

Truman City Council Minutes
June 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 16th day of June, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Chris Mosloski.

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

Also present: 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 Williams, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda. All ayes - motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Planning Commission Meeting and Regular Meeting

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the June 2, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting and Regular Council Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Nickerson Variance Application

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve a zoning application from Bradley and Debra Nickerson for a variance to build a garage adjacent to an existing accessory building, per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. All ayes – motion carried.

Public Works Business

Superintendent Brent Brown advised that Martin County has not responded with their decision on adding a dump station at the campground. They are waiting for a response from the MDH. The contractor is asking for a decision to order material. Brown advised the road and piping could be put in, and the dump station added later once the county has decided. The site could be used for camping if the dump station proposal is dropped. Council was advised the cost for the meter vault change order approved at the last meeting went up from \$9,912.00 to \$10,820.03. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve a change order to add the road and piping for the proposed dump station and wait for the county's decision before proceeding. All ayes – motion carried. Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve the change order for the meter vault with the updated cost of \$10, 820.03. All ayes – motion carried.**

Discussion took place regarding how to manage nuisance diseased and/or dangerous trees in the boulevard. Care of trees and removal of unsound or infested trees is included in the city's nuisance ordinance. Property owners with such trees will be notified to have them removed. If not, the city or a hired contractor will do the work and the cost will be assessed to the property. A letter will be sent to a property on North 2nd Avenue East for removal of a dead tree in the boulevard.

Seasonal hiring for the utility department was discussed. The applicant under 18 years of age did not receive a waiver from the department of labor to be allowed to perform the work required in the position. Alex Kjolstad put in his resignation today to take another lineman job. Brown recommended increasing the wage for the temporary seasonal position to make it more competitive for someone with lineworker training, who could also help with the on-call rotation. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve a wage of up to \$26.00 per hour for a qualified candidates. All ayes – motion carried. Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to accept Alex Kjolstad's resignation. All ayes – motion carried.** The fulltime lineman position will also be posted for applications.

Installation of a camera system at the pool was considered. Following discussion, Councilor Kelley agreed check into it further to make sure the kit would work as desired.

The baseball association removed the portable toilets they had in place and are instead sending people to use the restrooms at the pool. There is concern about plumbing problems occurring during off hours, the extra supplies and cleaning required, and making sure the facilities are clean and available for campers and people using the pool. Council advised staff to make sure the association has portable toilets available when they host tournaments to handle the large crowds.

Council was advised that a crew of volunteers is coming on June 21st to clean up a nuisance property on North Central Avenue. Additional volunteers are welcome.

Council asked about maintenance of the emergency siren. Superintendent Brown said the utility department can do it but they haven't in the past. The city clerk was asked to check into who has been doing the maintenance for further discussion at the next meeting.

Rural and Urban Service District Ordinance 2025-01

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Ordinance 2025-01 to amend the Rural and Urban Service District Ordinance 2024-02. All ayes – motion carried.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve publishing a summary version of Ordinance 2025-01. All ayes – motion carried. The ordinance is available in its entirety at City Hall.

Resolution 2025-19 to Authorize a Transfer in the Campground Reserve Fund

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2025-19 to authorize a transfer in the Campground Reserve Fund as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-20 to Authorize a Transfer of Funds for Ongoing Projects

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2025-20 to authorize the transfer of reserve funds from CD #3010700 to the City Savings and Checking Account as proposed. All ayes - motion carried.

Resolutions 2025-22 and 2025-23 to Authorize the Transfer of Reserve Funds

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to adopt Resolutions 2025-22 and 2025-23 to authorize transfers of reserve funds for the residential development and campground expansion projects. All ayes – motion carried.

Consider Certificate of Deposit Investments

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve reinvesting remaining funds from Certificates of Deposit #3003820 and #3010700 in new 12-month Certificates of Deposit at Profinium at 3.8% apy. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-26 to Accept April & May Donations

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Williams to accept donations received in April and May 2025. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of May 2025 Financial Statements

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to accept May 2025 Financial Statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-28 to Contract with a City Official

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to adopt Resolution 2025-28 to contract with a city official. Motion carried 3-0, with Councilor Truax abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve payment of claims. Motion carried 3-0, with Councilor Truax abstaining due to a conflict of interest. Approved claims totaled \$157,928.17. Checks #42905 - #42943, ACH #1102E - #1111E, and #501828E.

Old Business

The city clerk advised that Martin County has adopted a cannabis ordinance that allows cities to delegate retail registration to the county if so desired. Information will be provided for further discussion at the next council meeting.

New Business

The city clerk was asked to bring information to the next council meeting on the terms of sale of the grocery store building on Ciro and 1st Avenue West.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer