

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. "Zoom" webinar. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brownlee.

Present: Councilors Ebert, Hendricksen, and Mosloski

Absent: Councilor Nickerson

Also present were: J. Jobe, J. Bosshart, W. Wiederhoeft, T. Varpness, B. Brown, J. Green, F. Clow

1. MINUTES

Amendment to change grammatical error on Investments Options Presentation. A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Ebert to approve the minutes read with the amendment. All ayes - carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A letter was received from Charlotte Dobie about rundown property located on the corner lot of 1st St S and Central Ave behind Carol's Supermarket. Besides being an eye sore it has several problems: trees growing up around the house, trees in yard hard have large branches toppled under them, shingles and roof boards missing of the lean too, front door open with cats going in and out, ferns that have migrated to our flower garden, and untreated weeds in their yard. What do the city leaders plan to do about this? The city has been trying for 3 years to address or make changes to ordinances because of properties like this. Another complaint was also received on this property by Mosloski. Very limited to what we can do. May have to explore getting the city attorney involved. We will continue our review of the junk ordinance at the next meeting and cover the material we got from other area towns on their junk ordinances and see how we can modify. Lynn will be in contact with Charlotte & Cliff, as well as the city attorney.

3. Northland Securities - Jessica Green

An opportunity exists for City of Truman to refund 2010A Bond for a potential of savings for the life of the loan thru 2028 of over \$20,000. Jessica explained three options on how we can approach this refunding process. First option, we have Northland Securities as our Placement Agent who would then able to assist the city in finding a purchaser of the refunding bonds. These purchasers could be local if that presents the best option, and if a fair proposal is not offered then they will be able to utilize their network of banking relationships to further their search to find the most advantageous financing arrangement. Second option, we have Northland Securities set up as the Municipal Advisor this would limit them to only being able to approach the banks identified by the City. Should this list of banks not come up with rates in-line with the market then the city

would have to find other potential banks. Third option, if we don't want Northland Securities involved at all the city would still have to work thru bond council because it is considered a debt obligation of the city and is a bond issuance. There would still be legal costs involved for the city if we do option three, however the savings of not having Northland involved would be approximately \$7500. Estimated fees may be higher for bond council because bond council would need to take on that additional role for the city. Since this is Northland Securities expertise and they have the most knowledge when it comes to refunding bonds it would be best to have Northland involved in this process. Motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to sign the engagement letter and have Northland as our Placement Agent. All ayes - carried.

4. REVIEW JUNK ORDINANCE

Discussion will be held at next meeting when we meet in person at the Council Chambers.

5. UTILITY BUSINESS

Discussion about quote to replace sludge pump. The cost is approximately \$3,200. It's one of the pumps at the wastewater plant and one of the ears broke off. Its temporarily welded but needs to be replaced even though not budgeted. Also had a RAS pump that failed over this last weekend, so we need take that and have a quote made up to rebuild and present to council. The rebuild of the RAS pump should be significantly less. Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve quote for sludge pump. All ayes - carried.

Mosloski visited with Mike Rhey about his CDL. Had sufficient time to study and the exam stations are open now for him to start the process. He is set to come off of probation on the 13th of June. He has until July 1st to get it and once he has his CDL he can be taken off of probation. Lynn will talk to him and inform him of this decision.

The roll off dumpster will be here by the end of the week. Justin will work on getting his office cleaned out.

6. UTILITY CLAIMS

Ck #2785 - 2797 - \$7,999.89

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

7. CITY CLAIMS

Ck #37904 - 37914 - \$14,221.08

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

The city is pulling union dues from Mike S. payroll check and paying them, however union negotiation has not happened to our knowledge. Lynn will reach out to City Attorney Derrick Greiner about this matter.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion about opening the pool was held. At this point the state still has not issued any licenses to open pools. Some pools are able to open for sports related activities, however this does not include swimming lessons. If Governor does allow pools to open the guidelines for sanitizing would require more staffing to do so. Contact was made by Faith and Kim to the lifeguards to see if we have enough guards to open the pool. They think there would be enough under normal circumstances to open the pool, but don't think we have enough staffing to keep the sanitary guidelines set by the state. If given the okay to open they would need at a minimum two weeks to get things ready to open. Fairmont is making a decision next week on whether to open for lap swimming and lessons only in the big pool, and all other pools and equipment closed. That would only be if they were given the okay to open. Truman can't afford to open just for lessons and lap swimming. Wayne will talk to John on what he needs to do for maintaining the pool so nothing gets damage from not being operated all summer. If pool closes he would like to call Craig and have him go thru the motor and put new bearings, and perform maintenance to the pump. Contact Horizon Pools and have the robotic vacuum gone thru again. We will wait to see if we get any further updates from Tim Langer, but a decision will be made at the next council meeting.

Discussion was also held if the pool doesn't open up if the city would do what Madelia is doing and fill personal pools for free. Not sure if this was thru the Fire Department or who they are doing it thru. Would have to talk to the Fire Department before making that decision, and see how many pools we are looking at filling up.

Discussion was held about opening mini golf course. Faith would open and lock the course at the beginning and the end of the day. Also put a donation box for golfers to put donations in for using the course. Faith and Laurie have been down there cleaning up and repairing carpet in hopes of having it open for the kids. Because shop class wasn't being held at school this spring the obstacles did not get built. Fairmont is offering this activity. Motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve opening the mini golf course. All ayes - carried.

Discussion was held about opening the campground. In following the guidelines from the state, which they specify at least 30 feet in between sites, we would only be able to open 7 sites for camping. Because of guidelines for sanitizing bathrooms it would be best to leave them closed until further notice. The shelter can be used by one family at a time with the max amount being 10 people. Signage should be displayed to notify campers of these restrictions. New lock box and kiosk would need to be put up. Motion made by Hendricksen, seconded by Mosloski to approve opening the campground. All ayes - carried.

Discussion held on investing the Jones money. Still need to find hard numbers on how the money is going to be allocated and what is left to invest. Going to schedule a work session on June 15th at 5pm at Council Chambers to lay out numbers and make final decision on where to invest the funds that are leftover.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion held about opening the doors to City Hall. Fairmont City Hall open their doors June 1st, as well as Profinium Financial lobby. If we decide to open the doors we would want to put up sneeze guards to protect employees. No need to rush into opening the doors. We will continue help those needing assistance thru the door if need be and revisit this in the future.

Monte and Thea continue to work on financials and should have an up-to-date standing of the budget soon. Auditors scheduled to come June 11th & 12th to do 2019 audit.

Discussion held about the lease that was up as of May 31st with MN Para Transit. Prior lease was \$500/month which does not include utilities. Look into putting a meter in that building so that we can meter usage and bill for utilities. Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to extend lease at \$500/month plus utilities.

The City has taken care of what they need to on their end to complete the sale of the lots across the street and next door that MN Para Transit purchased, however, one is still in the cities name. They still are not getting charged taxes on those lots because the deeds have not been recorded. Lynn will talk to City Attorney Derrick Greiner about this issue.

Discussion about the fee for the city to mow property owners lawns after they have been notified and still have not taken care of the issue. The fee is not set high enough to get there attention and therefore we continue to see people not follow the ordinance. We see repeat offenders year after year. Motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Ebert to approve raising the fee to \$100. All ayes - carried.

Discussion held about if the city is in charge of cleaning up at the dump what is over the side to the North. Since the dump is owned by the city it would be our responsibility to clean that up. John will contact STS and see if they are open again. May take some equipment to dig it out of there, won't be able to dig it all out by hand. Cutoff at the surface what you need to get it to flush.

The city is responsible for making sure all departments are staying current on their Hepatitis B shots and covering the cost of those shots. The departments need to make sure that they are staying up-to-date on those shots.

Complaint by Hendricksen was discussed about more police coverage during the daytime as we have too much speeding, delivery trucks not following the truck route, unlicensed golf carts, dogs not licensed and running loose, and grass blown in the streets. Direction from the EOC during COVID-19 was that they were dissuading us from stopping cars unless it was an immediate danger; however, we have been starting to do a little more of that. Start mixing up hours between day shifts and night shifts to cover more day hours and not create more hours for staff. One day a week have an officer on duty for day shift. Also noted that we want the staff to stay safe during these unsettling times as we don't know who is coming thru town because of the riots.

No applications have been submitted for the part-time position. We will do some more advertising on social media and the ad will run yet this week in the Truman Tribune.

Mosloski did post the fire truck on the City of Truman facebook page. It is also still listed on the Public Surplus website as well. Two people might be potential buyers. The reserve has not been met yet, but bids will most likely increase as we near the end of the auction time. May extend auction due to still getting information out to interested parties.

Grass in front of the Dollar General next to the highway is not being mowed. Letter needs to be sent to Dollar General to have that taken care of as it is their responsibility to take care of that portion as well.

It was brought to the councils attention that there is a group of residents in town planning activities for the last weekend in July even though the decision was made to postpone Truman Days until 2021. Any parties held will have to be shutdown by 10pm to abide by the 10pm noise curfew, which is no different than any other year. Also, a tournament maybe in the works as well for that weekend. If held they will not have access to the concessions or bathrooms for the event.

Next council meeting will be at the Council Chambers with 6 feet social distancing in mind.

10. ADJOURN

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

Time - 7:22 p.m.

Thea Boesch, City Clerk-Treasurer