

Truman City Council Minutes

July 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 7th 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, Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski, Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow.

Also present: Troy Nemmers Bolton & Menk, Cathy Sorenson, Lynn Brownlee, Deputy Mike Anderson, Daryl Thormodsgard, Rachael Jaeger Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel.

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.

Approve Minutes of Planning Commission Meeting and Regular Meeting

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the June 16, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting and Regular Council Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Cathy Sorenson and Lynn Brownlee requested permission to hang a 4 x 8 inspirational sign on the building by the water tower, purchased with remaining Spruce Up Truman money. Approval was given.

Martin County Sheriff's Department Update

Deputy Mike Anderson provided a monthly department update. Ordinance enforcement actions were reviewed.

Fire Department Quarterly Update

Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski provided a department update, reviewing calls for service over the past quarter. There are 24 active department members and 2 openings currently. Hose testing in April went well and it is hoped to continue testing annually. The grass rig was returned to the DNR due to mechanical issues and for lack of use. Fundraisers were reviewed. The department received grant funds from Federated Rural Electric \$2,500, FRE Broadband \$2,500, Basin Electric Power Coop \$2,500, to be used for turnout gear, and \$10,000 from Profinium for radios. Mosloski recommended that annual additions to fund reserves be increased to keep up with inflation beginning in 2026.

Also discussed was storage in the old police building and maintenance of fire hydrants. The Public Works department will be consulted on those matters. Council asked about the new brand of radios in use by ambulance department. They have a longer life, cost less, and are working out well.

Ambulance Department Quarterly Update

Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow provided a quarterly report. An order was placed with Action Radio & Communications for 10 radios costing \$43,262.00. Two iPads are needed to replace the 10 year old laptops currently in use, costing \$2,200.00. They would also like to purchase a Binder Lift for \$799.00. Kitzerow recommended using the emergency aid funds for the equipment. Truman received \$73,977.00. Those funds need to be used or encumbered by the end of the year. The remaining emergency aid may be used toward the ambulance purchased last year if not needed for another purpose before the end of the year. There have been 115 runs, which is below 2024, with fewer Fairmont calls and transfer requests. There have been 8 events covered. The department continues to look for new members. Kitzerow reviewed new programs that begin in 2026. One program would help cover operating losses, another would provide increased training cost reimbursements, and a third would provide assistance for unpaid calls for service. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve the purchase of radios, iPads and a binder lift, using approximately \$46,261.00 of emergency aid funds. All ayes – motion carried.**

Daryl Thormodsgard addressed the council regarding an invoice he received for sidewalk snow removal completed in December 2024. He doesn't feel he should have to pay because the snow wasn't completely removed, so the service did not meet the requirements of the ordinance, and it would have melted soon. Council asked for pictures to substantiate the claim. No action was taken on the matter. The city clerk was asked to bring information to the next meeting detailing snow removal billing and payments from last winter.

Cemetery Business

Faith Clow was unable to attend to review a request for the cemetery. It will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Public Works Business and Quarterly Report

Superintendent Brent Brown was unable to be present. Martin County advised they are interested in collaborating with Truman to add a dump station at the campground. They agree to pay two thirds of the cost, up to a maximum of \$10,000.00. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to add installation of a dump station to the campground project, with Martin County paying two thirds of the cost, up to \$10,000.00. All ayes – motion carried.**

The pickleball court project has not been started. Council requested an update from the contractor.

The plow from Crysteel is still behind schedule. The street department is working with the vendor and more information will be available at an upcoming meeting.

Discussion took place regarding posting the open lineman position. Brown recommends listing a wage range of \$28.15 to \$46.25. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve posting the position with the recommended pay range. All ayes – motion carried.**

The emergency siren was thought to have been serviced by the fire department in the past. It is tied into the generator so it isn't battery operated. Council asked that the public works department look into providing annual maintenance on the siren.

Bolton & Menk Task Order Amendment

Troy Nemmers with Bolton & Menk reviewed an amendment to the Highway 15 Sidewalk task order, adding \$12,000.00 for additional engineering expenses. The MN Department of Transportation has already approved the amendment. The easement requested to add a sidewalk to the parking lot of the Dollar General was not approved by the property owner and it has been removed from the scope of work. MNDOT is reviewing the project for final approval and it is hoped that advertising for bids will take place in August. The council advised they would like to see the project completed this year rather than delaying until 2026.

Nemmers provided an update on the campground expansion project. He will work with the contractor on adding a dump station. They would like to begin work on July 21st. Council requested they work around Truman Days and begin the following week. Nemmers will discuss it with them.

The residential development project is nearing completion and the final pay request will be sent through shortly.

Resolution 2025-25 to Adopt Assessment of Unpaid Charges

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-25 to approve assessment of unpaid charges for blight abatement. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-31 and 2025-32 to Accept Donations

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to adopt Resolutions 2025-31 and 2025-32 to accept donations received in June, 2025. All ayes - motion carried.

Resolutions 2025-29, 2025-30 & 2025-33 to Accept Grant Funds

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to adopt Resolutions 2025-29, 2025-30, and 2025-33 to accept grant funds awarded to the Fire Department. All ayes – motion carried.

Approve Hiring Lifeguards

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve hiring Vaedah Werner and Alexis Fuller as lifeguards. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$118,680.94. Checks #42944 - #42983, ACH #1112E - #1118E, and #501847E.

Old Business

No information was available regarding installation of cameras at the pool. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Information was provided to council on stipulations attached to the sale of the grocery store property. The property owner will be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss his business plan.

The cannabis ordinance adopted by Martin County was provided to council, along with the ordinance template for cities to use provided by the State Office of Cannabis Management. It was decided to draft an ordinance for Truman rather than delegating registration authority to the county.

New Business

The ordinance regulating snow removal from sidewalks was discussed further to determine what it states are the expectations for satisfactory removal of snow and ice. Information will be brought to the next meeting.

A council member advised that Sarge's property isn't getting mowed. The city clerk will reach out to the owner to discuss the situation.

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

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer