

Truman City Council Minutes
December 1, 2025

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 1st day of December 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilors Chris Mosloski, Danielle Williams, and Chad Truax.

Absent: Councilor Ron Kelley.

Staff present: City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Specialist Carol Becker, Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown.

Also present: Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel, Rachael Jaeger Truman Tribune.

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

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda. All ayes - motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the November 17, 2025, Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Martin County Sheriff Department Report

Not present due to an emergency.

Fire and Ambulance Department Officer Appointments

Officer appointments were postponed until the next meeting.

Public Works Business

Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown provided the proposed utility budgets to council. Wastewater rates are proposed to increase by 3%. Capital outlay and insurance expenses were reviewed. Water department rates are proposed to increase by 5%. Repair and maintenance expense being the main factor. Electric rates are proposed to increase by an average of 3%, with a proposed increase in base charges (fixed costs), but no increase to usage charge (per kwh charge). Large demand customers will likely see a decrease in bills; small commercial will likely see an increase in bills. Staff would like to have an opportunity to explain the changes to those affected and help find ways to reduce demand at peak time. Other factors discussed included overhead conversion, transformer upgrades, and the purchase of a plow/trencher.

Flashing stop signs for the intersection by the school would cost \$1,800 each, with three needed. No information was available regarding parking issues that were discussed at the last meeting. No action was taken at this time.

Resolution 2025-50 to Accept MN-OSHA Safety Grant

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-50 to accept a MN-OSHA safety grant of \$950. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of October 2025 Financial Statements

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the October 2025 financial statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Council Member Chad Truax left the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Williams to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$67,848.21. Checks #43285 - #43315, ACH #1216E - #1223E, and #502019E.

Approve License Renewals

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Mosloski to approve renewal of Refuse Licenses for Hometown Sanitation, Hansen Sanitation, CM Sanitation, Waste Management, and West Central Sanitation. All ayes – motion carried.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Williams to approve renewal of Tobacco Licenses for Casey's General Store and Dollar General. All ayes – motion carried.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

The Truth in Taxation Public Hearing was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Council reviewed the proposed 2026 budget and levy. Mayor Ebert called for comments from those present. Doug and Rachelle Payne were concerned about a 30% increase in their property taxes over the past two years. Council Members spoke about city expenses that are driving increases in the levy. City Clerk Melissa Sirovy explained that a portion of that increase is because residential property values have increased substantially due to sale prices for property exceeding taxable market value in recent years. Following discussion, the public hearing was closed. The 2026 budget and levy will be considered for adoption at the December 15th council meeting.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Williams to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer

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