

Truman City Council Minutes
September 7, 2021

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 7th day of September 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Terry Bentele, Councilor Jake Ebert, Councilor Brandon Mosloski, Councilor Brian Nickerson, and Councilor Patty Truax

Absent: none

Staff present: City Clerk-Treasurer Amy Huber, Utility Foreman Brent Brown, Street Superintendent John Bosshart, and Police Chief Justin Jobe

Also Present: Jennifer Brookens and Brooke Wohlrabe

Mayor Terry Bentele presided over the meeting, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson, to approve the agenda with the addition of 15.c. discuss the playground equipment at the park. All yeas – motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2021

Motion by Truax, seconded by Nickerson, to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 16, 2021. All yeas – motion carried.

Approve City Claims

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Motion by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson, to approve the Claims totaling \$90,762.53. All yeas – motion carried.

Hedge Trimming at Cemetery

Motion by Mosloski, seconded by Truax, to approve the quote of \$2000.00 from Brian Rahm to trim the hedges at the Cemetery. All yeas – motion carried.

Review Quote on Canon Copier

The Clerk provided the Council with a quote and specs for a new Canon Copier/Scanner/Printer. There is an option to purchase it outright or follow a lease plan. The annual maintenance fee would be \$360.00 per year on the new machine as compared to the current annual maintenance fee for \$800.00 a year. The city would have the option to keep the current copier if desired.

Motion by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson, to purchase the Canon Copier/Scanner/Printer for \$5585.00. All yeas – motion carried.

MMUA Safety Management Contract

The Clerk-Treasurer provided the Council with the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association proposed annual renewal agreement effective October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022 and briefly explained what it entailed.

Motion by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson, to approve the MMUA Safety Management Program agreement effective October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, as proposed. All yeas – motion carried.

Tax Forfeiture Property

The Council discussed the tax forfeited notice to the city from the County. Council member Mosloski thought there may be eligible funds from the County for demolition of these types of properties. Amy will contact the County to inquire about this and report back to the Council at the next meeting. The Council also requested that Darold be contacted to do an inspection on the property for asbestos before the next meeting. The Council will need to decide by the next meeting if the city would like the parcel put up for public auction or to have it conveyed back to the city.

Resolution #2021-12

The Utility Foreman discussed Resolution #2021-12, adopting the city of Truman municipal utilities distributed energy resource interconnection process. By adopting the resolution and working with Star Energy, the city can set the guidelines and requirements versus going off the old public utilities commission's standards. Adopting the resolution addresses the issues included in the commission's 2018 order.

Motion by Nickerson, seconded by Truax, to approve Resolution #2021-12, adopting the city of Truman Municipal Utilities Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Process. A roll call vote was taken, those voting in favor thereof: Ebert, Truax, Mosloski, Nickerson, and Bentele. Those against: none. Resolution 2021-12 adopting the city of Truman Municipal Utilities Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection process was duly adopted. *The complete Resolution is available and can be obtained at the Truman City Clerk's office.*

City-wide Clean-up Details

The City Clerk asked the Council to decide on the details they were envisioning for the city-wide clean-up so she could finalize plans. The Council discussed the City-wide clean-up weekend. John will check to see if STS can help that day. Mayor Bentele mentioned he thought he could help that day as well. The school has given the city permission to use their parking lot for the clean-up day, but Councilor Mosloski wondered if the city could use Prairieland as the drop-off site. Amy will check to see if Prairieland would allow the city to utilize their facility and if not, the school parking lot to the south would be used. It was suggested the city hold the event for one day from 9 am to 3 pm or until the dumpsters are full, whichever comes first. The cost would be absorbed by the city this year but added to the budget for 2022.

Motion by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson, to hold the city-wide clean-up on Saturday, September 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. or until the roll-off dumpsters are full and to have four roll-off dumpsters to be held at either Prairieland or the school parking lot. All yeas – motion carried.

Dental/Health Plans

Amy mentioned that because there is only one employee on the dental plan effective 10/1/21, the cities' group plan is being dropped by the insurer. Amy had a couple options for the council to consider for individual dental plans but mentioned that the plans would be specifically in the individual employee's name. She mentioned that there will only be one employee on the health plan effective 10/1/21 as well, but so far coverage has not been dropped on that plan and the council has time to renew the medical health plan. The Clerk-treasurer had two different medical health plans for the council to consider as well and described some of the differences. Amy mentioned that she could put a spreadsheet together that lays out some of the differences and bring it back to the next meeting for the council to consider, but action was needed on the dental plan at this meeting.

Motion by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson, to approve the Elite 1000 Dental Plan with Delta Dental effective 10/1/21. All yeas – motion carried.

Discuss/consider Community Survey

The City Clerk inquired with the Council if they desired to do a community survey to determine needs and wants or projects desired by the citizens. The idea would be to assist the council in making decisions as to what is important to the citizens and or where the residents of the city would like to allocate funds to. Items to consider if a survey were done, is when to do it, method, and what questions to include. Amy said it needs to be short and she described what she found out from a couple other cities when they have conducted a community survey. After further discussion on the pros and cons of doing the survey, the council agreed to move forward with a survey yet this fall. Some of the questions on the survey would relate to park & recreational, residential improvement and expansion, infrastructure, and commercial. Further discussion on the survey will be discussed at upcoming council meetings.

Old Business

Discuss EDA Property behind C&B: The Clerk-treasurer provided the Council with a map recently developed by Bolton and Menk that broke down the acres by parcel areas. There was discussion about drainage concerns on the far north parcel if it were sold. Amy mentioned that she planned to meet with the County Drainage department in the next few days to discuss JD #47 and any concerns with selling the far north portion of the EDA property due to the potential drainage issues that could occur. After discussion on the matter, it was decided that following Amy's meeting with the Drainage department, the Council could take further action on the proposed sale of the EDA land to C&B at the next Council meeting.

New Business

Variance Hearing: Amy noted that a Planning & Zoning Variance Hearing is scheduled for September 22, 2021, for an accessory building. Notices and information have been sent out as required.

Refrigerator at Pool: The Clerk mentioned that the refrigerator at the pool quit working and will need to be replaced next spring. Faith has gotten estimates for a new refrigerator and the cost will be included in the 2022 budget to replace it.

Swing-set at City Park: Mayor Bentele mentioned the swing-set at the park needs replacement parts and he spoke to John about it. It has been determined that the swing-set is old enough that you can

no longer get replacement parts for it and the city could potentially use the Bosshart funds to replace the swing-set. John will begin looking for a new swing-set for the park.

Water at Park: The Mayor mentioned that citizens would like access to water at the park. The Street Superintendent provided a quote for a wall faucet that is self-closing. The faucet would shut off when the handle is released, which would alleviate the issue of water left on or running after use.

Motion by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson, to approve the purchase of the Anti-siphon wall faucet for the park. All yeas – motion carried.

Residential Development – Councilor Mosloski wondered where Greg was at with the Residential Development project. There was also discussion to see if there were available grants to assist with this project. Amy will follow-up with Greg to discuss the residential development project.

Parking at Softball Field – Councilor Ebert wondered if the vacant lot next to the softball field could be acquired for future parking. It was noted there is a lack of available parking in the area.

Mayor Terry Bentele entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson. All yeas - motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.**

Amy Huber, City Clerk – Treasurer