

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held on Monday, July 20, 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, M. Rhey, J. Clow, M. Weihe, S. Egeness

1. MINUTES

Motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve the work session minutes with a correction the Class B CDL, and regular meeting minutes with a correction to the Street Dept portion about the ADA. All ayes - carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Samantha Egeness was in attendance to talk about programs that she had researched online. They included: a) Seeclickfix.com - website where residents submit service requests; b) Rain Garden - could be used to soak up rain to slow down flow to the gutters; c) Earthcam - could sign up for free account use our cameras and residents can access the cameras as well; d) Paint the town - has grant programs. If we have persons in town vandalizing the city, she thinks it would be good to have them do community service to try to teach them to do good. Another idea was a community garden for the kids to take part in planting and taking care for. The cameras would help so that it doesn't get destroyed. Lastly, since we have high traffic coming thru town on Hwy 15, it would be nice to paint those curbs and clean up around the flower shop. Lynn will provide the information to Samantha to help with some of these projects.

3. DAN ESPELAND

Dan was present to discuss the new lease details with the council. He felt as though the increase from \$500 to \$650 (which includes utilities) was too high. In 2018 Gary Greenwald, who worked for TPU, came up with an estimate for monthly utilities which was \$134 a month not including gas. His business has been here since June 2010 and wants to continue to stay in town for his employees. There was also discussion about the two lots, the one across the street the well certificate hasn't been completed, and the little lot he didn't have the abstract to. Mosloski checked and the lot across the street the ECRV has been done but he was told that it is sitting on Jim Wilson's desk waiting to be done down there. Everything is marked on the certificate. Dan asked that the city only raise the rent \$50 to \$75 per month as he thinks \$150 is too steep. He also brought up that the roof still needs to be repaired. Fairmont Roofing did some repairs to the roof but was not able to repair the roof leak, therefore it still needs to be repaired. He talked about possibly getting into another facility where he could park his fleet indoors, so he wants to do a short-term lease thru Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. If he is not in another facility at that time, then he would like to continue the lease for another 2 years. His building is approximately 1,400 square feet. Council

feels as though the \$650, which includes utilities, is a fair asking price for 1,400 square feet of rental office space.

4. RURAL SERVICE DISTRICT ORDINANCE

An Ordinance amending City of Truman Ordinance No. 2019-2 amending previous rural and urban service district ordinance for the City of Truman - Ordinance No. 2020-1. Motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-1 for the Rural Service District with no parcel changes from the prior year and the ratio of benefits remaining at 23%. All ayes - carried.

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve publishing the condensed version of Ordinance No. 2020-1. All ayes - carried.

5. UTILTIY BUSINESS

In the process of setting up a couple of interviews for the lineman position potentially for Friday.

We purchased a transformer from the City of Fairmont for the Dollar General. Their transformer was leaking pretty bad which is common of rebuilt transformers. It was purchased as a re-built for the Dollar General. We will see an invoice for the transformer when they order more transformers, so they don't have to order just one. We can have the other transformer repaired and use as a back-up. A new transformer runs about \$4,000, and the re-built transformer was between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

Still hooking up meters. Taking longer because of COVID and having to get into residents' home to put in new meters. We will give Sherry a list and have her contact residents to set up date and times to get the meters swapped. At some point in the future we will have to have a 30-day notice letter approved by council to send to the residents that won't allow us access to the meter.

Jake received a phone call about a sidewalk repair due to a curb stop repair that had been done. The utilities department repaired a curb stop and in the process the sidewalk was wrecked. The curb stop was in the sidewalk, however the sidewalk was already busted up before the repair. The resident called and asked if we could cut it off and lower it and then they would pour a section of sidewalk. Jake will contact the resident and see if they are repairing the concrete or if the utility department needs to come and repair it.

6. UTILITY CLAIMS

Ck #2853 - 2874 - \$138,967.03

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

7. CITY CLAIMS

Ck #37979 - 38013 - \$53,603.56

Invoice from Bolton & Menk withheld at the previous meeting was discussed. Part of the survey that was conducted was for the land being purchased by Kirk Langvardt, therefore he should be billed for that portion. The check for MN Unemployment is being withheld due to

a letter received in the mail from the state that they were incorrectly sent for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters for 2020. The D & K invoice was for a tire repair that was made when doing a tire rotation on the 2015 squad. A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve the city claims, with the approval to pay Bolton & Menk \$2,800 and bill half of that to Kirk Langvardt, and withhold the check to MN Unemployment. All ayes - carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

An additional hazardous property letter should be sent to the homeowner at 602 E 1<sup>st</sup> St N.

A meeting was held with Thea and Kenny Gronewald, from Profinium, to discuss interest rates for the money from the sale of the Jones Land. The 4M funds through the LMC has very low interest rates, so to keep the money local we negotiated rates with Profinium. Kenny agreed to tie our LISA account to the 1-year CD rate and waive the fee that it cost the bank to purchase securities to cover the amount that is above the \$250,000 FDIC insured.

Discussion about using the Jones investment to payoff the 2007 and 2010 bonds since the interest rates are higher on that than what we are getting thru the negotiated rate from Profinium. We can also look into the Utility reserve to see what they have to payoff the 2010 bond. Thea will contact Northland Securities and get the paperwork lined up for the payoff for the next council meeting.

Discussion was held about getting a resolution approved for the Jones Investment money and the funds that they were assigned to. Lynn will email Derrick about getting a resolution drafted for approval.

In doing some research, Thea contacted Mapleton about their splashpad and came up with list of possible companies to begin the project. Among those companies were Landscape Structures - Aquatix and Raindeck, which were two that Mapleton had received quotes on. After talking with Hunter Chaffee from Mapleton about their project from 2018, he said that Aquatix was good to work with and they provided quality products. He also mentioned that doing the re-circulating water versus fresh water was the way to go as you would save money down the road on water, chemical, and pumps. There is a possibility of looking at doing a zero-depth wading pool with some splashpad amenities next to it. Once we have measurements for the space we have available for the project we will contact them and see what they can do for us for \$100,000 at this point. Then we can always add to it in future years.

An opportunity to purchase a used 50 X 100 ice rink came up. Motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the purchase of the used ice rink. All ayes - carried. However, after the party was contacted, we found out that the rink had already been sold.

Update on Michael Rhey - He has an appointment on August 25<sup>th</sup> for his Class B CDL drivers test. That was as soon as he could get in. Also,

in August Michael and Brent are scheduled to go to Blue Earth to do a trial walk around test with a Highway Patrolman that works with MMUA. This is for 3 guys that are taking the test in Blue Earth and our guys will be tagging along so they can review too.

Wayne hadn't heard back from Brian Rahm about the brush removal we needed done at Ridgelawn Cemetery. He talked to Faith Clow about the burial service that it needed to be done prior to that, and that wasn't going to be held until end of August or in September. Wayne will contact Brian again about hiring him to remove that brush.

Justin typed up instructions for the campers at the campground and put them inside the kiosk. Also, for the upcoming weekend we have made signs to post if the campground is full, since we are operating at 50% capacity. Due to the softball tournaments going on at Rosburgs this weekend we may have more campers.

The police equipment fund has approximately \$4,700 in it. The camera is \$349, however Justin is going to check to see if it is \$39/month or per camera \$39/month. Everything goes straight to the cloud and then you can log into the cloud to view the info. The Arlo is moveable and battery would last 45 days. Could also purchase another camera for less that would work off of Wi-Fi. In visiting with Faribault County, they seem happy with their Arlo's. The cost per month can come from the forfeiture funds until the end of the year and then next year build that cost into the budget. If we catch someone vandalizing something in park on camera we can send the report to the county and work with them to do sentence to serve. If no damage we can give them a warning. Still need to check into a Wi-Fi camera. Motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve purchasing 1 Arlo. All ayes - carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Jesse Clow and Mona Weihe were in attendance to discuss the possibility of purchasing a new cot. The old cots are manual cots that are aging and not functioning properly. Replacement parts aren't available for repairs due to their age. Earlier this year they demoed a power cot of which they thought would be beneficial. Quotes were provided for purchasing a brand-new cot(with all options)-\$17,068.83, a demo cot-\$16,019.21, and a manual cot for \$9,563.00 which is similar to what they have for comparison. Purchasing the demo cot saves you approximately \$1,000 but you lose 2 ½ years on the warranty. Motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the purchase of the new power cot at \$17,068.83. All ayes - carried.

Ambulance Department is also in need of a new set of splints, at this point they don't have a full set anymore. The purchase of the splints should be under \$500 therefore no need to get approval from council.

Discussion also held about getting a budget from the Ambulance Department for 2021 with any bigger purchases that they are expecting to make included.

Jesse also requested if the Ambulance Department can start holding their meetings again. As long as the guidelines for social distancing are being followed that would be fine. Meetings will be open for persons wanting to join via zoom. Meetings count as education for EMT's and since meetings haven't been held, they are falling behind on their education requirements. They will have to find other ways to get that education completed.

There are large weeds that need to be taken care of in the bare lot that Kirk Langvardt is purchasing and also the lot the city is planning the campground expansion. Brian will get them sprayed and then has help lined up to get them disked under.

With the CARES Act funds we can purchase some plexiglass for the front desk counter. It was made known that Sherry wanted that prior to opening the door to City Hall. Brandon will talk to Sam at Boekett and have him measure for some plexiglass.

In preparation for the primary in August and following guidelines for MN Department of Health and the CDC, we will have to make some changes. One specific entrance and a specific exit both with hand sanitizer. Markings on the floor to showing six feet in between each voter. Sanitizing wipes to wipe things down periodically. Plexiglass being purchased by the county for each location to use for elections.

Bevcomm is slated to come in July 30<sup>th</sup> to install lines for internet. They provide free service to City Hall. First router is free, second router we pay an adtl fee, and they offer one free TV box as well. Discussion was held about what package we are looking into for the Municipal Bldg, and if we want to get our phone service through them this fall. For the Municipal Bldg we can do 90Mb/45Mb package for \$104.95/month, as well as the free TV box. Everyone agreed that we should get phone service through Bevcomm as well.

Another piece of land is coming up for sale. Approximately 13.5 acres, however the family isn't sure if they are going to gift the original 3 to 3.5 acres and offer the rest for sale or if they are going to offer the whole parcel at a discount. Lynn has told the party that the city is interested in the land.

Hendricksen commented that Fairmont City Council is working with MN Energy, and the energy company will collect \$2.50 plus a therm charge for the city and give it back to the city. The city will get a little less than \$50/year per customer, and they are putting that towards street improvements. Projected total at the end of the year would be approximately \$280,000. Might be something to check into for the city of Truman.

Discussion was held about if we need a policy in place if someone has a potential exposure if employee needs to stay home, or if there is something they can do that allows them to be isolated. For example, could a street department employee be in the street sweeper all day and be isolated from others but still working. Would need to

quarantine after positive results, and the 14 days would begin from the day that the person was exposed to the individual that tested positive. Lynn will have the Health Commission meet and get a policy in place for future incidents, so we have a protocol to follow.

10. CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to go into a closed session for discussion of the negotiation survey under MN Statue Section 13D.03. All ayes - carried.

Motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to come out of closed session. All ayes - carried.

11. ADJOURN

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

Time - 8:00 p.m.

Thea Boesch, City Clerk-Treasurer