

Truman City Council Minutes December 16, 2024

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 16th day of December, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilors Brian Nickerson, Patty Truax, and Ron Kelley.

Absent: Councilor Chris Mosloski.

Staff present: Street Superintendent John Bosshart, Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk Carol Becker, Assistant Ambulance Director Matt Lange, Ambulance Member Ramona Weihe.

Also present: Danielle Williams, Chad Truax, Joseph Kreiss Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel, Molly Markquart.

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

The administrative assistant position, advertising for lifeguards, and discussion of an email from the fire chief were added to the agenda. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meetings

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the December 2, 2024 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Molly Markquart spoke about moving the Truman Days street dance from the park to back to Ciro Street. Providing power for the band was a concern. Superintendent Brown will look into it and report back to council.

Congressman Brad Finstad

District Outreach Representative David Wing from Congressman Finstad's office presented the council with a congratulatory certificate for the 125th Anniversary of the City of Truman that was celebrated at Truman Days this year.

Public Works Business

Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown provided a list of surplus equipment that could be sold upon council approval. Listed were a grain truck, mower, snowblower, generator and a gas drill. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to designate the items as surplus and approve selling via online auction. All ayes – motion carried.** Plans for the campground will be done soon and bid opening is anticipated in January. Additional quotes came in for pickleball and the cost is

between \$33,000 to \$34,000 without lights, a fence or equipment. More information will be available in late January. Maps of the lots in Jones Subdivision were reviewed. The city attorney is drafting a purchase agreement to be used for sale of the lots. The union is drafting language for the addition of a part-time administrative assistant position. A committee of two council members was requested to meet with the union. Mayor Ebert and Councilor Kelley agreed to do so in early January.

Resolution 2024-54 to Request a MNDOT Speed Study

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to adopt Resolution 2024-54 to request a speed study on MN State Highway 15. All ayes – motion carried.

Ambulance Business

It was advised that the council may proceed with approval to hire Tim Cook as an EMR on the Ambulance Department. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve hiring Tim Cook in the Ambulance Department. All ayes – motion carried.**

Councilor Kelley reviewed an email from Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski. There is concern about a lack of space in the fire hall and thoughts on how this may be remedied. The third ambulance rig was traded in when the new rig was purchased earlier this year. The intent was not to replace that rig when it was gone, but the department still has three ambulances. Assistant Director Matt Lange recommended holding a joint meeting of the fire and ambulance departments to discuss this further. Council requested information from ambulance staff regarding the value and benefit of having a third ambulance rig, which will be brought to the first council meeting in February.

License Renewals

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve renewal of the Sanitation License for Waste Management, pending receipt of the license fee. All ayes – motion carried.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to approve renewal of Aardvark's On/Off Sale and Sunday liquor licenses, pending completion of the background check by Martin County. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2024-52 to Accept Donations

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2024-52 to accept donations received in November, 2024. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2024-53 to Authorize an Interfund Transfer and Loan Payment

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2024-53 to authorize an interfund transfer and loan repayments as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.

November Financial Statements

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve November Financial Statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes - motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$214,930.58. Checks #42463, #42468, #42471, #42480, #42481, #42484 - #42500, #42503 - #42538, ACH #982E - #992E, #501647E and #501668E.

Old Business

No lifeguard applications have come in from the ad that was placed. It was decided to run it again with a notation that training begins in January and classes fill quickly. Notices will be sent to area schools as well. Wages were discussed further. Council requested the number of lifeguard hours worked at the pool in a given summer for further discussion.

New Business

The office schedule on Christmas Eve was considered and staff may vary work hours that day if desired.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer