

Truman City Council Minutes

January 5, 2026

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 5th day of January 2026 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilors Ron Kelley, Chris Mosloski, Danielle Williams, and Chad Truax.

Absent: None.

Staff present: City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Specialist Carol Becker, Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown, Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski, Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow.

Also present: Patty Truax, Michael Peterson, Cory Ballard & Matt Owens Martin County Sheriff's Department, Rachael Jaeger Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel.

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

Discussion of property in the 200 Block of West Ciro was added to new business. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Public Comment

Patty Truax addressed the council regarding pool staffing for the upcoming season. Last year's lifeguards will be contacted to determine who will return to work this summer. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Duty Assignments

Mayor Ebert announced 2026 duty assignments. Weed and dog control will be Wayne Wiederhoeft; the planning and zoning advisory board will be dissolved. All other assignments will stay the same. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve 2026 duty assignments. All ayes – motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Kelley to approve minutes of the December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Michael Peterson requested to address the council about an invoice for sidewalk snow removal. Peterson stated he had already cleared snow prior to the city doing it again. He will continue to clear his sidewalk as needed and does not want to be charged in the future.

Martin County Sheriff's Office Report

Sergeant Cory Ballard and Deputy Matt Owens introduced a new member of the department. A report listing 2025 calls for service was reviewed, and status updates for significant incidents were provided. Council requested a calls for service report be provided quarterly. Ballard stated the report will be provided monthly.

Fire Department Quarterly Report

Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski stated there were seventeen runs in 2025. The department has 24 members, with four available openings. Valve replacement on engine #3 will cost \$7,400. The budget, departmental reserves, and call fees were discussed. Mosloski recommended adding an Incident Response fee of \$500 to the fee schedule, an EMS Standby Fee when the ambulance department responds to a fire scene, and a charge when the fire department is called out for a lift assist. Mosloski proposed holding a meeting with township officials in February, prior to their annual March meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday, February 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Ambulance Department Quarterly Report

Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow stated there were 202 calls in 2025. There are sixteen members currently, with additional members needed. Kitzerow provided a work plan and budget for the OEMS grant discussed at the last meeting. The grant funds are proposed to be used for weekend and holiday personnel costs, training expenses, and medical supplies. The department is evaluating the fee charged for providing medical coverage for events and will be streamlining the payroll process for efficiency. The new radios are working well for the department.

Public Works Quarterly Report

Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown advised he is researching options for a snowplow for the loader. Equipment maintenance and departmental training are ongoing. A watermain break on 2nd Avenue was repaired earlier today. Council reviewed scale drawings from Bolton & Menk for homes at Jones Subdivision for marketing use. CEDA will be asked to assist with marketing the lots. Discussion continued regarding adding flashing stop signs to an intersection by the school. The school is working on a plan for bus parking. It was decided to add stop signs to the opposite side of the street to help with the problem for now. Christmas decorations were briefly discussed, and approval was given to replace a couple each year, when there are deals after the holidays. Sidewalk snow removal was discussed to confirm the ordinance requires they be cleared the entire width of the sidewalk. It has become a problem with renters forgetting to pick up a key when renting the Community Building. A sign will be posted on the door to indicate who they should contact if the city office is closed. It was noted that the fire department has key #6. Councilor Truax advised that Truman Tavern is planning to serve at an upcoming event at the Community Building. The city clerk advised they did not add that location when they applied for a liquor license, and they do not have the required insurance coverage. Truax will speak to the owner regarding the issue. Superintendent Brown advised he has 16 hours of vacation at year-end over the maximum carry-over limit. He requested approval to carry the hours into 2026. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve carry-over of the extra 16 hours of vacation time. All ayes – motion carried.**

Bolton and Menk Amendment to Task Order for Professional Services

Council reviewed Task Order No. 1, Amendment No. 2, for environmental review services for the Highway 15 sidewalk project. The MnDot Office of Environmental Stewardship is requiring, and paying for, the review with an estimated cost of between \$1,500 and \$2,000. The State will update their agreement with Martin County, as the fiscal agent for the project. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve Task Order No. 1, Amendment No. 2, for environmental review services. All ayes – motion carried.**

Resolution 2026-06 to Ratify the IBEW Local #160 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2026-06 to approve the 2026-2028 labor agreement between the City of Truman and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local #160. All ayes – motion carried.

Liability Coverage Waiver Form

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to not waive monetary limits on municipal tort liability. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2026-05 to Adopt the 2026 Fee and Charges Schedule

Discussion continued regarding a fee for fire department lift assists calls and for the ambulance assisting at fire scenes. The following fees will be added to the fee schedule: \$150 for fire department lift assist calls; \$150 per hour, after the first two hours, for ambulance assistance at fire scenes; and \$500 for Incident Response by the fire department. The \$100 application fee for a variance, conditional use permit, special use permit, and rezoning will be increased to \$200. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to Adopt Resolution 2026-05 to approve the 2026 fee and charges schedule as amended. All ayes – motion carried.**

Resolution 2026-03 to Authorize Automated Clearing House Payments

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2026-03 to authorize automated clearing house (ACH) payments. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2026-01, 2026-02, 2026-04, and 2026-07 to Accept Donations

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolutions 2026-01, 2026-02, 2026-04 and 2026-07 to accept donations received. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2026-08 to Authorize a Transfer of Funds

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2026-08 to authorize a transfer of funds for the campground expansion project. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$288,741.29. Checks #43372 - #43385, #43388 - #43400, #43409 - #43442, ACH #1236E - #1246E, #502060E, #502063E, and #502074E.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Councilor Kelley heard from a resident requesting to add an accessory building or shed to a lot in the 200 block of W. Ciro Street. The lot is zoned B-2, Central Business District. Sheds and accessory buildings are not allowed when there is no principal building, although they may be added prior to construction of the principal building with a conditional use permit. The resident will be advised to apply for a conditional use permit, or a variance, depending on the desired form of construction and use for the property.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer