

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:32 p.m. "Zoom" webinar. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brownlee.

Present: Councilors Ebert, Hendricksen, Mosloski, and Nickerson

Absent: None

Also present were: J. Jobe, J. Bosshart, City Attorney D. Greiner, T. Varpness, B. Brown, K. Weihe, M. Weihe, J. Nelson, S. Roesner, V. Quade

1. MINUTES

Amendment to change name on toe kick quote from Bulfer's to Boltjes. A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the minutes read with the amendment. All ayes - carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion was held on whether to keep moving forward with planning the all school reunion and Truman Days celebration. No word yet if they are having the Martin County Fair. Concerns of the risk the city would have if we decide to hold these events. We can utilize this time to work on current projects like the campground and pool to make them better for the events for next year. The band can be postponed for next year. We want the events to be a success and with the virus concerns the turnout for the event will suffer. Motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve the postponement of the all school reunion and Truman Days 2020. All ayes - carried.

Re-visiting the discussion of parcels on the south side of town and moving them from city to rural district. Attorney Derrick Greiner said that there are 3 options that we can do. First, is to leave the parcels as is and do nothing. Second, would be to move them to rural service district and then they would receive that percentage reduction. To do so the council would have to determine that it is unplatted and after review of beacon it appears that that is the case. Also that the properties are rule in character and not developed for commercial/industrial/urban residential purposes. That area of town is set up as business and residential zoning and that determination was made by a prior council when that came in. The third option is to de-annex those parcels from the city that would have to be by agreement with the township. It would lose all of the city tax bills and pick up township tax bill in terms of road maintenance. Therefore, the city would lose all tax revenue from that option. Cannot create a separate taxing district for those parcels that would otherwise reduce it in any different way from other tax parcels within the city. Vern thought that in an email from Bob Gunther that there

was an option added for situations like this and in other towns as well where they don't receive all the services as the in town residents. He will find the email and forward that to Derrick Greiner and he will review that to see if there is another option available.

3. SMIF PRESENTATION

Jennifer Nelson from SMIF provided a brief update on the regional foundation. EDA used to be a donor many years ago. They focus on economic development, early childhood development, and community vitality. In any given year we invest about \$5 million back into the region throughout 20 counties in southern MN through grants, loans, and some programing. Since 2016 we have given approximately \$350,000 back to Martin County. Have invested about \$250,000 into about 550 childcare providers, and specifically in Martin County it was grants for 26 different providers since the pandemic began. China House Cafe owner was in and applied for assistance. Support small communities and help build resources. Opening small grant program for small communities to apply for grants to support them. Will be doing virtual sprout events to learn from our program staffers and those that use the programs.

4. INVESTMENT OPTIONS PRESENTATIONS

Fixed annuity options for 3, 5, and 7 years provides interest income without putting the principal at risk. Each option has different rates and features. Have to assign an annuitant from the organization who will allow the features of the death benefit, the nursing home waiver and terminal illness waiver. Annuitant is not the owner of the annuity just wants a person assigned to cover one of the three features of the annuity to end. Similar to CD's but different company that insures them and pays the interest on them. Grows tax deferred. Fixed Indexed Annuity allows you to participate in the market. So interest is variable, but you don't lose money. If market goes down you just don't get any earnings that year. VA annuity is a variable annuity which also gives you the opportunity to participate in the market, receive a 4.5% to 5% for the life of the annuitant person. At the passing of the annuitant the original principal is returned to the organization. Annuitant that is 70 yrs of age and over to get 5%. We need to determine what funds have been assigned to projects and how much has not been assigned. Steve will review the options and make sure that these are compliant in using with public funds. Jackson National didn't have compliant issues investing public funds.

5. JUNK ORDINANCE

In reviewing the ordinances from other area towns some of the verbiage is subjective and it would be best if we could avoid that when we re-do our ordinances and make it more specific. Therefore, making it easier for the police officers to enforce. Give resident a warning to clean up and if not cleaned up in 10 days then a citation will be issued. Then they have 30 days to either pay the citation or appear in court. If they go to court then the court system will give them another deadline to clean it up, therefore extending the period again. So its essentially not from the time of citation. The city sets the fine. If they pay the ticket then it would be up to \$25, but you have

additional fees which ends up totaling \$125. We don't see the entire \$125. Jobe looking into whether we can make it a mandatory court appearance and not a payable offense. Issued warning to 13 residents and half came back as operable vehicles, and 6 of them had receipts for tabs that had been purchased but not received. Some of them made no attempts and are getting citations. Councilman to review all the ordinances from other towns and re-visit this next meeting to get something written up.

City wide clean-up. Lynn will contact Billeye Rabbe for more information in regards to that. Also check into if it is billed monthly on their utility bill.

Thea will contact County Auditor and see about moving stormwater fee from monthly utility bill to tax statements.

6. UTILITY BUSINESS

Fire truck listed on the public surplus website.

Sewer issues on 5<sup>th</sup> St N (Brian Schmidt's house - the 5 houses on the north side) and West Ciro St (alley Brad Nickerson lives on going west) - no manhole at the end of the flush point, so we would like to see that declared as a private service line. We can't jet it without a map of where it goes. We need documentation where these lines are located and who they belong too. Lines were put in privately, therefore if city takes over at the cost of the owner they would have to put a camera in and inspect it and install manholes. That cost would be assessed to the homeowners. Those residents are having issues and they want the city to pay for the maintenance. Can't identify what house its coming from but it is grease being put down the drain. They have opened 3/4s of the towns manholes and these are the only ones so far that they have figured out are private lines. Need to keep communication lines open so residents know exactly what we are thinking.

Request for a rolloff dumpster for utilities and police station. Utilities is throwing old fiber glass board and the police station has junk, misc books, papers, etc to get building cleaned out. Any evidence will be taken up to Prairieland and watch it being destroyed. Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve. All ayes - carried.

Received an email from Steve Carson about backwash change frequency. He said if we change the frequency of doing backwashes that it could save up to \$8,000 or \$9,000. This was implemented 6 months ago after research was conducted. They have been doing it anywhere from 2 to 4 weeks.

7. UTILITY CLAIMS

Ck #2764 - 2784 - \$89,131.09

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

8. CITY CLAIMS

Ck #37875 - 37903 - \$26,449.53

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

Code Red - look into what the service offers and if we want to continue this service. Thea will look into this as she was added as the main point of contact.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Monte will begin Thursday. Auditors will be in the office on Wednesday and Thursday.

Need to send Larry Baarts a thank you. Bolton and Menk still needs to estimate the value of the land for tax purposes. Wait until all is taken care of and then send a thank you. Also need to have a write-up in the Tribune about this land.

Teske Bldg - waiting on a call. Nickerson will follow up on this, he had put a phone call into her and sent her pictures. Need to get an answer if we have someone interested in the building. She sounded interested in a plaque displayed by the building recognizing their history.

Update on Trexler building - Nickerson will see if Deb knows anything new.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No odor complaints for Priarieland for the month of April.

Old Buckle-up - Safe & Sober signs - we have one up still at 2<sup>nd</sup> St N and Hwy 15 and 3 others we had taken down. Bosshart contacted them and they said they would come and pick up our signs. Not going to put signs back up on Hwy 15.

Website updates - Thea has been working on the website. If you go to our domain it is now directed to the new website versus the old. Information continues to be updated as well as getting all minutes uploaded to-date. We are also looking into Bevcomm for our hosting and website software maintenance, and having Brenda come back and do website updates. Motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve Brenda to do website updates. All ayes - carried.

Vision Insurance - we no longer can use BCBS for vision coverage due to us getting healthy coverage thru the cooperative. We would have to do large group and we don't have enough participants to do so.

Therefore, we have to use either Sunlife or Beam for vision coverage. Costs are similar for premiums and Beam has the better out of network cost for the employee. If we use Beam then dental and vision would be with same company. Motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve. All ayes - carried.

Open checking for Cathy Sorenson for painting donations to help defray the cost of pain. Funds used for painting around town. Lets just earmark the deposits and track the funds that way instead of opening a separate account.

Shannon put in her notice. We will advertise for a part-time Administrative Asst after we look back at the applications from not too long ago.

A letter was sent to John Barret with no response in regards to the shed on his property.

Set-up Planning and Zoning committee meeting to get Thea familiar with who is involved with it. Go over a few things that have come up recently as a group.

Opening RV site - can't open the site until we get the go ahead from the state.

Bar Opening - if they choose to open then they risk their license and insurance and would most likely receive fines from state.

City is not willing to pass a resolution to open businesses and take on the risk of losing government aid.

Utility Deposit - if monthly bills are paid on time for a year they can receive their deposit back.

Campground project - Brian has a draft for the layout of the campground site. A grant thru Heartland for \$5,000 was applied for last week. Use of the tanker will be needed to water trees and seeded grass areas.

Need to have Derrick update Resolution 2020-20 Billing Cycle - payment due date change from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Buzzy's home (105 S 5<sup>th</sup> Ave W) is classified as agricultural on beacon, but on the city map it is R-1. Not sure how it got changed but changed in 2015. It will not change anything for him because he has a set tax rate for a veteran. City paid for survey to be done on his property and stakes were put in place, however those stakes have been removed. Tractor and disk was moved last week.

Pool - At this point we can't open as Tim Langer has not gotten the go ahead from the state to even issue licenses for the pools to open. If we don't open the pool we can utilize that time to make updates or do maintenance to prepare for next year.

11. ADJOURN

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

Time - 7:43 p.m.

Thea Boesch, City Clerk-Treasurer