

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Truman Fire Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brownlee.

Present: Councilors Ebert, Hendricksen, Nickerson and Mosloski
Absent: None

Also present were: J. Jobe, J. Bosshart, B. Brown, Cathy Sorenson

1. MINUTES

Mayor Brownlee pointed out two grammatical errors to correct under No. 3. The motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve the minutes from our last meeting with those corrections. All ayes - carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Sorenson was in attendance at the meeting to ask permission to replace the mural in the JC Park. The existing one is 20 years old and peeling and in need of updating. Motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve the request. All ayes - carried.

Cathy commented that there are many more projects to work on, however the council was very appreciative of all the projects that have been completed by the Spruce Up Truman committee. Cathy went on to say that the Wiederhoeft building on the highway will be amazing when it is finished. They are hoping to finish the Franke Bldg and Thad's Bldg soon. She also is going to visit with G & D Elec about a new face for the front of their office as well. There will be a need for a piece of equipment to aid in reaching the top row of windows on Thad's Bldg.

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BY-LAWS

It was stated that there is a need to keep the EDA intact for the purpose of using it to provide financial assistance to any new or existing business, as it cannot be done through the general fund. Therefore, the bylaws were in need of updating to coincide with the resolution that was approved in 2019 to dissolve the Truman EDA and have the Truman City Council serve as the Board of Commissioners of the Truman Economic. The only change advised by council in the by-law documents was the date of which the officers will be annually appointed will be at the beginning of the year.

Officers Appointed for 2020:
President - Lynn Brownlee
Vice President - Jake Ebert
Secretary - Thea Boesch
Treasurer - Kathy Hendricksen
Asst. Treasurer - Brian Nickerson

Motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve the EDA By-laws with the date change for appointing officers, and the officers appointed for 2020. All ayes - carried.

4. CALL RESOLUTION FOR 2007A BOND AND 2010A BOND

Discussion was held after review of the bond call papers from Northland Securities about where our utility reserve is at for the payoff of the 2010A bond. The concern is how low will our reserve be if we use it to pay off that bond. Thea will contact the auditors and get a breakdown of what our reserves are at. A motion was made by Brandon, seconded by Hendricksen to table this decision until the next meeting and talk with Greg Burkhardt. All ayes - carried.

5. JONES INVESTMENT MONEY RESOLUTION

This was tabled until the next meeting due to delayed response from City Attorney Derrick Greiner.

6. UTILTIY BUSINESS

Interviews were completed for the utility worker position by Brent, Lynn, Kathy, and Thea on the 24th of July. It is their recommendation to move forward with hiring Lukas Smith for the position. He is currently working for an electrical contractor, and enrolled in an apprenticeship program and in his 3rd step. Completed his 1000 hours for another municipal, and has over 10 years of experiencing working for an excavator company where he did a lot of water and sewer installs. He will have to roll into our apprenticeship if they allow him to test out to where he is currently at, or he will have to make those books up. He would currently be at our 3rd step so it was recommended to start at the 2nd step wage, and at the 6 month review and raise he could be bumped up to 3rd step or 4th step depending on where he is at on his books. Motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the hiring of Lukas Smith starting his wages at the 2nd step. All ayes - carried.

Brent has been working with John and Wayne on equipment purchases that would be covered by the CARES Act funds. It was discussed about purchasing a tow behind lawn sprayer that you can use for sanitizing purposes. The quote for this sprayer is approximately \$1,200. On the utility side it was discussed about hiring a contractor to install the remainder of the meters which would reduce the risk of exposure for the employee and homeowner. There is a contractor out of Pipestone, MN that our metering company uses. They gave us a quote of approximately \$21,500 with possible extra cost if they have to freeze water lines for the install. It would take them approximately 2 weeks to complete. The other expense would be an update to our meter read system which is at its end of life. Still waiting to hear a quote for the meter read system update. Thea and Brent will look into if these expenses will be covered by the CARES Act funds. It was also brought up that we could use some of those funds to cover the cost of the cot purchase that was approved at the last meeting.

Brent would like to move forward with ordering the material that they need for the overhead conversion near the Boekett Building. It is already in the budget for capital for \$28,000 overhead conversion and \$19,000 to replace trans closures. Motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve the purchase of the material for this utility project. All ayes - carried.

The Dollar General generator repair will be covered under warranty. We are waiting for T & R to pick up the generator, repair it, and return it to us. Once completed this generator can be used as a backup when needed.

7. UTILITY CLAIMS

Ck #2875 - 2888 - \$14,008.03

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the utility claims. All ayes - carried.

8. CITY CLAIMS

Ck #38014 - 38033 - \$47,020.34

A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Nickerson to approve the city claims. All ayes - carried.

The A/C at the community building needed repair work. It wasn't cooling the building so Watson's was called to fix it. One unit needed freon and the other one needed cleaning, so they were able to get them running. John went down the following Monday to do some additional cleaning and flushed out both units.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Work is set to begin on the old grocery to remove the brick on the front of the building. Brian will check with Elliott to see if the siding has been ordered.

Brian Rahm was able to complete the project at Ridgelawn Cemetery in 6 hours. Comments were made that the job was done very nicely, and in less time than originally thought. There is interest in assigning funds to this for next year and keeping working at cleaning up that tree line.

Kevin Peyman was in town and took a look at the old tennis courts and said it would be doable to turn them into pickle ball courts. He was going to contact their contractors and have them send quotes to Jake.

An email was received from MNDOT about signs on the Highway. John had contacted someone earlier this year about what signs we wanted. He will be in touch with them about this again.

Discussion was held about opening City Hall. The plexiglass that was ordered has been received and installed. There is still a need to rope off on each side of the front desk so that customers can't walk freely through the office. Thea will look into this.

Brandon got a call again about the side walk repair that needs to be done that was a result of a curb stop repair. Brent will be in touch with them to see what portion of the repair the utility department will cover. Only a portion of the side walk was damaged when repairing the curb stop, the remainder of the side walk was already in bad shape.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Planning and Zoning had their hearing with Mike Barfknecht over his shed that he built. A couple neighbors showed up and approved of it. Mike filled out his variance application and paid the fee. The commission approved it to come to City Council to be signed off on. Motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to approve the Mike Barfknecht variance on his shed. All ayes - carried.

Discussion was held about a disconnect between the city and the building inspector. It would be best to have him be apart of the Planning & Zoning meetings, so he is present when questions or issues come up.

If a situation arises where someone questions whether a fence, shed, deck, etc was constructed without a permit they can contact a city council member or City Hall. Sherry at City Hall can check their records and if a permit was not issued a letter can be sent to the resident.

Discussion was held about paving the rest of the JC Park where there are currently rocks. This would create more room for picnic tables and create more space for social distancing. The area is getting more use with the restaurant next to it.

The Arlo camera has been ordered and should be here tomorrow. We got an additional \$100 off due to a promotion. The cost per camera per month is \$39, as each camera has its own service. Still looking into the possibility of a Wi-Fi camera to purchase as well.

Brian Nickerson will contact Brian Rosburg about getting the drainage tile put in for the campground expansion project. Brian Rosburg said he would bring in some fill when the tile is completed.

We had several judges that have decided that they are not comfortable helping with the upcoming elections due to the corona virus. Therefore, we had to recruit new judges for the primary and general election. Resolution No. 2020-10 was presented to council with the new list of appointing judges. Motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve Resolution No. 2020-10 appointing judges for the 2020 Primary & General Elections. All ayes - carried.

Application deadline for the City Clerk position was July 31st. We will be reviewing applications and starting interviews as soon as we can. Kathy and Brian volunteered for the interviews.

11. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to adjourn. All ayes - carried.

Time - 6:53 p.m.

Thea Boesch, City Clerk-Treasurer

