

**Truman City Council Minutes**  
**April 15, 2024**

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Staff present: Street Superintendent John Bosshart, Utility Foreman Brent Brown, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk Carol Becker.

Also present: Troy Nemmers Bolton & Menk, Paul Leimer, Lynn Brownlee, Brooke Wohlrabe 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: Baseball Association and Bentz donation added. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meetings and Work Session

**Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to approve minutes of the April 1, 2024 Regular Meeting and the April 10, 2024 Work Session. All ayes - motion carried.**

Public Comment

Paul Leimer obtained an estimate of \$1,700 to seed grass in Graf Park. Some areas have too many tree roots so grass won't grow. It was suggested to add concrete in the boulevard rather than grass. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to hire Gary Meyer to seed grass as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

Troy Nemmers LPP Sidewalk Project Task Order

Nemmers reviewed Task Order #1 for the Highway 15 sidewalk project. State funding of an estimated \$500,000 includes reimbursement for the cost of design engineering. Reimbursement will funnel through Martin County, acting as fiscal agent for the grant. The city will be responsible for the cost of work outside the right of way. Construction will take place in 2025. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve Task Order #1 for the LPP sidewalk project. All ayes – motion carried.**

### Utility Department Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown advised council of a grant from the MN Department of Health that will pay 100% of the cost to inventory lead service lines as required by EPA. Bolton & Menk will implement the project. A one year license for GIS software will be paid by the grant. The city can pay the license going forward to continue to use the software. Newsletters will be mailed out to residents to explain how the inventory will be completed.

Council was advised that parts have been obtained to repair the Fairbanks engine.

Councilor Kelley requested rate information be provided at the next meeting to compare our rates to other cities. Updated rates will be gathered and provided for further discussion.

### Police Department Business

Four applications came in for the police chief position. Mayor Ebert and Councilor Mosloski will meet to review them and a council work session will be held prior to the May 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Councilor Kelley asked about parking the second squad car inside rather than in the alley. It will be moved to the quonset.

### Rural and Urban Service District Hearing

**Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to hold a public hearing on June 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to consider Ordinance 2024-02 to amend the Ordinance establishing a Rural and Urban Service District. All ayes – motion carried.**

### Resolution 2024-16 Public Safety Aid Transfer

**Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to adopt Resolution 2024-16 to transfer \$2,736 in public safety aid from the general fund to the electric fund to reimburse for the cost of emergency gear and equipment. Motion carried 4-1, with Councilor Truax voting Nay.**

### Resolution 2024-17 to Accept Donations

**Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to adopt Resolution 2024-17 to accept March donations. All ayes – motion carried.**

### Resolution 2024-18 to Establish a Fire Escrow Account

**Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to adopt Resolution 2024-18 to establish a fire escrow account pursuant to MN Statute 65A.50. All ayes – motion carried.**

### March 2024 Financial Statements

Mayor Ebert asked how the Bosshart donation was allocated, if any portion could be used toward pickle ball. The city clerk will see how it was designated. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve the March financial statements as presented. All ayes- motion carried.**

### Payment of Claims

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried.** Approved claims totaled \$189,530.83. Checks #41863 - #41899, ACH #800E - #811E, #501349E.

## Old Business

The baseball association inquired about the outstanding \$150 invoice for moving red rock last fall. Mayor Ebert recommended waiving the charge, but in the future such requests should be made to the council for prior approval to avoid charges. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to waive the \$150 charge to the baseball association. All ayes – motion carried.**

## New Business

Lynn Brownlee spoke on behalf of Spruce Up Truman. They are working with the school and would like permission to paint artwork on the outside restroom wall at the park. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve the project. All ayes – motion carried.** On behalf of the Lions, Brownlee advised the group will have 14-15 silver maple trees to plant, perhaps at the campground. The group will work with city staff to find appropriate locations for them. Also noted was that the upcoming Burger Bash will be raising funds for the pool.

Councilor Patty Truax provided a pool update. There are three new lifeguard applicants. Two returning managers are taking water safety training and a lifeguard is also interested. The training will allow them to provide swimming lessons. It was confirmed the city is paying for training. A returning lifeguard is being considered for a lead guard position. Having a lead guard can help reduce overtime for managers. They are waiting to see who returns from last year to decide. The pool is scheduled to be painted on May 21<sup>st</sup> and council was advised that Wayne Wiederhoeft will have some overtime that weekend. There will be a bake sale held at the upcoming burger bash to raise money for chairs at the pool. An umbrella and a rope need to be replaced. Mayor Ebert noted the city has reserve funds that can be used for these items.

Deputy Clerk Carol Becker provided several utility billing policies for consideration. Following discussion, it was determined that two of the policies can be adopted at this time, the Budget Plan and the Closed/Inactive Accounts with Unpaid Balances policy. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to adopt the Budget Plan Policy and the Closed/Inactive Accounts With Unpaid Balances Policy as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.** The Disconnect Policy was tabled for further research.

Councilor Kelley asked about the Bentz donation to Graf Park. He would like to see it used before the festival, perhaps toward grass planting or the proposed concrete work. Also discussed was replacing boards on picnic tables at the park shelter. Councilor Nickerson will look into the cost of aluminum tables and staff will look into options to repair the tables for discussion at the next meeting.

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.**

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Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk /Treasurer