

Truman City Council Minutes
March 30, 2026

A Truman City Council Work Session was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall on the 30th day of March, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilors Ron Kelley, Dannielle Williams, and Chad Truax.

Absent: Councilor Chris Mosloski.

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

Also present: Darold Nienhaus, Steve Carson, Brandon Mosloski, Natalie Schubert, Derik Garry, Paul Leimer, Joe Leimer, Andy Greier, Troy Nemmers and Justin Schmidt Bolton & Menk.

The purpose of the work session was to review plans for the Highway 15 sidewalk project.

Mayor Ebert voiced concern that engineers hadn't contacted affected property owners earlier in the planning stages. The project will add a five foot sidewalk, with a six foot boulevard, along the east side of Highway 15 in the MNDOT right-of-way. Some property owners are concerned about how it will affect their business operations. Engineers noted that an exception was made for one residential property that will have a three foot boulevard to avoid having to install a retaining wall. The project plan was designed by MNDOT and must meet all State regulations.

Ebert asked about the elevation of the sidewalk in front of Boekett. Nemmers explained it will be set at an elevation for proper drainage. A curb will be placed behind that section of sidewalk for the safety of pedestrians. Representatives from Boekett are concerned about the loss of areas currently used for parking and general business. They asked about eliminating a couple of driveways in that block, and engineers said that is possible. They would like to have rebar added to the sidewalk because they want to add concrete to the area in front of the store in the future and rebar will be incorporated. Nemmers affirmed they will work with MNDOT regarding Boekett's requests.

It was established that future questions and concerns about the project should be directed to Bolton & Menk, rather than to the city or MNDOT. Nemmers advised that once a bid is accepted, and contract is awarded, the contractor will set a construction schedule. Property owners will then be contacted for a meeting to go over project details prior to construction.

There was a question about future maintenance of the sidewalk and what happens when it needs to be replaced someday. Nemmers advised sidewalk maintenance falls under city ordinance, with property owners responsible for the work, but that any contractor can be hired to do the work. A permit would be required to work within the state right of way. There will be a 2 year warranty on the sidewalk.

It was requested to have the old utility poles removed from the alley behind Boekett, to use the space for parking. Superintendent Brown said the city is planning to do this within the next couple of years. Council agreed that parking in that alley is an option.

The City Council will be reviewing bids for the project at the April 6th council meeting. Nemmers suggested that any other questions be brought forward prior to that time.

**Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.**

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer