

**Truman City Council Work Session
November 8, 2021**

The Truman City Council Work Session was held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 8th day of November 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Terry Bentele, Councilor Jake Ebert, Councilor Brandon Mosloski, and Councilor Brian Nickerson

Absent: Councilor Patty Truax

Staff present: Utility Billing Specialist/Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch, Utility Foreman Brent Brown, Street Superintendent John Bosshart and Police Chief Justin Jobe

Agenda

Discuss/Review 2022 Budget: Council reviewed the preliminary budget that was approved in September and discussed possible areas where they could cut some expenses. One place they looked was in the capital outlay they have a garage door/construction of the old PD building, splitting that \$10,000 between two years instead of all in 2022. Police Chief Justin Jobe said that that figure was on the high side to begin with as he has not received quotes yet on that job. The project includes opening up the north end of the building and installing an overhead door and demoing a wall inside the building. Therefore, \$5,000 may cover the cost for that project. Another discussion was held around the engineering expenses, some of those engineering costs should be coming from the money set aside for those specific projects. So, the general engineering costs could be cut down to \$2,500 from \$7,000. Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch also explained to the council that the IT Support was all lumped together in the general fund, and needed to be split out by department, and the Police Dept had the telephone and IT support combined. So, after going through the costs year-to-date, adjustments needed to be made in that expense added up to an increase of \$1,300. They also discussed cutting the police squad car in the capital outlay back to \$20,000 for 2022 and 2023. That would save an additional \$5,000 from the budget for next year. Council discussed with Street Superintendent John Bosshart if there is any possible way to cut a little expense on the sealcoating line item. No decision to make cuts in sealcoating was made.

Motion made by Ebert seconded by Nickerson to adjourn the work session.
Mayor Bentele adjourned the work session at 2:29 p.m.

Thea Boesch, Utility Billing Spec./Deputy Clerk