

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brownlee.

Present: Councilors Ebert, Hendricksen, Mosloski, and Nickerson.

Absent: None

Also present were: J. Bosshart, T. Varpness, B. Brown, D. Neitzke, K. Brummond, D. Brummond, W. Wiederhoeft, B. Rabbe of Prairieland Solid Waste Mgmt.

1. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the minutes as read. All ayes – carried.

2. PRAIRIELAND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Billeye Rabbe of Prairieland Solid Waste Management was present to give an update on how Prairieland was running. She also was present to renew the Conditional Use Permit for them. A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Ebert to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Prairieland Solid Waste Management. All ayes – carried.

No odor complaints were made for the month of February.

3. RESOLUTION #2020-03 – APPROVING COUNTY PROJECT WITHIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS

A motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to approve Resolution #2020-03 for Approving County Project Within Municipal Corporate Limits regarding the resurfacing of main street. All ayes – carried.

4. UTILITY BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the Verizon modifications they want to do to the water tower located at 214 North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East in Truman. Was recommended to not sign anything until the lease is signed. A motion was made Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to table any decision until things are settled.

Brent will work with Councilor Ebert to get bill stuffers done.

Water meters are getting cleaned up.

Discussed rate correction on electric meters for heat. It was recommended to go forward to correct this rate. Still want to reduce energy rate. Customer will get a tax break through the winter months on electric heat. Looking at getting rates changed. We need to notify the customers of how it would affect them. Need to come in and fill out a form if using electric heat.

Discussion held on disconnects. It was noted that we are losing a large amount of money on those not paying their bill. Need to decide on amount of time to give to pay those that are delinquent. Give 3 months to catch up instead of 10 months. Also discussed disconnect and reconnect fees. For now it was decided to send out late notices.

Discussed water shut-off at old Police Station. Need to find shut-off, don't have any maps that would show where it is at.

5. UTILITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve the utility claims.

CK #2680 – CK #2702      \$137,599.92      All ayes – carried.

6. FIRE CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Ebert to approve the 2020 Fire Contracts with Waverly, Westford, and Nashville Townships. All ayes – carried.

7. CITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve the city claims.

CK #37759 – CK #37795      \$57,377.12      All ayes – carried.

Councilor Mosloski abstained on the claim for his training per diem.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Regarding the closed session held on March 9, 2020, a motion was made to not have a severance package for Bethanie Ekstrom.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Wayne Wiederhoeft was present to discuss employing new people to help with the testing at the pool mainly on weekends. He would like someone he could trust, and it was recommended to hire T.J. and Danielle Williams to help with testing. They can do the testing under Wayne's pool operator license for as long as Wayne is certified. Also discussed training Trent Flatum on that too if interested. A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve hiring T.J. and Danielle Williams to help with pool testing.

Discussion was held on the Splash Pad at the pool. Was told shouldn't put it east of the wading pool, as it would interfere with trucks doing maintenance at the pool. Was informed that the Council might want to get rid of the wading pool and put the splash

pool there. Discussed the Council talking to John Szymanski of Alden Pool & Municipal Supply Company.

Shannon Schwichtenberg gave her two weeks resignation this morning. Was asked if she would stay a month or longer until we have a new Administrative Assistant. She agreed to that unless she finds a new job.

Billeye Rabbe from Prairieland offered to give us a list of job applicants who applied for their part-time position and weren't hired to use for our part-time position.

Discussion was held on mowing for City and the ballfields. Baseball/Softball Association would like two people to help at the ball diamonds. Will check to see if they have someone in mind.

Mayor Brownlee will get employment ads put together and sent to the paper.

Discussed credit line on the Profinium credit cards.

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brownlee and Councilor Nickerson informed the council that they did six phone interviews for Interim City Clerk-Treasurer job. Would work 2-3 days a week and then remotely from home for the rest. Got the applicants down to three people. Discussed having a second interview with the 3 applicants again.

Madelia Municipal Light & Power has offered to have an employee come over and help out with financial for the utilities. Would mentor the next person coming in. Chris Trembley will let Councilor Nickerson know what their Commission would approve and charge.

Councilor Mosloski volunteered to talk to Monte Rohman to see if he would possibly help for six months or less to train new person too.

The kiosk for the campgrounds that the Active Living group would like to buy was discussed. A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve the kiosk they picked out for \$918.00. All ayes – carried.

Discussed the land deal regarding the EDA property.

Old grocery store was discussed regarding the look of the front of it. Discussed doing repairs on it to make it look better and help sell. Thought of maybe putting tin and some stone on the front. Idea was said to paint the west side of building and paint barn quilts on it.

Discussed the water line for the drinking fountain in the park will be repaired this spring.

11. POLICE

Was reported that the part-time police officer, Carolyn Jacobsen, will be at next council meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>. She has to take a drug/alcohol test for employment. Mayor Brownlee will schedule appointment for her.

Informed the council Chief Jobe will be putting up the speed trailer again on highway 15.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Neitzke was present to give an update on the school regarding COVID-19. Planning up for 7 weeks before they can come back, maybe to end of school year. School will provide two meals a day and the buses will be delivering the meals. Buses will drop off homework too. Looking at jet-paks for learning use for those children that don't have internet access. She also informed the council that the School Board has informed employees to start parking in the school parking lot.

Was informed that the EMS would like to be included on the Emergency Management Team.

Council was informed that with the Coronavirus it was mandatory for Police, firefighters, EMS, and Public Utility workers to go to work.

13. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to adjourn. All ayes – carried.  
Time – 7:24 p.m.

Sherry Hansen  
Administrative Assistant