeted payments and transfers between the general and sewer funds in 2020 through 2022, to clear the remaining liabilities between the funds, and to establish a sewer rate schedule to provide for operations and maintenance of the utility.

Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to adopt Resolution 2022-12 providing for transfers between the General Fund and the Sewer Fund for debt service and equipment maintenance and providing for an increase in sewer rates. All ayes – motion carried.

Utility Foreman Brent Brown provided additional information he received from Public Power Energy Services regarding Heartland's renewable waiver agreement. It is their recommendation, based on legal consultation, that the City of Truman sign the agreement. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to sign the agreement. All ayes – motion carried.** The contractors schedule for the water tower project was reviewed. A 50-day completion goal is set, with the tower to be drained the week of May 30th. Council approved the work schedule as proposed. Residents will be notified of the work to be completed and how it may affect water quality. Council agreed to provide the contractor a site at the campground for \$500 per month while the work is in progress. Policies for employee vacation accrual and carryover were revisited. It was found there would be no added cost to the city to allow the 2 employees affected to carryover 1.5 times their annual accrual to 2023. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve vacation carryover into 2023 of 1.5 times the annual accrual for John Bosshart and Wayne Wiederhoeft. All ayes – motion carried.** **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to adopt Resolution 2022-13 to accept a workforce development grant from Heartland Consumers Power District. All ayes – motion carried.** **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to hire Danielle Williams for a summer seasonal position. All ayes – motion carried.** **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to adopt Ordinance 2022-02 to repeal Subdivision 9 of City Code Section 404.07 relating to collection of an electric franchise fee. All ayes – motion carried.** Approval was given to pay the fee that was recorded as due in 2021.

Approval of Claims

Submitted claims totaled \$201,235.25, checks #39943 - #39976, #39978 - #39992, ACH #319e - #330e, & #500480e. Council asked about the city utility bill for services at the municipal building. It was decided to check the power used throughout the building to see where it can be reduced. Additional information was requested for the invoice from Nick's Body Shop. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve payment of claims, except for Nick's Body Shop. All ayes – motion carried.** Staff was instructed to disconnect gas service at the Bau property.

Approval of Financials

Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve March 2022 financials as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Old Business

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to move forward with hazard abatement at 109 West 2nd Street South. All ayes – motion carried. Staff will contact Martin County regarding assistance with the cost of demolition.

New Business

Council was provided an update from the planning and zoning meeting held earlier today. The commission will put forward an ordinance amendment to allow a wood floor with anchors on utility buildings. A public hearing will be set for the next regular council meeting.

Council may consider holding summer meetings in the fire department meeting room on hot days. Notice will be provided as required.

Discussion was held on alternatives for the Bau property. It was suggested the council meet at the property to look at what needs to be done. A ballpark estimate for the cost to demolish structures on the property will be obtained for further discussion at the next meeting.

Police Chief Jobe briefly reviewed department business.

Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk