

Truman City Council Minutes
August 4, 2025

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 4th day of August, 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, Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown.

Also present: Martin County Deputy Mike Anderson, Faith Clow, 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

Review of court orders, pool closing policy, and CEDA were added to the agenda. **Motion made by Kelly, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Williams to approve minutes of the July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Martin County Sheriff Department Update

Deputy Mike Anderson provided the monthly report. The department is currently working on the attempted theft of the ATM from Profinium. City ordinances have been loaded into the system to allow citations to be written. Enforcement for grass blown in the street was discussed. Currently the city sends letters to violators, but deputies will begin watching for the problem, and Anderson will look into the ability to write citations for the offense.

Public Works Business

Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown advised the concrete is in for the pickleball court, needing time to cure before Sport Court can be applied. It will get backfilled with the city providing material. A second quote for a plow is pending so the matter was tabled until the next meeting. The previous order was canceled and a refund is pending. A proposal was considered from West Shore Services for annual maintenance of the emergency siren for \$695. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve a three-year contract for maintenance of the emergency siren with West Shore Services. All ayes- motion carried.**

Painting of the school parking lot and adjacent city streets to regulate parking is pending receipt of the painting equipment ordered by the school. Signs are on order. An update was provided on the work completed at the campground. The culvert has been replaced and utility services have been stubbed into the new sites. Seeding will take place in the fall. A proposal to paint the Quonsets for \$6,000 was considered. The city portion of the work is \$3,000, which is not in the budget. Sealcoat work came in under budget so those funds could be used. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve the work as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.** Three interviews for the public works maintenance position are scheduled for next week.

Review 2026 budget

Councilor Kelley would like to look into a contract with CEDA, researching services they have provided to other contracted cities. The pool budget was discussed. It is slated to close for the season on August 22nd. A year-end expenditure report will be brought to an upcoming meeting to help set the 2026 pool budget.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$107,588.99. Checks #43016 - #43035, ACH #1135E - #1142E, and #501886E.

Old Business

The annual cleanup day scheduled for September 20th was discussed to consider how notice will be provided to residents, how many dumpsters are needed, and if an STS crew will be available to assist. More information will be brought to an upcoming meeting.

Installation of cameras at the pool requires Wi-Fi. Options discussed included requesting to link to the school's network, using an Arlo camera through Verizon, or purchasing solar powered security cameras. Two security cameras would cost \$500, plus a \$15 monthly service fee. They might also be used at the substation. It was decided to add \$600 to the 2026 pool budget for this purpose.

New Business

Faith Clow addressed the council regarding a proposal to add a flag and flagpole to the west end of the cemetery. Art Dougherty has offered to have it installed at no cost to the city. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Kelley to accept the proposal. All ayes- motion carried.** The cost to trench in power for a light will be brought to the next meeting.

Councilor Williams asked about setting a policy for closing the pool when there are five or fewer swimmers within one or two hours of opening. There was concern about swimmers who paid being asked to leave, whether they would be refunded, and for season-pass holders unable to swim. It was decided to invite the manager to an upcoming meeting to discuss setting a policy for next year.

Two recently approved court orders for nuisance properties were reviewed. The Johnson property can be cleaned up when funding is available. Kitzerow's have one year to remove the hazardous structure from their property before the city may do so. Sarge's was also discussed. The owner will be contacted to discuss mowing.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.