

**Truman City Council Minutes
December 19, 2022**

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 19th day of December, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Patty Truax, Councilor Jake Ebert.

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

Also Present: Chris Mosloski, Wayne Wille, Joseph Kreiss Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrahe 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

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve minutes of the December 5, 2022 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Utility Business

None

Resolution 2022-44 Interfund Loan Repayments

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to adopt Resolution 2022-44 to approve interfund loan repayments from the Water Fund to the Electric Fund of \$36,000, using funds from the Infrastructure Fund. All ayes – motion carried.

Zoning Request

A zoning request application from Wayne Wille was considered at a meeting of the Planning Commission on December 15, 2022. The application is for a variance to the side yard setback for a

utility building which would also use more than 30% of the open space on the property. The Commission voted to recommend council approval of the variance. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve a variance for Wayne Wille for a utility building as requested. All ayes – motion carried.**

License Renewals

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve renewal of refuse licenses for Waste Management, Hansen Sanitation, and Madelia Sanitation. All ayes – motion carried.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve renewal of On-Sale, Off-Sale, and Sunday liquor licenses, and games and music box licenses, for Aardvark's Bar & Grill. All Ayes – motion carried.

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

Gambling Permit Application

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to approve a Minnesota lawful gambling permit application from Southern Minnesota Ducks Unlimited. All ayes – motion carried.

Liability Coverage Waiver

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to not waive monetary limits on tort liability. All ayes – motion carried.

2023 Property Rent

Council discussed the 2023 rental rate for the Bau property. It was decided to meet with the renter to discuss an increase to \$250 per acre. The rental agreement with MN Para Transit was reviewed and it was decided to draft a renewal agreement with the same terms as in 2022.

Neuenschwander/Selnes Property

A court order was obtained to authorize the City to enter into and upon property located at 102 West 1st Street South in Truman for the purpose of razing, repairing, or removing hazardous conditions as determined necessary, up to and including demolition and removal of the building. Building Inspector Darold Nienhaus will be contacted to inspect the property for hazardous material. Staff advised there may be a well present on the property.

Service Agreement with Step Inc.

A rate increase of .50 per hour will take place beginning January 1, 2023. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve the agreement with Step Inc. to clean city facilities at the new rate in 2023. All ayes – motion carried.**

Approval of Claims

Submitted claims totaled \$261,770.84, Checks #40556 - #40625, ACH #472e - #484e, #500760e and #500772e. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve payment of claims. All ayes - motion carried.**

November 2022 Financial Statements

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve November 2022 financial statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Old Business

No additional information was available from the city attorney regarding amending the Planning Commission Ordinance. The matter was tabled pending legal guidance.

A letter of resignation was received from Kim Breamer from the pool department. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to accept her resignation with regret. All ayes- motion carried.** Mayor Bentele and Councilor Ebert met with Breamer earlier to discuss her role on the pool commission. An updated job description will be developed for the position.

New Business

Police Chief Jobe has five floating holidays that he has been unable to use due to staffing the past several months. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve pay out of the remaining 50 hours at year end. All ayes - motion carried.** Discussion took place regarding the wage for the chief position in 2023. The matter was tabled pending renewal of the Lels union contract.

Council considered a letter of resignation from Carolyn Jacobson from the police department. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to accept her resignation with regret. All ayes – motion carried.**

Deputy Clerk Carol Becker reviewed options for renewal of a CD on deposit at Profinium. A six-month CD provides the best rate of return, and the shorter term will allow for the use of those funds for development of the Bau property next year. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve rolling the funds over to a six-month CD as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

Discussion took place regarding drafting an ordinance to authorize certification of utilities to property taxes of owner-occupied properties. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve contacting the city attorney to draft an ordinance to consider.**

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk

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