

Truman City Council Minutes
January 2, 2024

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 2nd day of January, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilors Patty Truax and Ron Kelley.

Absent: Councilors Chris Mosloski and Brian Nickerson.

Staff present: Street Superintendent John Bosshart, Utility Foreman Brent Brown, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Utility Billing Specialist/Deputy Clerk Carol Becker, Interim Police Chief Mike Schutz.

Also present: Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel, Joseph Kreiss Truman Tribune.

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

Approval of Agenda/Additions or Changes

Items added to the agenda: Ordering plow/wing, Bau property proposal, Hiring part-time seasonal worker. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to approve the agenda with the additions. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to approve minutes of the December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Duty Assignments

Duty assignments for 2024 were announced. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to approve the duty assignments for 2024. All ayes – motion carried.**

Utility Department Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown advised council that a representative from the insurance company was in to look at the roof leak above the utility office. Interior damage is covered by insurance but the roof repair is general maintenance expense. Both that roof and the adjacent police building roof are in poor condition. Cost estimates and options will be obtained. A request was made for approval to order the excavator that is in the 2024 budget. Including attachments, the state bid cost is \$89,511. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve placing the order as requested. All ayes – motion carried.** Brown requested permission to rehire Colton Urban for part-time seasonal help in the utility department, not to exceed 6 months. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve the request. All ayes- motion carried.**

Baseball Association Correspondence

Council reviewed a letter from the Truman Baseball Association that questions payment of a bill from the city for moving rock to their ballfield at their request. Discussion followed regarding various costs incurred by the city on behalf of the baseball association for the ballfield owned by the school. The city clerk was asked to draft a letter detailing the expenses, with questions the council has regarding management of the school ballfield, along with an invitation for the board of directors to attend an upcoming council meeting to discuss the issues.

Resolution 2024-01 to Appoint Election Judges

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2024-01 to appoint election judges for the 2024 Presidential Primary. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2024-02 to Approve DNR Grant Application

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2024-02 to approve application for an outdoor recreation grant from the DNR. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2024-03 to Accept Grant Funds

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2024-03 to accept grant funds of \$5000 from Heartland Energy to reimburse the city for service improvements to a new business location. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2024-04 to Adopt the 2024 Fees and Charges Schedule

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2024-04 to approve the 2024 fees and charges schedule. All ayes – motion carried. Clarification was provided regarding the fee for a peddlers license. A license is available for a period of days or as an annual license and the fee is \$100 regardless of the time period selected.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$208,781.46. Checks #41620 - #41622, #41624 - #41657, ACH #727E - #736E, #501243E, #501254E and #501256E.

Old Business

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to approve the Facility Use Policy as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

New Business

Street Superintendent John Bosshart provided an estimate from TBEI for a plow with a wing at a cost of \$51,995. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to approve ordering the plow/wing as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

Council considered a proposal from Rosburg Construction for removal of 17 marked trees from the Bau property for \$10,000. The city clerk was directed to send Rosburg a copy of his original bid for cleanup of the property that included removal of all trees and to invite him to a council meeting if he has questions.

Mayor Ebert asked Interim Chief Schutz about looking for a part-time officer to hire to fill in as needed. The wage is to be determined. Schutz advised of the high cost related to hiring an officer and that they often don't stay long. A retired officer looking for work might be an option.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk /Treasurer