

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held October 1, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brownlee

Present: Councilors Ebert, Hendricksen, Mosloski, Nickerson

Absent:

1. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held September 17, 2018. All yeas - carried.

2. STREET DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarterly report was presented by John Bosshart. Bosshart stated that the seal coating was completed in August. They are currently busy preparing for winter and are staying busy with clearing leaves and branches. As well as jetting the storm sewer drains. There has been a number of trees taken down resulting in the dump needing to be burnt again. With the cold weather approaching Bosshart stated they will be turning the water off at the parks and campground. Bosshart also addressed that the new plow truck was missing tow hooks and that they would be added. Mosloski advised that they should have a contractor provide an estimate for raising the header and larger door.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarterly report was presented by Chief Justin Jobe. The council has requested that the

3. PUBLIC UTILITIES

Judi Davis from the Truman Public Utilities Commission asked to speak to clarify topics addressed at the special meeting. Davis clarified that rate increase was for base rate increase and not specifically for capital improvement plan. Davis stated that in order for the city to approve an increase it would have been needed to be put into a resolution. And stated that a resolution was not done when the rate was approved. Davis also stated that she checked with their auditor and having separated accounting is not needed. Davis stated that all expenses were shown during the presentation in 2016. Ebert questioned Davis on how according to the plan that was proposed at \$1.1 million in the first year of the plan \$82,000.00 was used on wages. Reinforcing the fact that over the ten year plan \$820,000.00 of the \$1.1 million would be used for wages. Ebert stated that it just doesn't make any sense. Davis responded stating yes but this is what you approved. Mosloski then stated that he understood what Davis was referring to on the ordinance and that would be relevant if the city had to approve a bond payment. And what was proposed in 2016 was a capital improvement plan and pointed to the printed copy of the proposed plan from 2016 which is titled Truman Public Utilities 2016-2017 Utility Capital Improvement Programs. Davis stated that if it was the cities intention to have a capital improvement plan than it should have been done in a different way.

4. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 401.02 THROUGH 401.05 TRUMAN CITY CODE TO PROHIBIT DISCHARGE INTO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR INSPECTION OF PROPERTY AND TO DETERMINE ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE A SURCHARGE FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH INSPECTIONS AND CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS. - ORDINANCE 2018-4

A motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Ebert to offer the sump pump ordinance. All yeas - carried.

4. MINNESOTA BOARD OF PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING

A letter was recently sent to the City of Truman confirming that the Truman Police Department has passed its review. This comprehensive review consist of records concerning mandated employee training and department policies.

5. MONDAY DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 2018 - 6:00 PM DATE FOR 2019 BUDGET AND LEVY MEETING

A motion to set the meeting date for Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 6:00p.m. was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to publish an ad in the Truman Tribune for winter snow blowing - wage \$12.50HR. All yeas - carried.

6. 2019 CITY BUDGET

Ekstrom presented the proposed 2019 city budget and went over several line items. The budget will be finalized at the next council meeting.

7. CITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the city claims:  
General Account #36566 - 36581 \$63,509.16 All yeas - carried.

8. COMMUNICATING ACROSS GENERATIONS

Ekstrom presented the council with an article published by the league of Minnesota cities. Stating it was brought to her attention that there has been communication barriers between the council members. Going forward it is essential the council understands each other and the different ways in which generations communicate. Ekstrom would like to minimize the use of printed documents and suggested that the council agendas and other information be sent electronically. Stating that other area councils are implementing the use of Ipads. The council was on board with the idea of electronic documents and Mosloski suggested starting with the creation of city council member email addresses. Ekstrom will create the emails and distribute information to council members.

9. CLINIC AND DENTAL LEASE

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve the clinic and dental renewal leases with the addition of lawn maintenance. All yeas - carried.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Mosloski brought up the idea of a city Facebook page. Ekstrom advised that it is in progress and is working with Freshly Cut Media to have Facebook unblocked from city halls internet settings.

Nickerson questioned if the swimming pool deck could be cut and colored instead of replaced. Ebert stated that it could however it would cost more than replacing it.

Ekstrom advised there has been no smell complaints from Prairie land.

Ekstrom was contacted by the Truman school about having a bonfire near the former tennis courts now owned by the city.

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve the school bonfire with the following conditions: not on the tennis court, must contact fire department and be present, no burning if unfavorable weather conditions. All yeas - carried.

Ekstrom questioned the city council as to if they are aware that the Public Utilities uses the city website to host their information such as online bill paying, employee and contact information. She stated that being the Public Utilities is a separate entity they should have their own website. The city is currently covering all website cost. Mosloski advised that it should be left alone for now.

Debbie Neitzke spoke on her own behalf and not as the Truman Tribune. She advised that the PUC commissions should receive training from the League of Minnesota so they are aware of what is expected of them. Stating that some actions that have happened at the PUC could be charged as a gross misdemeanor. Hendricksen

stated that the actions Neitzke is referring to happened before the commissioners were aware of them.

11. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to adjourn. All yeas - carried. Time: 6:46 p.m.

Bethanie Ekstrom, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer