

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held May 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Brownlee

Present: Councilors Ebert, Hendricksen, Mosloski, Nickerson
Absent:

1. BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Ekstrom was advised earlier in the day that a representative from the baseball association would not be present. John Bosshart was present and advised that the city has been mowing the fields. Ebert suggested that we discuss summer help and what is needed from summer employees expressing that the city needs to utilities the workers as well. Bosshart will compile a list of tasks. Once a task list has been compiled an ad will be placed in the paper.

2. TREES AND HEDGES

Wiederhoeft was present to discuss the hedges at the cemetery. He has been in contact with Dave Fingsted who was also present and suggested the use of Fingsteds hedge trimmer. Ebert request and estimate from Fingsted as to how long he estimated it would take. Wiederhoeft also addressed two trees at the campground that need to removed due to cracks. A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Nickerson to approve of hiring Tim Weihe to remove the trees and stumps for \$500.00 All yeas - carried.

3. TREE DUMP

Larry Krenz was present to offer the tree dump for purchase to the city. Mosloski stated that he would be interested in knowing the cost to purchase as it benefits the city. Krenz will have the 8 acres of his property valued.

4. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kelley was present to request a job description as a public utilities commissioner. He added that he appreciates Ekstroms guidance but wants a formal description of his duties and what is expected of him. Ekstrom added that she feels the commission needs to be more involved with the day to day operations of TPU, essentially serving as the management of TPU. Ekstrom provided the council a proposed job description for the PUC commission, advisor and liaison. The commission members were present and were also provided a copy of the proposed job descriptions. Council and commission will analyze and discuss further at the next council meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mosquito control was present to discuss their proposal for mosquito control. The estimate for 10/12 visits would be \$4,700.00

6. MINUTES

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve the minutes of the last meetings with the correction of Mosloski absence on April 15th. All yeas - carried.

7. FRONTAGE ROAD DEED

A motion was made by Nickerson and seconded by Hendricksen to approve of Dennis Rode deeding over the frontage road contingent on the construction of a building for Dollar General. Ekstrom advised that Rode is hoping to have the deed completed by June.

8. FORMER GROCERY STORE BUILDING

Discussion regarding what to do with the former grocery store building took place. The council decided to table until a roof estimate is received.

9. SUMMER EMPLOYEES

Discussion of what is expected of summer employees took place. Mosloski questioned if our insurance policy will cover temporary employees less than 16 years of age. Ekstrom will verify with the insurance agent.

10. CONTRACTED CLEANING

A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Ebert to approve of hiring Desiree Bulfer for contracted cleaning at the community building. All yeas - carried.

11. ASSESSORS OFFICE UPDATE

The council was presented a letter from the assessors office regarding the lowered value of parcel 41.260.0170 Discussion on Heartland Senior Living going tax exempt took place. It was suggested to invite Bob Gunther to an upcoming meeting.

12. CITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the city claims:
General Account #37059-37090 \$53,179.37 All yeas - carried.

13. CODE RED

A motion was made by Hendricksen and seconded by Nickerson to approve of purchasing a one year service for Code RED. Discussion on sharing the service with TPU took place.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

Ekstrom questioned the council if the city had a mission statement. The council advised that they were not aware of one. Ekstrom will draft ideas and bring them to the council.

Ekstrom advised that the China House Café requested to open the door between the café and former grocery store. Ebert was concerned about the liability and questioned if they could find an alternative solution.

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to set employee reviews for June 17th at 5:30PM. The council will hold a work session May 20th following the regular city council meeting.

A motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to extend Royal Rhodes building permit to September.

Mosloski questioned the process of how to do a city wide clean up. Ekstrom will contract surround towns and Prairieland for guidance.

Hendricksen questioned why the solar lights on the city signs were not on. Chief Jobe advised that they do come on later at night when it's darker. Hendricksen questioned the drain at the park and why there is water in it. Bosshart responded that he is aware of the water and the ground is too wet to get the vac truck to the drain. She also added that the fence at Graf park needs to be removed. Hendricksen also suggested providing T-Town with a copy of the city ordinances.

Ebert questioned the council what the plan was going forward with Truman Public Utilities. Ebert noted that he didn't think it was fair to the citizens that two out of the three public utilities commissioners feel that Heartland and Federated need to talk and one is set on it not happening. Meyer questioned why Federated hasn't been allowed the opportunity to speak with Heartland. Nickerson added that Heartland won't allow Truman to end services. Mosloski and Ebert clarified that ending service with Heartland isn't what they are asking for. The question is can Federated take over the contract with Heartland. Nickerson added that if a power outage happened the city would be without power. Meyer clarified that that wasn't true as Federated would have turned on the generators in that situation as well. Meyer clarified that as a citizen she isn't advocating one way or the other but rather she wants to know that the city has explored all options and has made the best decision for the residence of Truman. Nickerson added that he has been here 62 years and doesn't feel that selling is what is best for Truman. Adding that there has been thousands of dollars of improvements. Ebert added but there is millions of dollars of power cables that were never hooked up during that time. Hendricksen added that we cant get out of the contract without paying thousands of dollars. Ebert questioned Hendrickson on how many thousands as that has been the question all along. Mosloski added that Federated stated they wouldn't need to get out of the contract that they would lower the rates and still buy power from them. They just want the opportunity to talk and try and work something out. Hendricksen repeatedly said Heartland is not wiling. Mosloski added that if that is the case then we know. Meyer reiterated the fact that at the last several PUC meeting two out of the three commissioners were in agreement that a meeting between Heartland and Federated needed to take place. Stating that for some reason the meeting keeps getting put off. Mosloski added that he will be making some calls and emails tomorrow.

Hendricksen added that a rate study will be completed next week. Ekstrom question Hendricksen on when this was decided. Neitzke questioned the details of the rate study. Henderickson advised she would have to get information from Davis.

15. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to adjourn. All yeas - carried.
Time: 8:08p.m.

