

Truman City Council Minutes

July 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 21st day of July, 2025 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, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Specialist Carol Becker, Street Superintendent John Bosshart.

Also present: Terry Theobald, Patty Truax, Dave Schmidt CEDA, Lori Bartels, Molly Markquart, Justin Hendrickson, 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

A request for a curb cut for a project was added to the agenda. **Motion made by Kelly, seconded by Mosloski to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve minutes of the July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Lori Bartels requested permission to block an intersection near the school during the Truman Days road race. Approval was given. The street department will provide cones and barricades as needed.

Cemetery Business

Faith Clow was not present. The matter was tabled.

Terry Theobald to Review Deed Stipulations

Theobald purchased property from the city in 2023 with a stipulation that a business be operated out of the building within three years. He is planning to operate a secondhand store, but has been unable to obtain financing to renovate the building. It does not have power at this time. Theobald agreed to keep the city posted on the matter.

Truman Days Update

The Truman Days Committee was not present. Council discussed whether a fence is necessary at the street dance if they will be issuing wristbands. Further discussion will take place when committee members are present.

Public Works Business

Superintendent John Bosshart provided the department update. The pickleball project will begin after Truman Days. The new snowplow that was ordered in early 2024 will reportedly be delivered in September. Council was dissatisfied with the long delivery delay, with consideration given to canceling the order. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Williams to send a letter canceling the order and requesting a refund. All ayes – motion carried.** Bosshart will obtain new quotes for council to consider.

Maintenance of the emergency siren was briefly discussed. An area service provider for Federal Signal has been contacted to provide an inspection of the siren.

Discussion took place regarding parking problems and safety concerns in and around the school parking lot and adjacent streets. The drop off area for the pool is getting used for parking, despite having cones and signage in place to prevent it. The school is concerned about pedestrian safety, along with having adequate access for trucks when the construction project begins. A proposed parking lot safety plan was drafted by the school for council review. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Mosloski to approve the plan, which includes painting on areas of the adjacent streets. All ayes – motion carried.**

Council was advised that spraying for mosquitos will take place this week, before Truman Days.

The campground project will begin this week. The contractor is aware that the campground is full over Truman Days and disruptions will be minimized. A tree was found to be planted over a tile. Council advised they would like it to be moved rather than taken down.

There is an uneven sidewalk in the 300 block of Ciro Street East, and consideration was given to marking it with paint or cones for the safety of pedestrians during Truman Days. Mayor Ebert recommended that all sidewalks along the parade route be surveyed to mark areas of concern. A city-wide survey may take place later to notify property owners of hazardous sidewalks that need to be repaired.

Truman Days Committee members Molly Markquart and Justin Hendrickson provided an update on the festival. Aardvark's is providing refreshments at the street dance and further discussion took place regarding a fence. The Committee does not feel a fence is needed. Following discussion, Council agreed that wristbands would be sufficient without a fence. The insurance company for the event wants golf carts kept out of the park, so a barricade will be placed at the ramp on Third Avenue. Barricades will also be made available for the street dance. Superintendent Bosshart requested that everything be removed from the street right after the dance because they plan to sweep the next day. The committee is renting a tent for the event and council asked why they aren't using the fire departments tent. There had apparently been confusion over using the fire department tent when they asked about it, but they plan to use it next year. They were reminded to make sure the rental company calls in a locate prior to putting up the tent.

Consider Refuse License Application from West Central Sanitation

The city was notified that West Central Sanitation bought out Madelia Sanitation, effective June 1st, and a license application was reviewed for approval. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve a refuse license for West Central Sanitation. All ayes – motion carried.**

Resolution 2025-34 to Accept Grant

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-34 to accept a \$3,000.00 grant from Martin County Area Foundation to purchase picnic tables for the campground. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolutions 2025-35, 2025-36, & 2025-37 to Authorize Fund Transfers

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to adopt Resolutions 2025-35, 2025-36, & 2025-37 to authorize fund transfers as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.

Review Sidewalk Snow Removal Regulations

There had been concern over sidewalks that had not been completely cleared of snow, leaving only a narrow path for walking. The ordinance states that all snow and ice must be removed, so clearing a narrow pathway would not meet the requirement and would require enforcement action by the city.

Resolution 2025-38 to Adopt Assessment of Unpaid Charges

Council asked about the process used to assess unpaid charges to property taxes. The same notification process is used to certify all unpaid charges related to ordinance violations. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-38 to approve assessment of unpaid charges for sidewalk snow removal. All ayes – motion carried.**

Approval of June 2025 Financial Statements

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve June 2025 Financial Statements as presented. All ayes - motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$222,801.56. Checks #42984 - #43015, ACH #1119E - #1130E, and #501867E.

Old Business

Dave Schmidt with CEDA was present to answer questions the council may have regarding the contract proposal from an earlier meeting. The matter will be considered for the 2026 budget.

No information was available regarding installation of cameras at the pool. Councilor Truax agreed to look into it.

New Business

Council approved a requested curb cut for a CFS scale project.

Patty Truax from the pool committee requested council approval to hire Addyson Wiederhoeft as a lifeguard. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve hiring Addyson Wiederhoeft. All ayes - motion carried.**

Councilor Williams asked about establishing fines for blowing grass into the street. The matter will be researched for further discussion.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer