

Truman City Council Minutes
May 4, 2026

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 4th day of May 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: Carl & Robert Sundberg, Matt Owens Martin County Sheriff Department, 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

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda. All ayes - motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to approve minutes of the April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Carl Sundberg spoke about a nuisance notice he received on his property. He agreed to maintain the property going forward.

Patty Truax provided a pool update. Mesh fencing was requested to keep dirt out of the pool area. Sand is needed for volleyball. Superintendent Brown will obtain cost estimates. Hermel won't provide vending machines so the concession stand will be open instead. Mayor Ebert asked about the policy for the age at which children may come to the pool without an adult. There were few problems last year, so Truax felt no change was needed at this time. It was recommended that applicants Beth Woodward and Jack Schofield be hired as lifeguards. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve hiring as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.** Options for adding security cameras at the pool were considered and further research will take place to find the best option.

Martin County Sheriff Department Update

Matt Owens provided a department report. Josh Nelson will be on duty for the next two months. Various nuisance concerns were discussed.

Public Works Business

Superintendent Brent Brown advised of ongoing work at the new campsites, with construction of the dump site pending. A pre-construction meeting for the Highway 15 sidewalk project will be held May 7th and a meeting with affected property owners will be on May 13th. Storm sewer and catch basin maintenance is scheduled, and televising will assess problem areas.

Real Estate Offers

The agreement for Boekett to purchase two lots in Jones Subdivision was revised at the recommendation of the city attorney. The timeline to satisfy the contingency will be one year from the date of the agreement. If not met, the agreement will be reevaluated at that time.

The offer from Leimer Construction to purchase a lot in Jones Subdivision was decidedly too low and was not accepted by council.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$218,798.07. Checks #43682 - #43703, ACH #1313E - #1318E, and #502175E.

Old Business

The court ordered deadline for cleanup of 605 West Ciro Street was May 1st and the property remains a nuisance and safety concern. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to move forward with blight abatement of the property. All ayes – motion carried.**

Another nuisance property adjacent to the school was discussed and is being monitored by staff.

New Business

Councilor Truax stated a couple of properties have stumps that were ground down, but not cleaned up, creating ordinance violations due to debris and dirt washing into the streets and down the storm sewer. The sheriff's department will be notified to watch for debris in the street for enforcement.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer