

Truman Council Minutes

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building and by electronic means remotely via Zoom on the 16th day of November 2020 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Mayor Lynn Brownlee, Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, Councilor Brandon Mosloski, and Councilor Brian Nickerson

Staff present: Brenda Nielsen City Clerk, Thea Boesch Deputy Clerk, Brent Brown Utility Foreman, Justin Jobe Police Chief, John Bosshart Streets Department, Faith Clow (Cemetery)

Mayor Lynn Brownlee presided over the meeting, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment

Jennifer Brookens expressed concerns over the Canvassing Special meeting last week, she was not informed of such meeting. The Clerk stated it was an oversight and asked she request in writing to be informed of future special meetings per our city code as there is nothing on file in the office requiring the City to provide notice to her. The special meeting notice was posted at City hall, Post Office, and Municipal Building three days before the meeting.

Police Department

Chief Jobe discussed an invoice from the Martin County Sherriff's office for storage of evidence in a large case. Martin County Sherriff's department has been storing the evidence since August of 2019. They have started to charge the police department \$150 monthly for the storage of the evidence and waived previous charges since August 2019. Discussion took place around moving the street guys over to the public utilities building as previously discussed by council since we are one entity now. The council also discussed the use of shipping storage container as a possible storage option, and revamping the old police building into a secured evidence storage facility. The Clerk will follow up with the Building Inspector to see if the police building can be converted like we discussed. **Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson and motion carried to approve to pay the Martin County Sheriff's invoice and continue a month to month basis until the council finds a different permanent solution.**

Cemetery Business

Faith Clow discussed an issue with a client for the cemetery and purchasing of the emblems for the head stone. When their wife passed, he was over the planning mourning his wife and did not purchase the emblems for his side under the original sale Faith reported. Faith would like permission to sell them at wholesale cost plus tax to get the cost down to the original offer. **Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Kathy Hendricksen and motion carried to approve the one-time sale at wholesale cost plus sales tax.**

Special Assessments

Discussion took place around the interest rate for special assessments and lowering the previous set rate of 6% to 4% or 5%. Councilor Nickerson discussed the city should meet in the middle at 4.5% for the 2020 interest rate. **Motion made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor**

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Brandon Mosloski and motion carried to approve a 4.5% interest rate for the special assessment roll being certified to the County.

Council reviewed the assessment roll to be certified to the County along with Resolution No. 2020-32 Adopting Assessments for Unpaid Charges. **Motion made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, and motion carried to approve Resolution No. 2020-32 Adopting Assessments for Unpaid Charges.**

HR Discussion

Discussion took place around job descriptions and looking at the future needs of the City before locking the old descriptions into contracts with the union as the city finalizes the merger. The Clerk also discussed how Banyon payroll uses department codes to assign wage for hours worked to expense them across the departments for better accounting practices of wages expenses. She explained a two-paper timecard system would track the hours for the department accurately instead of spending money on a program like the program the city demo previously.

Union Negotiations

Mayor Lynn Brownlee entertained a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 for purposes of discussing labor negotiations for the Street department. **Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson and motion carried to close the meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 for purposes of discussing labor negotiations for the Street Department.**

Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Kathy Hendricksen and motion carried to open back to an open session.

Mayor Lynn Brownlee entertained a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 for purposes of discussing labor negotiations regarding the proposal submitted by Law Enforcement Labor Services. **Motion made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor Brandon Mosloski and motion carried to close the meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 for purposes of discussing labor negotiations for the Police Department.**

Motion made by Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson and motion carried to open back to an open session.

Budget Discussion

Mayor Brownlee discussed writing a letter to the editor explaining the tax levy was not increased due to errors last year to help shed light on the proposed large increase for this year tax levy.

Discussion took place around budgeting the cost of Banyon back to the reserve over a 3-year period. Discussion took around salaries for the proposed increases and putting \$7000 in the budget for the proposed increases.

Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and carried to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on November 2, 2020 and Special Council Meeting November 12, 2020 with the approved corrections.

Utility & City Claims

Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson and motion carried to approve the Utility Claims.

Motion Made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, and motion carried to approve the City Claims.

New Business

Councilor Kathy Hendricksen noticed an error in the title of the building location as it should be the Municipal building. Resolution 2020-28 approving 2021 polling place. The Clerk will bring an amendment to the next meeting for resolution 2020-28.

Councilor Kathy Hendricksen also discussed the parking issues going on at the school and how is that going to work for snow removal along the school. She also expressed concerns over the enforcement of the snow removal along sidewalks throughout town.

Councilor Brian Nickerson expressed concern over the governor orders with the small business in town and how can they survive.

Councilor Kathy Hendricksen expressed concerns with the Craft sale at the Community building and operating at 50% per the Governor's executive orders, who monitors this, and what is the capacity for the big room at the community building.

Councilor Brandon Mosloski brought concerns of the gravel need to be filled in some of the alleys. He asked John Bosshart if there was money put in the budget for the gravel.

Councilor Brandon Mosloski raised a question about voting on fire department issues if this was going to be conflict of interest for a new member like himself and would that leave the city with a quorum for voting on these issues. The Clerk will reach out to the league to get answer to this question.

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Mayor Brownlee discussed the interested party in the old grocery store has put an offer of \$3000 for the store. Questions were raised about the electric and getting power ran back into the building and the cost.

Discussion took place around the MN PARA roof and the quotes received. **Motion made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Brandon Mosloski to approve the Schwickert's quote for \$2600 for the repair work needed to be done.**

Mayor Brownlee discussed Carl Bosshart concerns over wanting an answer on digging back out the ditch he wanted the city to fill in years ago.

Mayor Lynn Brownlee entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor Brandon Mosloski and motion carried to adjourn the meeting.**

Signed, Lynn Brownlee, Mayor

Attested:

Brenda Nielsen CGW, City Clerk/Treasurer