

Truman City Council Minutes July 8, 2024

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Department meeting room on the 8th day of July, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Staff present: Street Superintendent John Bosshart, Utility Foreman Brent Brown, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk Carol Becker, Interim Police Chief Michael Schutz, Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski, Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow, Pool Manager Tammy Payton, EMT's Barb Kubly and Mona Weihe.

Also present: Troy Nemmers Bolton & Menk, Nancy Salic, Paul Leimer, Kyle Liford, Nicole Meyer 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

Changes or additions to the agenda: Pool business added to new business. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve minutes of the June 17, 2024 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Nancy Salic provided a Truman Days update. Additional trash containers are needed in the park. There will be a food truck at the baseball field so additional trash containers and portable restrooms may be needed. More volunteers are needed to empty trash containers throughout the event. A request was made to close the street on the east side of the park all day on Saturday, and to have County Line check outlets to make sure they all work. A tentative schedule was set for emptying trash containers and it was mentioned about providing containers for recycling to cut down on trash. Deputy Clerk Becker advised that an additional dumpster has been ordered.

Paul Leimer addressed the council regarding a nuisance property, adding pickleball to Graf Park, turning on the drinking fountain in the park, drainage on the street adjacent to the subdivision project, and repair of streets prior to Truman Days.

Fire Department Quarterly Report

Chief Brandon Mosloski stated there are 25 active members and they've had an average number of calls so far this year. Valves had to be replaced on a few fire trucks. Updated by-laws were

reviewed, which included setting a wage of \$250 for the Secretary position, and an increase from \$9.50 per hour to \$10.00 for firefighters. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to approve the amended by-laws. Mayor Ebert and Councilors Mosloski and Kelley abstained due to a conflict of interest as members of the department. Motion carried 2-0.** The fireworks fund has exceeded the goal and is at \$25,170. They will be set off at the gun club and Martin County has approved closure of the adjacent roadways.

Ambulance Department Quarterly Report

Director Josh Kitzerow stated there have been 110 runs so far this year, with a higher number of mutual aid calls. There are 21 active members. A 2019 ambulance rig has been located that is for sale for about \$184,700, that may meet the needs of the department. It is getting checked over and will be demoed by the department when it is ready. A \$7,000 trade-in allowance has been offered for rig #3. In other business, the 10 year old monitor in use would cost \$45,000 to replace but another option is available at a cost of \$18,000, new radios will cost approximately \$90,000 to replace and the cost will be spread over a number of years. Fundraising has been done in the past through the relief association, but consideration may be given to setting up a non-profit auxiliary for that purpose. More information will follow.

Utility Department Quarterly Report

Utility Foreman Brent Brown updated the council regarding pumping and additional testing required from the recent storms. Lead service inventory is underway by city engineers. Air emissions testing was completed recently at the generation plant. The applicant who was offered the lineman position has taken another job so the position remains open. A switch on 5th Street was hit and damaged but is now fully repaired. Council was asked for comments or questions on the union positions and wage scales that were reviewed at the last meeting. There were no questions on the matter. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve moving forward with having the union draft an MOU for the changes. All ayes – motion carried.** Once it is adopted, the council will meet with affected employees to determine their current step on the new wage scales. There was discussion earlier about installing a mini-split system in the fireplace room at the community building. The estimated cost is \$1,700, plus wiring. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve the purchase and installation. All ayes – motion carried.** The clinic roof leak was inspected by A-1 Seamless Roofing and their estimate is \$5,694. There are funds in reserve for the repair. The job has been added to the contractors schedule and an insurance claim has been submitted for interior water damage. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Kelley to accept the bid from A-1 Seamless Roofing for repair of the clinic roof. All ayes – motion carried.**

Street Department Quarterly Report

Street Superintendent John Bosshart provided information on plumbing work required at the community building in order to install new stools in both restrooms as was approved at the last meeting. It was decided to have Watson look at it to get his recommendation. Jetting of problem areas in the storm sewer has been completed, with a contractor hired to clear a couple of areas. Curb painting began but the sprayer broke down and needs a new motor for the work to continue. A large area of weeds needs to be sprayed at the campground. It was recommended to check with Mike Heckman to see if he can do it so the area can be used for overflow camping during Truman Days.

Police Department Quarterly Report

In his quarterly report, Interim Chief Mike Schutz advised he is working with Martin County on the TZD Program, the county is providing a UTV to use during Truman Days, and calls for service from the past quarter were reviewed. Just prior to the meeting, the city attorney provided a new draft of the police chief contract, and copies were provided for review.

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Audit Proposal from Burkhardt and Burkhardt

A three year audit proposal was considered for approval. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to approve the audit proposal as presented. All ayes – motion carried.**

Mensing Construction Pay Request #1

Troy Nemmers with Bolton & Menk reviewed the pay request for work completed at Jones Subdivision, with a recommendation for approval. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to approve pay request #1 to Mensing Construction of \$126,761.40. All ayes – motion carried.**

Payment of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve payment of claims. All ayes - motion carried. Approved claims, including the Mensing pay request, totaled \$309,421.86. Checks #42064 - #42089, ACH #859E - #869E, and #501441E.

Old Business

Hazardous and nuisance properties were reviewed. A residential property is considered uninhabitable and a citation has been issued to abate the hazard. A resolution will be drafted for consideration at the next meeting for council to approve sending the matter to the city attorney to get a court order to clean-up the property.

New Business

The baseball association has hired two teens to maintain the ballfields, and they are requesting that the city cover the cost of benefits, with the association reimbursing the city for wages only. It was decided to invite association board members to the July 15th council meeting to discuss the matter prior to making a decision.

Councilor Truax advised that one of the pool managers has resigned from her position. Approval was requested to hire Ella Nagorske as assistant manager, to name Tyson Meinert as headguard and assistant manager, and to name Jackson Clow as headguard. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to accept the resignation from Melanie Smith. All ayes – motion carried. Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to hire Ella Nagorske as assistant manager, name Jackson Clow as headguard, and Tyson Meinert as headguard and assistant manager. All ayes – motion carried.** Following discussion on pay rates, Councilor Truax will provide office staff with wage rates for the positions.

Mayor Ebert asked about spraying for mosquitoes city wide prior to Truman Days. Superintendent Bosshart will check on the cost for the next meeting. Ebert extended appreciation to Mike Rhey for his hard work during the recent flooding. The Truman Days Committee is asking for a time to be set to open the time capsule during Truman Days. It was decided it will take place on Sunday at Noon, prior to the raffle drawings.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer

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