

Truman City Council Minutes March 27, 2023

A Truman City Council Work Session was held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 27th day of March, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilor Patty Truax, Councilor Chris Mosloski, Councilor Ron Kelley, and Councilor Brian Nickerson.

Absent: None.

Staff present: Utility Foreman Brent Brown, Street Superintendent John Bosshart, Police Chief Justin Jobe, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Utility Billing Specialist/Deputy Clerk Carol Becker.

Fire Department Business

The proposed rescue truck purchase was discussed to consider funding options. Certificates of indebtedness through Profinium and the use of various fund reserves were given consideration. Township contract rates for 2024 were discussed to decide if an increase would be made and how the additional funds would be used. Currently townships pay \$150 per section, plus \$50 per section into the truck reserve fund. A proposal was made to increase the rates by 5% annually, with the additional money to be placed in the truck reserve to fund future needs. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve an annual 5% increase on the full contract rate with the additional funds going into the truck reserve. All ayes – motion carried.**

Police Department Business

Discussion centered around department staffing and the purchase of a squad car planned for this year. It was recommended to continue exploring options to share an officer with an area department due to the difficulty in finding and hiring new officers and the associated cost. Squad cars are scheduled for replacement on an eight year rotation. The 2015 is scheduled to be replaced this year and the 2018 squad in 2026. Council reviewed the level of police coverage needed, putting the county on call, and the Northrop police contract. Further discussion will take place at the upcoming council meeting.

Community Building Policies

Information was provided detailing rental rates for various sections of the building, rent revenue from the past three years, and a list of groups that use the hall for free or at a reduced rate. Several groups using the hall regularly have their own key. Consideration was given to having everyone pay for using the hall to help pay for utilities and repairs and maintenance expenses. This item will be added to the upcoming meeting agenda for further discussion. It was decided to add a programmable thermostat to save on the cost of heating and air.

Streets and Truck Routes

No information was available.

Campground Planning

Brent Brown provided rough cost estimates for expansion of the campground. The cost for material for utilities is \$95,000, and \$277,500 for a contractor to install them, add roads, and do other dirt work. Discussion included if the project should be sent out for bids to get firm figures, if fund reserves designated elsewhere might be used for this project, if permanent sites would be made available, replacement of the culvert, and if the campground is or would be financially viable. It was decided to send the project out for bids, and to include bids for a modified version with fewer campsites. Brown will bring an update to the April 3rd council meeting.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer