

**Truman City Council Minutes**  
**December 5, 2022**

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Patty Truax.

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

Also Present: Dave Bentz Fire Chief, Ron Kelley, John Barrett, Joseph Kreiss Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel.

Mayor Terry Bentele 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: Planning and Zoning added to New Business. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve the agenda with the addition. All ayes - motion carried.**

Minutes of Regular Meeting and Work Session

**Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve minutes of the November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting with the addition of Justin Jobe listed under staff present. All ayes - motion carried. Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve minutes of the November 28, 2022 Work Session. All ayes – motion carried.**

Public Comment

None.

Fire Department Business

Fire Chief Dave Bentz requested approval for an increase in the number of firefighters on the roster. The squad is at 28 but there are two qualified applicants he would like to hire. The increase would be temporary, with the roster brought down as members retire. There is gear available and grants will be sought if needed. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve adding two positions temporarily to bring the roster to 30. All ayes – motion carried.**

Utility Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown advised that lights have been put up for the holidays.

Administrative Assistant Position

Consideration was given to making a step adjustment due to the duties and responsibilities for that position. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve an advance to year 4 on January 1, and to year 5 on the anniversary date of February 23. All ayes – motion carried.**

Resolution 2022-41 Utility Rate Adjustments for 2023

**Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to adopt Resolution 2022-41 to set water, wastewater and electric utility rates for 2023. All ayes – motion carried.**

Ordinance 2022-05 to Regulate Tetrahydrocannabinol Products

**Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to Adopt Ordinance 2022-05 to regulate the sale of certain edible and beverage products infused with tetrahydrocannabinol products. All ayes – motion carried. Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to adopt Resolution 2022-39 to authorize implementation of a license fee for cannabinoid dealers in the City of Truman. All ayes – motion carried.**

IBEW Local 160 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Consideration was given to a proposed agreement for 2023-2025. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve the IBEW Local 160 collective bargaining agreement renewal proposal for 2023-2025. All ayes – motion carried.**

Resolution 2022-42 to Contract with a City Official

**Motion made by Council Member Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to adopt Resolution 2022-42 to contract with a city official. All ayes – motion carried.**

Approval of Claims

Submitted claims totaled \$93,194.31, Checks #40521 - #40541, #40543 - #40555, ACH #465e - #471e, and #500745e. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve payment of claims. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve October, 2022 Financial Statements

**Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve October, 2022 financial statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.**

Truth in Taxation Hearing

The time being 6:00 P.M., the Truth in Taxation Hearing was called to order. Mayor Bentele shared details of the proposed 2023 budget and levy and those present were invited to comment and ask questions. During a recent council work session, the levy was brought down from 13.07% to 6.7% to reduce taxes payable in 2023. Discussion included how increases to a property's taxable market value can affect the portion of taxes payable by the property owner. There being no further comment from those present, the public hearing was closed at 6:15 P.M.

Resolution 2022-38 to Accept Contribution

**Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to adopt Resolution 2022-38 to accept a contribution of \$5,520 from Martin County to assist with hazard mitigation on a tax forfeited property. All ayes – motion carried.**

Resolution 2022-40 to Designate Precinct Polling Place

**Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to adopt Resolution 2022-40 to designate the precinct polling place for 2023 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 204B.14. All ayes – motion carried.**

Old Business

None.

New Business

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Jake Ebert asked for thoughts on reorganizing the commission to help provide more timely decisions for zoning requests. It can be difficult to gather a quorum of commissioners for meetings. The city council can act as the planning and zoning commission so meetings can be held in conjunction with council meetings. The building inspector would be invited to attend meetings for professional guidance. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Ebert to amend city ordinance to designate the city council to act as the planning and zoning commission. All ayes - motion carried.**

Police Chief Justin Jobe advised the council that Officer Schutz has been cleared to return to work to attend an upcoming training seminar. He is not yet able to return to duty so he will drive his personal vehicle. Discussion followed regarding paying wages for job related travel time. The city clerk will research the matter.

**Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve renewal of a refuse license for Hometown Sanitation for 2023. All ayes - motion carried.**

Council considered a letter of resignation from the pool commission from Kim Breamer. The matter was tabled until Mayor Bentele and Councilor Ebert meet with her.

Review 2023 budget and levy

**Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Ebert to adopt Resolution 2022-43 to approve the levy collectible in 2023 of \$557,917.00, and to approve the 2023 city and utilities budgets. All ayes – motion carried.**

**Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.**

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Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk