

Truman City Council Minutes
April 20, 2026

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 20th day of April 2026 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilors Ron Kelley, Chris Mosloski, Danielle Williams, and Chad Truax.

Absent: None

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

Also present: Amber Patten CEDA, Paul Leimer, Christopher Deuel, Roseann Weihe, Brian Rosburg, Rachael Jaeger 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

Additions to the agenda: Closed session to consider offer for real estate, EMS Vehicles. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the April 6, 2026 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Christopher Deuel spoke about a business venture planned for the vacant grocery store property. A building/zoning permit is pending.

Consider Offer on Real Estate

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to move into closed session per Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(c) to consider an offer on real estate, at 5:36 p.m. All Ayes – motion carried. The closed portion of the meeting was recorded. In addition to council, those present during the closed session were Paul Leimer, City Clerk Melissa Sirovy, and Deputy Clerk Carol Becker.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to reopen the meeting at 5:51 p.m. All ayes – motion carried. The offer will be considered further at the May 4th council meeting.

CEDA Business Update

CEDA representative Amber Patten spoke with State Representative Bjorn Olson to discuss funding opportunities. It was decided Superintendent Brown will work with engineers to begin an assessment of city infrastructure for that purpose.

The proposed contract with Exit Realty was discussed. Mayor Ebert advised it be put on hold until after the outstanding offers are finalized.

There is an entrepreneur interested in an available commercial building, and Patten will work to facilitate communication between the property owner and the interested party.

Ambulance Department Quarterly Update

Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow stated there have been 90 calls this year. the majority were within Truman. Kato Cycle Club events will be covered again this summer. Other clubs have expressed interest in that service. There is a need for equipment to assist with lifting larger patients into the ambulance. The Fairmont Hospital Foundation has offered to pay for it. The added service may necessitate a rate surcharge. Rig 2 is not in use as the suspension needs to be repaired. Two radios have been ordered, one is in the budget, and the other with grant proceeds. Storm spotting was briefly discussed over concern of potential damage to EMS vehicles.

Community Building Rental

Kelsey Geistfeld requested use of the Community Building at no charge for girl scout meetings, one day per month starting in September. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve use of the Community Building at no charge as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

Public Works Business

Superintendent Brent Brown received two quotes for sealcoat work; MR Paving \$56,045.25 and Pearson Bros. \$56,373, both are under budget. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to accept the bid from MR Paving. All ayes – motion carried.** Brown recommended rehiring Danielle Williams at \$21.00 per hour for seasonal parks and streets, and pool operator. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve hiring Danielle Williams as proposed. Motion Carried 4-0, Councilor Williams abstained from discussion and voting due to a conflict of interest.** Council reviewed a hiring incentive agreement for Chris Forbrook. Terms and conditions apply. Councilor Mosloski advised Brown to check on new regulations for DOT Certification. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the incentive agreement. All ayes – motion carried.** Tree planting took place at the park and cemetery. There are more to be planted at the cemetery and campground.

Storm sewer maintenance is ongoing. The main at 6th Avenue W and 1st Street S may have a tile illegally connected to it. If found to be the case, the connection will be cut-off. The sewer main on N 5th Street has a connection that serves several buildings, and it is frequently plugged with shop towels. All property owners have been notified, and efforts are ongoing to find where they are coming from. The sewer lift by the water tower is regularly plugged with clothing and other items. There are a few businesses in that area and staff is investigating to learn where the items are coming from. The public notice used to advise of items not to flush has been updated.

There have been contractors leaving large tree limbs at the brush site. A camera will be placed on the gate to monitor the problem. Picnic tables were assembled and taken to the campground. Water and sewer peds are in, and staff is working with the State to get the dump station installed this spring. Existing campsites are ready to open. A programmable streetlight will be installed due to complaints of the existing light being too bright. The contractor for the pickleball court has Truman on their schedule but no date has been provided.

Bid Opening for Contract Mowing

One bid was received from Bentele Lawn Service for \$65/ hour. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to accept the bid from Bentele Lawn Service. All ayes – motion carried.**

Rural and Urban Service District Hearing

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to set the Rural and Urban Service District Hearing for June 1, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2026-14 to Accept Donations

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2026-14 to accept donations received in the first quarter. All ayes – motion carried.

Approve March 2026 Financial Statements

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve March 2026 Financial Statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2026-15 to Approve Joint Powers Agreement

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2026-15 to approve the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements on behalf of the city attorney. All ayes – motion carried.

Approve Amendment to CJDN Subscriber Agreement

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment to CJDN Subscriber Agreement. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$186,147.54. Checks #43639 - #43681, ACH #1302E - #1312E, and #502164E.

Old Business

The court ordered deadline for cleanup of a nuisance property on West Ciro is May 1st, after which the City may abate the hazardous conditions. A property on East 1st Street North is in tax forfeiture and may be obtained by the city for blight abatement upon action of the county board. Letters have been sent to various property owners to clean up nuisance conditions.

New Business

Council confirmed they wish to have mosquito spraying completed again this year.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer

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