

## Truman Council Minutes

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building and by electronic means remotely via Zoom on the 7th day of December 2020 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Mayor Lynn Brownlee, Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, Councilor Brandon Mosloski, Councilor Jake Ebert, and Councilor Brian Nickerson

Staff present: Brenda Nielsen City Clerk, Thea Boesch Deputy Clerk, Brent Brown Utility Foreman, Justin Jobe Police Chief, John Bosshart Streets Department

Mayor Lynn Brownlee presided over the meeting, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Public comment

None

### Grocery Store Proposal

Interested party was not in attendance, so this was tabled until the next meeting.

### Baarts Land Donation Resolution 2020-37

**Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson and motion carried to approve Resolution No. 2020-37 accepting the Baarts Land donation.**

### Resolutions

**Motion made by Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to approve Resolution No. 2020-33, Resolution No. 2020-34, Resolution No. 2020-35, and Resolution No. 2020-36.**

#### **Resolution No. 2020-33**

Resolution Accepting Donations

#### **Resolution No. 2020-34**

Resolution Accepting Donations

#### **Resolution No. 2020-35**

Resolution Accepting Donations

#### **Resolution No. 2020-36**

Resolution Accepting Donations

### Minutes

**Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, and motion carried to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with typo correction from Brooks to Brookens.**

Fire Department

Discussions took place around the tanker pumper purchase for the FEMA grant. Firefighters needs the purchase contract and a check for \$50,000 submitted to Midwest Fire to get order started. The \$50,000 will come from the Fire Department truck fund. Then the order confirmation needs to be submitted to FEMA before they release funds, as they have changed their rules for acquisitions.

Firefighters met with the lawyers and a forensics engineer to inspect the fire floor. They compile a report of their findings and it generally takes about a month. Several contractors also were in attendance for this meeting.

City Claims

**Motion Made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to approve the City Claims.**

**Public Hearing Truth and Taxation at 6pm**

Called to order by Mayor Lynn Brownlee.

Bill Zehnder expressed concerns over proposed tax increase for his property tax for 2021. Bill stated it was over 30% and had concerns. Council advised him that he could ask the county assessor to re-evaluate his taxes, however they might increase.

**Motion to close the Truth and Taxation hearing at 6:11pm made by Councilor Jake Ebert, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to close and open back into regular session.**

Utility Rates

Discussion took place around the utility rates. The proposed rates were as follows:

**Electric Utility Rates**

<b><u>Residential Service</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Customer Charge (No Kwh)	\$11.50 per meter
Energy Charge	All Kwh @ 16.019¢
Electric Heat Reduction	Discount of 1.373¢
<b><u>Small Commercial Service</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Customer Charge (No Kwh)	\$19.50 per meter
Energy Charge	All Kwh @ 16.019¢
<b><u>Large Commercial Service</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Customer Charge	\$27.50 per meter
Energy Charge All Kwh	10.814¢
Demand Charge All KW @	\$13.50
<b><u>Residential w/ Distributed Generation Service</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>

Customer Charge (No Kwh)	\$11.50 per meter
Energy Charge for all kWh furnished by TMU - All Kwh @	16.019¢
System Access Charge	\$6.94 per kW

### **Water & Wastewater Utility Rates**

<u>Residential Service</u>	<u>2021</u>
Water Service Charge (No gallons)	\$20.75
Waste Water Service Charge (No gallons)	\$27.75
<u>Usage Charge</u>	
Water Consumption per 1,000 gallons @	\$4.40
State Testing Fee	\$0.81
Waste Water Discharge per 1,000 gallons @	\$4.26
<u>Small Commercial Service</u>	<u>2021</u>
Water Service Charge (No gallons)	\$27.75
Waste Water Service Charge (No gallons)	\$33.75
<u>Usage Charge</u>	
Water Consumption per 1,000 gallons @	\$4.40
State Testing Fee	\$0.81
Waste Water Discharge per 1,000 gallons @	\$4.26
<u>Large Commercial Service</u>	<u>2021</u>
Water Service Charge (No gallons)	\$35.25
Waste Water Service Charge (No gallons)	\$45.00
<u>Usage Charge</u>	
Water Consumption per 1,000 gallons @	\$4.40
State Testing Fee	\$0.81
Waste Water Discharge per 1,000 gallons @	\$4.26

**Motion made by Councilor Jake Ebert, seconded by Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to approve utility rates as proposed starting 1/1/2021 and re-evaluate in 6 months.**

#### Utility Claims

**Motion made by Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, seconded by Councilor Jake Ebert and motion carried to approve the Utility Claims.**

#### Bau Purchase Agreement

Discussion took place around the purchase agreement and changes that need to happen. Elliot Belgard, David Bau, and Cindy Graif joined via zoom to discuss the changes the family jointly wanted to be made to the agreement. **Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Jake Ebert, and motion carried with approved changes to the Bau Land Purchase Agreement.**

October City Financials

**Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Jake Ebert, and motion carried to approve the October City Financials.**

Other Business

**Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and carried to approve Resolution 2020-28 amended.**

Discussion took place around Langvardt land purchase and if we are moving forward with that project. Brenda has been corresponding with City Attorney Derrick Greiner in getting the sale agreement prepared for this purchase.

Chief Jobe discussed the old police building after he met with Darold Nienhaus about revamping it for evidence storage. Changes can be made to the building to create storage space, however they will need to determine which wall is load bearing before any structural changes can be made.

Councilor Kathy Hendricksen discussed the junk on property and if we are letting the citizens down. Chief Jobe will follow-up on a few problem properties discussed at prior meetings.

Councilor Brandon Mosloski asked what the League of MN Cities said about the new council in regard to the Fire Department business. Brenda will check with City Attorney Derrick Greiner now that The League has responded.

Employee Review

Mayor Lynn Brownlee entertained a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subdivision 3(a) for purposes of discussing employee review. **Motion made by Councilor Jake Ebert, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson and motion carried to close the meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subdivision 3(a) for purposes of discussing employee review.**

**Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to open back to an open session.**

Mayor Lynn Brownlee entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor Brandon Mosloski and motion carried to adjourn the meeting.**

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**Thea Boesch, Deputy Clerk**