

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:31 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brownlee.

Present: Councilors Ebert, Hendricksen, and Nickerson

Absent: Councilor Mosloski

Also present were: K. Breamer, R. Kelley, T. Varpness, B. Brown, J. Jobe, J. Bosshart, K. Dybdahl

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion was held about implementing a lifeguard incentive program. Kim referred to a previous meeting held in 2018 when pool commissioners had request \$100 incentive for 2 years when lifeguards return and work 20 hours per week, or 3 days a week, which would also cover the cost of training. Items specified were not brought back so the program was left open ended. Miscommunication by pool commissioners. There were 7 guards that worked in 2018 that returned in 2019. Motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Ebert to pay the guards that return in 2019 and yearly thereafter for returning guards. List provided by Kim Breamer. All ayes - carried.

Ron Kelley, President of the Fire Relief Assoc., wants to discuss raising the relief at future meeting with Brandon in attendance. Brandon's knowledge of the report would be beneficial to the discussion.

2. UTILITY BUSINESS

Bid came in at the end of the year from People Service for hiring a water/wastewater employee. Monthly cost was substantially higher than hiring an individual in-house for the position.

Discussion was held about the Ross Rich solar panels. It was determined that a utility interconnect agreement was approved and signed by Kelly Dybdahl of Heartland Consumer Power District. Moving forward the project needs to be referred to Planning & Zoning for approval.

Discussion held about getting a company credit card to order the tap changer controllers, battery backups for the power plant. Can the card stay in the office with Sherry? That way if they need to use it, they have access to it with Bethanie going on maternity leave. Sherry will be getting a Profinium card when they are issued, and that can be used to make purchases for the utility side.

In the past all the state reporting had been done by Judy. Who will be doing the reporting in place of her going forward? With the help of Kelly Dybdahl from Heartland, Bethanie and Sherry will do the reporting.

Temporary service to the grocery store - looking into doing it in the spring when we can line up an electrician to test the equipment to see if they work. Then the meter can be hooked up for that, and then unhooked right after their finished. Could also run a cord from a

generator to the box outside and start the freezers, and see if they work.

Discussion was held on if Taylor should go to the metering school, or if Brent should attend also. With the class being three days and Mike being new, we probably should not leave him on his own for that long of time. In March Brent will be taking his wastewater certification. We need to break up the classes so that we don't have more than one man gone at one time. There is enough money in the budget for each person to attend two MMUA schools, as long as you can find ones that are close.

3. UTILITY CLAIMS

Ck #2571-2598 - \$75,667.27

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

4. MINUTES

Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the minutes from the December 2nd meeting with two spelling corrections. All ayes - carried.

Discussion about putting department heads at the front of the meeting. Union contract considers this overtime, so they get time and a half. Taylor puts his time into comp bank. If we put them at the beginning of the meetings, then they don't have to stay for items not related to their department.

5. CITY CLAIMS

Ck #37636-37662 - \$112,706.13

A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Ebert to approve the city claims, with the addition of the \$18,000.00 Dec. sewer bond payment to the utilities. Nickerson abstains on Nick's Body Shop claim.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was held about who to call if they have issues with the community building while renting it over the weekend. There is no one in the office over the weekend to handle those problems when they arise. There was an incident on a Saturday with the furnace and the renter was trying to find someone to get in touch with that could help with the issue. Watson's was called and came to check out the issue. John will get in touch with Lonnie to see what he found. When someone calls the office, and nobody answers it should re-route to the on-call utility worker. Phones should be reset. After the move to the new location the phone message is on the old setting with Monte as option 2.

Request to have Justin check on the garbage on the front lawn and porch of 200 W 2nd St S. Also, on 500 E 1st St N there is a van that has been parked there since the first snowfall.

Discussion held about Mike Schutz request for additional time off above and beyond the 12 weeks allowed. The city can't pay ahead for

sick time with public funds. Once beyond the 12 weeks he needs to use sick time and after that vacation time. If he runs out of both sick and vacation time, then the FMLA will begin. No short-term disability. Request denied.

Discussion was held on what can be done for rundown properties. Justin will talk with Derrick Greiner and get his input on this issue. Will address creating a nuisance order at a future meeting.

Discussion was held about BCBS insurance thru the city as compared to what the union BCBS insurance is. Now that the city and utilities is all one company the street employees would like the option for union insurance. Still need to meet with the union to re-negotiate to get some reductions so the city can afford to continue to operate. It would be more costly to the city to have them join union insurance with family coverage, as compared to the current cost. The union would also be able to negotiate wage. We need to review the budget and see where we can cut costs to afford the switch, which will need to be done at a future meeting. Also, we need to meet with the union to get information from them. We need to look into what the total cost would be for all employees to be equal and see how it would fit into the budget.

Discussion held about what is being done about the shed that was built on 5th St that is 11 ft. tall and should only be 10 ft tall. It was discussed at the Planning & Zoning Committee meeting in December. Resident needs to be notified that he needs pay \$100 and apply for the variance, then followed up by another Planning & Zoning meeting.

This year is the 2020 Census, and the city is near the 1000 population mark, and we need to keep our numbers up as our city depends on the funds that we get based on our size. We need to get an accurate count, so get the word out about taking the census. They also need people to help with the census in the community.

Discussion held about if the city would be okay with selling the old PD building. Agreed it would be nice to see the building being used and kept up.

When the property across the street from City Hall was sold to Dan Espeland, he said he wanted to put a parking lot in. We need to talk to him in regard to that and he needs to follow through. Also, his rent is low and needs to be re-evaluated.

Squad camera in Mike's car went down in June. It was fixed temporarily and does not work again. The part that doesn't work is the DVR part. These cameras were purchased in 2014 and the company gave us 3 options: a) purchase an extended warranty for \$575 for one year and we send in the broken DVR and they will send a replacement, b) we can send the DVR in and they can look at it and give us a quote on how much it would cost to repair, or c) \$2,500 to replace just the DVR unit. As these units get older the cost of the one-year warranty

goes up. Motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Ebert to approve the purchase of the extended warranty for \$575. All ayes - carried.

Police Department is still in the process of moving. Justin is working on it on his days off. He is going to borrow Brandon's trailer to help move file cabinets, wall lockers, and the fridge. Next step will be getting a dumpster to start throwing stuff we don't need. A fair amount of evidence will go to Prairieland to be destroyed, the rest we have to keep.

Still following up with the perspective part-time officer. Hopefully, we can get that in the works soon, as they will be needed when Mike has his shoulder surgery.

Justin is going to move forward with purchasing the two radios. The seller has been holding our price quote, so he doesn't want to drag it out and have him raise the price.

The pool heater that was purchased a couple years ago from Watson's was inspected by Sawatzky Pools last spring. Wayne recommends that it should be done every year. It was agreed that preventative maintenance will help prolong the life of the heater.

Last spring when Tim Langer was here to discuss the pool, they talked about the drain covers. They were put in 10 years ago and at that time were good, but now there is talk that we need state certified drain covers. The original covers were \$600, the state covers are \$800. They are the same covers; they just have the state stamp on them. The covers certified by the state are good for 20 years. The state may come in and say that we are required to have the certified covers. We would have to get 3 of them. The city also would not be involved in installing them so that in case something went wrong the city would not be liable. It would be best to hire a contractor to install the covers.

It was brought to John's attention that Trent doesn't have a fuel card. With the switch over to the new Profinium cards they have to be issued in employee's name and not by vehicle. Therefore, we can't issue him a card. He will have to use John or Wayne's card.

John also brought up that his computer still has Windows 7 and as of January 14th will no longer be compatible. He needs another computer with Windows 10 at some point down the line.

7. DUTY ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2020

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the following duty assignments as appointed by Mayor Brownlee:

Mayor Pro Tem-----Jake Ebert
Police Supervisor-----Jake Ebert
Fire Dept. Supervisor-----Brandon Mosloski
PUC Advisor-----Debbie Neitzke

Sanitation Supervisor-----Kathy Hendricksen

Park & Recreation Supervisor-----Faith Clow

Street Supervisor-----Brandon Mosloski

The Mayor shall serve in all the above duties

Weed Control-----John Bosshart & Wayne Wiederhoeft

Dog Control-----John Bosshart & Wayne Wiederhoeft

Park Committee-----Ernie Jones & Duane Heckman

Health Board-----Justin Jobe & Dr. Chris Olsen

Official Bank-----Profinium Financial

Official Newspaper-----Truman Tribune

Civil Defense-----Justin Jobe & David Bentz

City Attorney-----Derrick Greiner

City Engineer-----Bolton & Menk

Pool Commission-----Faith Clow, Kim Breamer, Kirsten
Bressler, Amy Werner

Cemetery Commission-----Faith Clow, Doug & Vicki Schwanz

Planning & Zoning-----Terry Bentele, Jake Ebert*, Nathan
Rolling, Kirsten Bressler, Lynn
Brownlee, & Elizabeth Miller

All ayes - carried.

8. ADJOURN

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

Time - 7:47 p.m.

Bethanie Ekstrom, City Administrator