

Truman City Council Minutes
August 1, 2022

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building in the fire department meeting room on the 1st day of August, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Staff present: Utility Foreman Brent Brown, Police Chief Justin Jobe, Street Department Wayne Wiederhoeft, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Utility Billing Specialist/Deputy Clerk Carol Becker.

Also Present: Kim Breamer, Nancy Salic and Donna Kotewa Truman Days, Jennifer Brookens Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrahe Fairmont Sentinel.

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

Additions to the agenda included the pool.

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda. All Ayes - motion carried.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve minutes of the July 18, 2022 regular meeting. All Ayes - motion carried. The work session scheduled for Thursday, July 26th was not held as a quorum of the council was not present.

Public Comment

None

Truman Days

Nancy Salic and Donna Kotewa reviewed Truman Days 2022. Discussion took place regarding if the 2023 celebration would be held on the third or fourth weekend in July. The council advised it should be planned around other area festivals. It was decided to plan for the weekend of July 21, 2023. Also discussed was cleaning and maintenance work needed at the park. Additional 50-amp services are needed for vendors. Brown will put together a cost estimate for two new services to consider at the next council meeting. Councilor Truax asked for the floors in the restrooms at the park to be power washed a couple of times a year, for trash containers to be added to the restroom stalls, and for a broken TP holder to be replaced. Volunteers are needed to begin planning for 2023 and for the 125th celebration in two years. The city will advertise the need for volunteers. Mayor Bentele expressed appreciation to committee members and volunteers who made the festival possible.

Utility Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown advised the water tower is back online. Verizon is expected to reinstall their equipment soon. The second phase of the project, rehab of the filter, will go out for bids soon. Pay request #2 for the water tower project to G & L Tank for \$241,632.50 is included in claims to be approved.

Campground Receipts and Oversight

Discussion took place regarding collection of receipts from the campground and how to make sure the appropriate fees are being paid. Brown advised there are now clips on the posts so campers can post their tag after paying the fee. Signs have been added to each site listing the daily charge for the site. There is concern about the number of keys available for the lock box. It was decided to change the lock so keys can be tracked. The police department has been collecting receipts and bringing the envelopes to the office. The council decided to have them continue doing so daily, to check that the envelopes are completely filled out so office staff can determine if the appropriate fee is enclosed, and to have them check campsites to make sure all have a tag posted. If there are multiple campers in a site, each must pay the full daily charge for the site. A spreadsheet will be made to aid in tracking rental of sites so officers can share that information with each other as they go on and off duty. A policy will be drafted to help clarify the process.

Approval of Claims

Discussion took place regarding invoices from S & J Excavating for water line repair to clarify if the city is responsible for those expenses. Brown explained there are some water lines that were put in by developers years ago that are not up to code, so the city has not taken possession of them. They are therefore considered private water lines and the city is not responsible for repair costs. Council advised a written policy is needed to detail who is responsible for those water lines, and residents who are serviced by them need to be made aware of it.

Submitted claims totaled \$324,330.16, Checks #40167 - #40210, ACH #377E - #386E, #500597E.
Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried.

Old Business

The Bau property was briefly discussed. The city attorney was consulted, and he provided details for options available to the city. Estimates for cleanup of the property came in from Rosburg Construction, S & J Excavating, and Beemer Companies. It was decided to schedule a special meeting to consider the estimates and alternatives for the property, to be held on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the fire hall meeting room at the Municipal Building.

Brown provided a status update for the 5th Street drainage project. Greg Mitchell with Bolton and Menk will have cost estimates for the council to consider at the next council meeting. He is also working on plans and specs for the campground addition, which are required to obtain a permit for the project.

New Business

Wayne Wiederhoeft provided a pool update. When the water tower was put back online, it is believed to have caused a chemical reaction that produced a gray film on the sides and bottom of the pool that cannot be scrubbed off. The film makes it difficult to see the bottom of the pool, and the

main drain, which means legally the pool must be closed. Unless a solution is found, the pool will have to be drained, cleaned and repainted. By the time that work could be completed, and the pool could be refilled, the season would be over. It was decided to try to pressure wash the bottom to see if the stains come off. If not, the pool will remain closed. Kim Breamer asked about how the city would handle refunds for passes and swimming lessons if it stays closed. There may be work available for lifeguards in other city departments. Breamer will ask if any of them are interested, and she will advise Brown if so. Further discussion about the pool will take place at the special meeting on Thursday.

The new ambulance billing service, TransMedic, provided recommendations for updated service rates. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the new services rates as recommended, effective immediately. All ayes – motion carried.**

Information from the League of MN Cities was provided to the council regarding a new cannabinoid law recently passed by the State of Minnesota. It allows for the sale of certain edible and beverage products infused with THC. Staff will continue to monitor the situation to see how other cities deal with the new law, and what options are available for the city to license or regulate local retailers selling the products.

Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk