

Truman City Council Minutes
November 7, 2022

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 7th day of November, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Mayor Terry Bentele.

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

Also Present: Dani Williams, Josh Kitzerow and Matt Lange Truman Ambulance, Kaleena Wiens, Jason Nickerson, Jennifer Brookens Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel.

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

Approval of Agenda/Additions or Changes

Additions or changes to the agenda: Resolution 2022-25 was removed; Northrop police contract was added under new business. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Ebert to approve minutes of the October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting and the October 18, 2022 Special Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Ambulance Business

Josh Kitzerow and Matt Lange were present to request approval for a revision to the department by-laws that would add a third captain to department officers. Following discussion, **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the amendment to the by-laws as requested, effective in 2023. All ayes- motion carried. Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve sending new department member Alyssa Lauseng to classes. All ayes – motion carried.**

Kitzerow provided a department update. The department was approved to administer the med D10 to regulate blood sugar, there have been 290 runs so far this year, the new cot is due to arrive shortly, and the department received monitors and computers from the DNR at no cost.

Utility Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown reviewed results from bid opening for the water filtration project. Three bids were received. Magney Construction bid \$696,000, Northern Plains Contracting bid

\$600,900, and Rubin Construction bid \$589,000. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to accept the bid from Rubin Construction. All ayes – motion carried.**

Resolution 2022-23 Third Quarter Donations

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2022-23 to accept donations received. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2022-26 MN OSHA Safety Grant

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to adopt Resolution 2022-26 to accept a Safety Grant from the MN Department of Labor and Industry of \$2,500.00. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2022-27 MN DNR Grant

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to adopt Resolution 2022-27 to accept Rural Fire Grant funds from the Minnesota DNR of \$4,982.50. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2022-35 Real Property Donation

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to adopt Resolution 2022-35 to accept the donation of real property from Janice Tennyson. All ayes – motion carried.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to adopt a Conflict-of-Interest Policy. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolutions 2022-28 through 2022-33 to Contract with a City Official

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to adopt Resolutions 2022-28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 to contract with a city official. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2022-34 Responsible Authority for Data Practices

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to appoint City Clerk Melissa Sirovy as the Responsible Authority for the Government Data Practices Act. All ayes – motion carried.

Data Practices Policy and Procedures

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve adoption of the Data Practices Policy and Procedures as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Submitted claims totaled \$114,840.31, Checks #40433 - #40440 & #40442 - #40476, ACH #436E - #451E, #454E, #500694E, & #500706E. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Ebert to approve payment of claims. All ayes - motion carried.**

September 2022 Financial Statements

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve September 2022 Financials.

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All ayes – motion carried. Councilor Mosloski asked if fire department revenue and expenditures could be broken out from the rest of the General Fund, like the pool and cemetery are, to make it easier to verify the financial standing of the department. Options will be explored.

Old Business

Discussion took place regarding scheduling meetings with both unions to negotiate new agreements. Councilors Mosloski and Ebert were appointed to meet with the IBEW Union, and they will try to set a meeting for the afternoon of November 22nd. A second meeting with the LELS Union rep will be held the week of November 21st if the rep is available to attend.

Council reviewed a cannabinoid ordinance drafted by the City of Fairmont. The city attorney will be consulted to draft a similar ordinance for the council to consider.

There are two tablets available for council members to use for meetings in lieu of printing paper meeting packets. It was decided to set them up for Councilors Ebert and Nickerson to use. Approval was given to order one more to replace one that doesn't work.

Results from the November 8th General Election are required to be canvassed by the city council during the week of November 14th so they can be certified to Martin County. It was decided to hold a special meeting on November 17th at 4:30 pm for that purpose.

Councilor Mosloski asked about when the Northrop police contract was last updated. Information will be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

Councilor Mosloski asked about the water problem discussed at the last meeting and if additional jetting had been done since then. Street Superintendent John Bosshart said it had not, but he plans to do so. There had been no noticeable water problem in that area for some time. Mosloski asked about getting Jetter Clean in to televise. Bosshart didn't feel that would be helpful because there is a corner in the line and they likely couldn't get around it. A manhole could be added there so it is a straight line to jet and televise. Foreman Brown has Empire coming in for another project and he will ask them if they can try to televise and locate the line while they are here.

The proposed 2023 city budget and utility budgets will be discussed at the November 21st meeting.

Council approved closure of the city office on the day after Thanksgiving.

Jason Nickerson was present to ask about the lift station at the nursing home, who owns it and who is responsible for maintaining it. Bosshart stated it is owned by the nursing home. They would need to hire someone to maintain it as needed. Bosshart agreed to work with Nickerson to answer questions about operating the equipment.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk