

A special meeting of the Truman City Council was held March 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brownlee.

Present: Councilors Ebert, Hendricksen, Mosloski, Nickerson
Absent: None

The purpose of the special meeting was to conduct business from the regular meeting on March 5 that was cancelled due to inclement weather.

1. MINUTES

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held February 20, 2018. All yeas - carried.

2. PRAIRIELAND SOLID WASTE - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RENEWAL

Prairieland Solid Waste Director Billeye Rabbe gave the annual report of operations at the facility. Everything is going well and they signed a 10 year contract with Excel Energy to provide refuse derived fuel to their Mankato power plant to produce electricity.

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the annual renewal of the Conditional Use Permit for the Prairieland Solid Waste facility. All yeas - carried.

3. PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT

Utility Office Manager Judi Davis and Foreman Taylor Varpness were present to go over some items proposed by Truman PUC. They would like to increase the monthly street light pole charge by \$2 per pole. The installation of the new LED lights on 1/3 of the poles this year will reduce energy costs for a good part of the additional revenue increase. There was no objection to this proposal. They asked to have the annual electric franchise reduce to \$1. This fee is over \$17,000 per year from the PUC to the City. Clerk Rohman explained that the fee was put in place around the year 2000 on the recommendation of the PUC after electric deregulation to make it less enticing for another utility to come in and take our larger customers. No action was taken on this request. The next item was a request to add a \$5 monthly capital improvement charge to residential customers and an \$8 to commercial customers to continue to update and fix equipment and infrastructure. The council thought the rate increases last year were to deal with these issues. Another concern the PUC has is the water used for major fires that is not charged out. They would like to set a policy on this to bill the city in the future for this. The PUC has been blowing snow off the sidewalks and fire hall driveway and they asked whose responsibility is it to do this. The council informed them that they did not need to continue doing this. Will talk to street department about ideas to address the snow removal at city hall. The last item was the past policy of "averaging" winter water consumption and then billing summer sewer bills based on that average monthly usage. Going forward sewer customers will be charged on all gallons used year round.

It was agreed that the PUC will give a quarterly update to the council to keep the lines of communication open.

4. SHIP AND COMMUNITY CLUB PROJECTS

Marilyn Carrigan from the community club present information on barn quilt signs that residents and businesses can buy to put on their buildings. They would like to have a walking barn quilt trail in city

limits for people to view various quilt signs. More barn quilt brochures will be printed and they will be available in the new kiosk that the scouts will build in the lot next to the museum. Council thought this was a great idea.

Pat Jones from the SHIP committee said they received another SHIP grant this year. They hope to finish the bike rack at Graf Park this year. They will be holding a bike workshop on May 4th and asked to waive the fee at the community building for this event.

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to waive the community building fee for the SHIP bike workshop on May 4. All yeas - carried.

Jones said they are still working on a bike trail to Perch Lake Park. They are working with the State this year on an in town bike trail and the trail will be advertised in the new kiosk. Councilor Hendricksen recommended the SHIP group work on providing reflective vests for youngsters. SHIP will be holding a bike rodeo for third graders each year.

5. PARKING NORTH OF THE SCHOOL

Reviewed a letter from a teacher at school that received a warning for parking in a 15-minute parking stall north of the high school. Police Chief Justin Jobe explained the parking on the north side of First Street North in the block between Third and Fourth Avenue East. Resident Jason Mau voice his concern with the one parking stall on the west end of the block. He wants it to be a regular parking spot not subject to the 15-minute limit. Jobe explained the State statute that states there is no parking 30 feet from a stop sign. This parking stall will be reviewed but will remain a 15-minute parking stall.

6. DUCKS UNLIMITED - EXEMPT PERMIT FOR GAMBLING

Reviewed an application from Southern Minnesota Ducks Unlimited for an Exempt Permit for charitable gambling at Aardvark's Bar & Grill. This is to hold some raffle events at the bar totaling around \$35,000.

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve the Charitable Gambling Exempt Permit for Southern Minnesota Ducks Unlimited. All yeas - carried.

7. CITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the city claims:

General Account	#36192-36205	\$46,801.32
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All yeas - carried.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Request from the clinic to paint the back door entry area was denied. The lease calls for lessee to maintain the inside.

Councilor Mosloski is in discussions with Midco about internet and cable tv service.

9. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Mosloski to adjourn. All yeas - carried. Time: 6:58 p.m.

Monte Rohman, Clerk