

Truman City Council Minutes
November 20, 2023

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building in the fire department meeting room on the 20th day of November, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilors Patty Truax and Chris Mosloski.

Absent: Councilors Ron Kelley and Brian Nickerson.

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

Also present: Brandon Mosloski, Nikki Meyer 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

Items added to the agenda: Fire department business, Ambulance business, DNR grants. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meetings

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the November 6, 2023 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Fire Department Business

Brandon Mosloski provided fire department officer appointments for 2024: Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski; Assistant Chief 1 & 2 Ron Kelley and Josh Kitzerow; Captains Sam Mendenhall, Chad Truax, Dan Grunig, Bryan Andrews; Safety Officer Logan Werner. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve fire department officer appointments for 2024. All ayes – motion carried.**

Utility Department Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown reviewed details of the capacity sale that is ready for final approval. It is a 10- year contract beginning December 2025. If regulations change during that time, either entity has the ability to cancel the contract as necessary. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the contract for sale of excess capacity. All ayes – motion carried.** The 2024 utility budgets were provided for study. Brown advised of a property lease that will renew in January.

Information will be brought to the next meeting to consider the rate for 2024 due to the increased cost of maintenance and utilities.

October Financial Statements

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve October financial statements. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2023-40 to Contract with a City Official

An invoice from Truax Concrete was submitted for payment for an amount in excess of the estimated cost due to an increase in the scope of work. The street department superintendent was not present so it was decided to pay the amount of the estimate, \$11,512.50, and consider the remaining balance due at the next council meeting. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to adopt the amended Resolution 2023-40 to contract with a city official. Councilor Truax abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion passed 2-0.**

Approval of Claims

Claims were considered, including the final payment for cleanup of the Bau property. Because the project hasn't been finished, half of the final payment will be retained. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve paying \$5,000 to Rosburg Construction. All ayes – motion carried.**

Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve payment of claims, with the revised amounts paid to Rosburg Construction and Truax Concrete. All ayes – motion carried.

Approved claims totaled \$382,054.80. Checks #41481 - #41511, #41513 - #41516, #41518 - #41522, ACH #698E, #701E - #709E, #501198E.

Old Business

A community group has offered to paint the fireplace room at the Community Building at no cost to the city. Approval was given.

New Business

Deputy Clerk Carol Becker reviewed the Community Building project. The project grant was for \$40,000 and donations of \$5,700 were also received. The work is finished, with bills for the roof and flooring yet to be paid.

CEDA is working on DNR grant applications and the amount of matching funds the city has to commit to the pickleball court and for expansion of the campground is needed for the application. The City will commit the amounts held in reserve for these projects, \$15,000 for pickleball and \$103,000 for the campground.

Mayor Ebert asked about a bill that was sent to the Baseball Association. It was sent at the request of the street department. He would like to invite representatives from the association to attend council meetings on a regular basis to discuss financing, organization and expectations, to help keep an open line of communication.

Council considered a request from Brenda Hansen for an increase of \$5.00 per month to \$60 for managing the City website. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve the increase effective January 1, 2024. All ayes – motion carried.**

Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow requested approval to hire Kari Neidecker. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve the request to hire Neidecker pending a satisfactory background check. All ayes – motion carried.** A request was made to approve an increase to weekend and holiday on-call pay from \$40 to \$50 and an increase for the secretary position from \$250 to \$300. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve both pay increases effective January 1, 2024. All ayes – motion carried.** Officer appointments for 2024 were considered: Director Josh Kitzerow; Assistant Director Matt Lange; Captains Ramona Weihe, Brandi Stohs, and Barb Kubly; Secretary Josh Tonkin. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the 2024 officer appoints for the ambulance department. All ayes – motion carried.** Earned sick and safe time was briefly discussed. The fire and ambulance departments will track hours worked by members to advise the city clerk when the 80 hour threshold has been met so leave time can begin to accrue for those individuals, beginning in 2024.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk