

The work session of the Truman City Council was held July 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Brownlee.

	Present	Absent
Mayor Lynn Brownlee	X	
Councilor Jake Ebert	X	
Councilor Kathy Hendricksen	X	
Councilor Brandon Mosloski	X	
Councilor Brian Nickerson		X

2. DISCUSSION

Mayor Brownlee started the discussion by asking council members and residents to list pro's and con's for abolishing the public utilities commission(puc).

Pro's

- If operated by City Council, there would be 5 elected officials making important decisions. Truman Public Utilities is currently operated by the Public Utilities commission that consist of only 3 appointed members. It has been difficult in the past to find members to serve resulting in the Public Utilities Commission consisting of only one member at times.
- Elected officials hold more accountability
- There is the possibility of monetary savings by combining buildings, equipment and staff
- City Council meets more frequently

Con's

- More time requirement from the city council (longer meetings)
- Equality of pay and benefits

Mosloski added that Hendricksen is fearful to make decision and speak her mind. Wiederhoeft from the public utilities commission discussed how there should have always been a plan in place. Mosloski reiterated the fact that the public utilities doesn't have a capital improvement plan. Brownlee added that from 2006 to current the water rates have only increased \$2.00 Neitzke added that regardless of who operates Truman Public Utilities the rates need to be raised. Brad Nickerson noted that 6 years ago the bid to repair the water tower was \$600,000. Wiederhoeft questioned why it wasn't repaired back then. Nickerson responded by saying repairs came up. Brownlee addressed that there are other large expenses that Truman Public Utilities needs to plan for such as the 30-year-old sewer plant. A resident questioned if PFA loans have been looked at. Davis responded that many loans require you to be self-supporting. Brownlee added that this is a separate topic but another idea that is on the table which is selling the electric portion of Truman Public Utilities. Adding that the public utilities commission started the process and then it was dropped. Neitzke questioned why the lawyer stated a letter of intent would help and then it was just dropped. Davis expressed the need for a supervisor at Truman Public Utilities. Ebert stated that we need to come up with a plan and that requires us to work together. Wiederhoeft also added that we need to work together. It was discussed that if the PUC is abolished the council would still like Kelly and Wiederhoeft to assist the council. Hendricksen added that she feels the fingers are being pointed at her.

3. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to adjourn. All yeas - carried. Time: 6:43p.m.

Bethanie Ekstrom, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer