

**Truman City Council Minutes
June 20, 2022**

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building in the fire hall meeting room on the 20th day of June 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Terry Bentele, Councilor Patty Truax, Councilor Brian Nickerson.

Absent: Councilor Jake Ebert, Councilor Brandon Mosloski.

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

Also Present: Jennifer Brookens Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel.

Mayor Terry Bentele presided over the meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m., opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda/Additions or Changes

Additions requested included cleanup day, letter of support for grant application, automated communication system. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve the agenda with additions. All ayes – motion carried.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve minutes from the June 6, 2022 public hearing and regular meeting. All ayes – motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Rural Service District Ordinance 2022-04

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to adopt Ordinance 2022-04 to amend the Rural and Urban Service District. All ayes – motion carried. Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve publication of a condensed version of Ordinance 2022-04. All ayes – motion carried. The full ordinance is available at the city clerk's office.

Resolution 2022-15

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to adopt Resolution 2022-15 to appoint election judges for the August Primary and November General Elections. All ayes – motion carried.

Utility Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown provided an update on the water project and recent watermain breaks. The City of Amboy is requesting assistance from Truman related to operations of their water and wastewater plants. Council approved of providing them with assistance as needed.

Approval of Claims

Submitted claims totaled \$205,811.77, checks #40048 - #40093, #40000, #40043 - #40047, ACH #347e, #351e - #357e, #500522e. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried.**

Approval of Financials

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve May 2022 financials as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Old Business

Cleanup of the Bau property was tabled for another meeting as a second cost estimate has not come in yet. No additional information was available regarding the 5th Street drainage project, pending cost estimates from Bolton & Menk.

New Business

A resident is requesting a monthly rate for a camping site while their house is being renovated. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to approve a rate of \$500 for a month for this one-time occurrence. All ayes – motion carried.**

Two delinquent invoices were considered for assessment or legal action to collect. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to certify to property taxes the invoice for \$709.25 due from Robert Grefe for repair of a private water line. All ayes – motion carried. Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to file a claim in small claims court for the invoice for \$2432.00 due from Daniel Espeland for replacement of a damaged power pole. All ayes – motion carried.**

Two estimates were provided to council for the cost for concrete for a pickleball court. The estimates were informational only.

City wide cleanup day was discussed, and it was decided to schedule it for late September again. Councilor Truax will check with Prairieland regarding a date and to see if they will take household hazardous waste that day, and Hometown Sanitation will be contacted to provide dumpsters.

Consideration was given as to the process to handle yards that need mowing or cleanup. Wiederhoeft agreed to monitor this while Street Superintendent Bosshart is gone to advise the city office so letters can be sent.

Deputy Clerk Becker advised the council of a request from MN River Area Agency on Aging for the city to provide a letter of support for a grant application they plan to submit.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve writing a letter of support for the grant application. All ayes – motion carried.

Mayor Bentele asked for ideas regarding automated systems or other means of communication to provide residents with important information for events such as the recent water system problems. Utility Foreman Brown advised the code red alert system the city had used had minimal participation. Additional thought will be given for other options.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk