

Truman City Council Minutes
June 6, 2022

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 6th day of June 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Mayor Terry Bentele, Councilor Brandon Mosloski.

Staff present: Utility Foreman Brent Brown, Police Chief Justin Jobe, Street Superintendent John Bosshart, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Utility Billing Specialist/Deputy Clerk Carol Becker, Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow, Assistant Ambulance Director Matt Lange.

Also Present: Jennifer Brookens Truman Tribune, Cathy Sorenson.

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

Approval of the Agenda/Additions or Changes

Additions requested included Truman Days, an overhead door for the police department, council meetings in the fire hall meeting room, the Bau property. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve the agenda with additions. All ayes – motion carried.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Ebert to approve minutes from the May 16, 2022 regular meeting with one correction as to staff members present. All ayes – motion carried.

Public Comment

Cathy Sorenson asked about posting a security camera in the park to help prevent mischief and vandalism. Staff discussed putting up the camera where it would be most beneficial. A request was made to have summer help water the flower tubs.

Rural Service District Hearing

The Rural Service District Hearing was called to order at 5:40 p.m. to take public comment on Ordinance 2022-04 to amend Ordinance 2021-2 and an ordinance established by the Minnesota municipal Commission dated November 30, 1973 which established a Rural and Urban Service District in the City of Truman. No Comments were made by those present. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to introduce Ordinance 2022-04 to amend the Rural and Urban Service District. All ayes – motion carried.** The ordinance will be considered for adoption at the June 20, 2022 council meeting.

Ordinance 2022-03

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-03 to amend zoning code for utility buildings. All ayes – motion carried.

Utility Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown provided an update for the ongoing water project. Silica sand is making its way outside of the construction area. The contractor will be consulted to try to minimize this concern.

Street Department

Street Superintendent John Bosshart updated the council regarding the 5th Street drainage problem. Greg Mitchell with Bolton & Menk will be meeting with contractors to go over the plan to install an 8" tile on the south side of the street.

Ambulance Department

Director Josh Kitzerow and Assistant Director Matt Lange provided the council information from Transmedic, an alternative provider of ambulance billing. They have a lower charge of \$28 for each run. The onboarding fee is \$1000. It was their recommendation to terminate the agreement with Expert Billing due to collection and service concerns. There is a 60-day cancellation clause in that agreement. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to approve switching to Transmedic for ambulance billing services. All ayes – motion carried.**

Pool Business

Faith Clow provided the council with an update on replacement of the carpet at the mini-golf course. The project was approved last year but did not get done. Carpet prices have increased and the estimated cost is \$7,500, plus installation. Approval was given to replace the carpet using the mini-golf reserve fund.

Approval of Claims

Submitted claims totaled \$98,887.63, checks #39977, #39993-39997, #40001-40042, ACH #331e - #346e, #500491e, #500495e, #500498e, #500510e. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Ebert to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried.**

Approval of Financials

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to approve April 2022 financials as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Old Business

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Ebert to set the wage for the baseball association summer help at \$10.00 per hour. All ayes – motion carried.

New Business

Council reviewed the rate paid to Darold Nienhaus for building inspection and zoning enforcement services. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to increase the rate to \$5,200 per year. All ayes – motion carried.**

Plans for this year's cleanup day were briefly discussed. Councilor Truax will begin planning with Mayor Bentele for the event to be held at Prairieland this fall.

The process to monitor and collect camping payments was reviewed. Chief Jobe will continue to collect payments from the lock box and will verify that all have permits posted at their site and payment has been placed in the box.

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to accept a bid from Asbestrol for \$3640.00 to remove hazardous material from 109 W 2nd St S. All ayes – motion carried.

Council reviewed an estimate for the cost to clear the Bau property for \$89,975. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting to decide how to move forward with the project.

Chief Jobe advised the cost of an insulated overhead garage door is \$1770 installed. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve the purchase. All ayes – motion carried.**

Councilor Truax provided an update for Truman Days. Discussion took place regarding the need to have someone clean the restrooms if they are left open during the festival, or if they should be locked. It was decided to keep them open if summer help is available to keep them clean.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to move council meetings from council chambers to the fire hall meeting room at the Municipal Building through the summer. All ayes – motion carried. Appropriate notice will be posted.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk