

Truman City Council Minutes
March 4, 2024

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building fire department meeting room on the 4th day of March, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilors Chris Mosloski, Brian Nickerson, and Ron Kelley.

Absent: Councilor Patty Truax.

Staff present: Street Superintendent John Bosshart, Utility Foreman Brent Brown, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Interim Police Chief Mike Schutz, Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski, Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow, Assistant Ambulance Director Matt Lange.

Also present: Duane Rosburg, Dave Schmidt and Annie Nichols CEDA, Derrick Greiner City Attorney, Barb Kubly, Yvonne Noorlun, Andy Geiger Prairieland, Mark Griffith, Brooke Wohlrahe Fairmont Sentinel, Joseph Kreiss 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

Changes or additions to the agenda: Item 7 cemetery business was removed. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meetings

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Yvonne Noorlun shared information about Crest and requested use of the community building fireside room at no charge for occasional gatherings for the non-profit agency. Advance notice will be provided to determine if the room is in use. Council approved the request.

CEDA Housing Study

Dave Schmidt and Annie Nichols with CEDA spoke about the pending housing study. A steering committee is needed, or the council can act in that capacity. Mayor Ebert and Councilor Kelley volunteered to serve on the committee. A third community member will be added. A community survey will be circulated to get as many responses as possible by April 5th. A meeting will then be held on April 10th at 5:30 p.m. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve the contract with CEDA for professional services. All ayes – motion carried.**

Prairieland Conditional use permit

Director Andy Geiger reviewed operation of the facility over the past year. It continues to be financially self-sustaining. The contract with Xcel Energy is in place to 2027. Household hazardous

waste and other collection events planned for the upcoming year were cited. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to approve renewal of Prairieland's conditional use permit. All ayes – motion carried.**

Utility Department Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown reviewed residential development planning. It was decided to bid the project with curb and gutter, asphalt, and without sidewalks. A Frontier pedestal will need to be moved. Frontier did not attend the recent utility meeting. Contractor Duane Rosburg was present to discuss the work remaining on the property. He indicated the grain bin and other items would be removed soon, and he agreed to take out the rest of the trees that were part of the bid. Brown will provide a timeline for when the work needs to be completed. Rosburg was also asked when demolition of the structure at 117 E Ciro would take place so the fire department can take the siding off beforehand. He advised it should be taken off no more than two weeks prior to demolition and he will confer with Mayor Ebert regarding a timeline. Also discussed was naming the new subdivision and cul-de-sac. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to name the subdivision Jones Addition and the cul-de-sac Bau Court. All ayes – motion carried.** The street leading up the property will be East First Street South. The agenda item for utilities at the school ball field was postponed until the end of the meeting. Brown advised that a watermain break was just repaired on West 3rd Street North.

Fire Truck Reserve Contribution

At the recent meeting with the fire department and township officials, the council considered increasing the city contribution to the fire truck reserve fund by 5% annually, beginning in 2025, to match the rate increase extended to townships served by the department. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Kelley to approve the proposed 5% increase to the township contracts. All ayes – motion carried. Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve a 5% increase to the city's contribution to the fire truck reserve, beginning in 2025. All ayes – motion carried.** The rates will be revisited annually for council approval.

China House Café Consumption and Display Permit

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve a consumption and display (set-up) permit for China House Café. All ayes – motion carried.

January Financial Statements

Various noteworthy items in the January financial statements were reviewed by the city clerk. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve the January financial statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.**

Resolution 2024-12 to Accept Age Friendly Minnesota Grant

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to adopt Resolution 2024-12 to accept an Age Friendly Minnesota Grant for \$18,650 to be used for work at the Community Building. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2024-10 to Authorize ACH Payments

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2024-10 to authorize automated clearinghouse payments as specified. All ayes – motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Position

Three applicants were interviewed for the position. It was the recommendation of the committee to offer the position to Shelby Wiederhoeft. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to offer the position to Shelby Wiederhoeft at the year 3 wage. All ayes – motion carried.**

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$172,207.03. Checks #41770 - #41805, ACH #772E - #780E, #501311E.

Old Business

Mayor Ebert advised Interim Police Chief Mike Schutz it is the councils intention to name him police chief, and if he does not want the position, the city would advertise to fill it. Schutz advised he is interested in the position but only with an enforceable contract in place. Mayor Ebert stated the city does not have contracts for non-union employees. Councilor Mosloski was concerned about not receiving any applicants if the position is advertised. No action was taken, with the matter to be discussed further at the March 18th meeting. In other police business, Schutz advised the evidence holding up construction work at the old police building should be taken care of next week to allow the work to go forward.

New Business

The city clerk updated the council on various hazardous property concerns. The Skog property is set to go to court on March 18th. If the city is successful, bids can be taken to demolish structures on the property, with the cost to be assessed to property taxes. The Kitzerow property has been inspected for asbestos, seemingly in advance of demolition of the house, so additional time will be allowed for that work to be completed before the city considers further action.

The council was advised that bids will be accepted from contractors interested in mowing private property for the city this summer. There are a few properties the city mows each year and it was decided to have summer seasonal staff mow them. The contractor will mow property that is in violation of city ordinances as directed by the city. Bids will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The contract with WDADS for lawn maintenance, snow removal, and marker setting at Ridgelawn Cemetery was updated with rates that were approved in 2023. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to approve the contract with WDADS for services at Ridgelawn Cemetery. All ayes – motion carried.**

Mark Griffith with MJM Medical Direction Consortium Services addressed the council to recognize Truman Ambulance Service members for their efforts responding to the shooting this past July. A letter of commendation was read to thank members of the department for their service.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to close the meeting for an employee review for Mike Schutz, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3 (a). All ayes – motion carried.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to reopen the meeting. All ayes – motion carried.

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Kelley to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk /Treasurer

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