

Truman City Council Minutes
June 13, 2023

A Truman City Council Work Session was held at the Municipal Building fire department meeting room on the 13th day of June, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

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

Also present: Troy Nemmers Bolton & Menk.

Campground Business

Councilor Kelley advised of a grant application that Amber Patten with the Martin County EDA is working on to request \$10,000 for the campground. She would also help with the application to the DNR to fund the campground expansion project due later this year. Bids for that project were discussed and will be acted on at the June 20th council meeting.

Residential Development

Nemmers provided preliminary engineers estimates for residential development for 6 lots and 13. Discussion included which lots to include in the project, the estimated sale price, funding options, and management of surface drainage. Funds are set aside for the project and if a portion of reserves set aside for investment are also used, the project could be funded without bonding. Mayor Ebert proposed building a duplex or triplex on the city owned lot on 7th Avenue and the lot to the east. Funding for that project will be discussed with the Martin County EDA. Nemmers advised the next step is to do a topo survey when the property is ready. The house burn will be scheduled and a deadline of July 1st was set for it to be cleaned out. Development covenants will be drafted to require a house be built on each lot within a set period of time. Street dimensions and the location of infrastructure were also considered. Further discussion will take place at the first meeting in July. Mayor Ebert is unable to attend the meeting as scheduled on July 3rd. It will be moved to Wednesday July 5th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Notice will be provided.

Municipal Liquor Proposal

The proposed purchase of Aardvark's was considered. Discussion included concern over regulations placed on municipal liquor operations, hiring effective management, upgrades needed on the building and parking lot, and how it would be funded. The city is interested in the off-sale operation and it was posed if the on-sale and food operation could be leased out. Following discussion, the council decided to focus on other priorities and the idea was tabled.

**Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer