

A regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held December 2, 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. TRUTH-IN-TAXATION RESOLUTION 2019-14

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve resolution 2019-14. All yeas - carried.

5. UTILITY BUSINESS

Brownlee introduced and recommended the hiring of Michael Rhey. A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve hiring Rhey contingent on acceptance and completed background check. Hendricksen abstained.

Scott Riemer with Federated Rural Electric was present to discuss what their proposed workplan would look like. Merlyn Kruger from CFS was present adding that he is trusting that the mayor and council make the most economical decision for Truman. Mosloski added that the council is looking at the utility budget and needs to know what needs to happen to balance out each utility fund. Dave Bentz was present and discussed his farming operation and according to his calculations he could be saving \$16,000 a year with FREA operating the electric utilities. He also expressed his concern with the lack of reliability with the electric operations. Further discussing that FREA offers programs to purchase generators which Heartland doesn't offer. Brownlee questioned Reimer on the response time as recently Truman was without power. Reimer stated that the technicians that would service Truman would be coming from Welcome and there would be a 15-minute response time with them. Bentz and Kruger ended the discussion by asking the council to please keep perusing FREA.

6. UTILITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve utility claims with the retraction of the Watsons bill as it should be sent to Midwest. All yeas - carried.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Nickerson to approve minutes. All yeas - carried.

8. CITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve claims. All yeas - carried. Ekstrom will confirm with Faith Clow on who requested the marker replacement.

9. 2020 BUDGET - RESOLUTION 2019-15

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve resolution 2019-15. All yeas - carried.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ekstrom presented a question from the pool commission regarding the \$100 incentive. The council requested that they attend the next meeting. The ambulance department requested rehiring J. Lopez, the council requested Jesse/Josh attend the next meeting.

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve ambulance officers for 2020. All yeas - carried.

A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Nickerson to approve fire officers for 2020. Ebert and Mosloski abstained.

Varness discussed purchasing water meters for \$2,000. A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve purchasing water meters. All yeas - carried.

Varness and Brown discussed that Theim Well has pulled our well and advised that the well is near the end of its life. They will be drafting a quote in the near future.

Jobe advised that the police office has moved with the exception of the filing cabinets. He also discussed the hiring of a part-time officer. Mosloski questioned if we could share a part-timer with another city allowing them a full-time position to reduce turnover.

Hendriksen questioned he heartland grant, Ekstrom advised that Varpness was going to be working on it. She also expressed her concern for stranded motorist and the need for cots/blankets. Ekstrom will contact he fire chief regarding obtaining such items.

Discussion on sidewalks and snow emergency was tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve Fairmont Roofing to repair the clinic roof. All yeas - carried.

A meeting for planning and zoning was set for December 10th at 5:00pm - council chambers. A special meeting was set for December 11th at 5:30pm - council chambers.

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve paying Ekstrom \$50.00 per meeting retroactive to January 2019. All yeas - carried.

It was discussed that department heads should be paid for 2 hours of their wage for meetings.

Staff meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 8:15.

Bosshart expressed his concern about the streets and the need to sealcoat on a 4-year rotation vs. the 8 year that was discussed. Mosloski advised that the budget reflects the 4-year rotation and that the 8-year rotation was an idea on how to save money.

11. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Ebert to adjourn. All yeas - carried.
Time: 7:47p.m.

Bethanie Ekstrom, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer