

**Truman City Council Minutes
July 18, 2022**

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building in the fire department meeting room on the 18th day of July, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Terry Bentele, Councilor Jake Ebert, Councilor Brandon Mosloski, Councilor Patty Truax, and Councilor Brian Nickerson.

Absent: None

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: Faith Clow, Ron Kelley, Jennifer Brookens Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel.

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

Approval of the Agenda/Additions or Changes

Additions to the agenda included Truman Days, MnDot Easement request.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve the agenda. All Ayes - motion carried.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the July 5, 2022, meeting. All Ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Utility Business

None

Resolution 2022-18 ARPA Funds

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2022-18 to accept the coronavirus local fiscal recovery fund allocation amount under the American Rescue Plan Act. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Submitted claims totaled \$398,952.12, Checks #40131 - #40166, ACH #348E - #350E, #358E - #376E, #2022711, #500547E, #500559E, #500572E. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried.**

Old Business

Property cleanup and restoration bids were reviewed for the Bau property, 109 W. 2nd Street S., and 117 E. Ciro Street. Estimates came in from Beemer Companies and Rosburg Construction. Discussion took place regarding the level of work to be completed at the Bau property and ideas for how the property will be used in the future. Those bids were split into three sections: removal of all trees and brush, demolition and removal of outbuildings, and demolition and removal of the house and garage. There was no consensus on how to proceed so it was decided to hold a work session at the site to assess what needs to be done. A council work session will take place on Tuesday, July 26th at 5:30 p.m. at the Bau property, 814 E. 1st Street S. Bids for cleanup of 109 W. 2nd Street S. were \$7400.00 from Beemer Companies, and \$12,000.00 from Rosburg Construction. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to accept the bid from Beemer Companies for debris and concrete removal, and restoration of the property. All ayes – motion carried.** Estimates for cleanup of 117 E. Ciro St. were \$17,950.00 from Beemer Companies and \$15,000 from Rosburg Construction. The Fire Relief Association is taking on that project so the bids will be considered at their next meeting.

Truman resident Deritha Kinsley was invited to the address the council by Mayor Bentele. She has continued concerns regarding nuisance properties in her neighborhood and for how city ordinances are being enforced. Chief Job reviewed regulations that pertain to her concerns, and he will continue to monitor the situation.

No additional information was available from Bolton & Menk regarding the 5th Street drainage issue. Wayne Wiederhoeft will contact Greg Mitchell to get the project moving forward.

New Business

Relief Association President Ron Kelley asked the council to consider an increase to the retirement benefit beginning in 2023. Further discussion will take place later this year when the GASB report is done.

Councilor Truax asked about who is responsible for removal of trash at the ballfield and park during Truman Days, and who will be cleaning the restrooms. Wayne Wiederhoeft agreed to check into the matter.

Brent Brown reviewed a request from MnDot for an easement near the cemetery to replace a culvert. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Ebert to approve the easement. All ayes – motion carried.**

Faith Clow provided an update on carpet replacement at the mini golf course. The cost may exceed the available funds, so she is looking for volunteers to help with the project. She advised the council a camera system is being installed at the pool for security reasons and in case of accidents. The cost is \$149.00. They are having problems with a door lock and Council Mosloski agreed to look at replacing it. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to approve replacing the lock. All ayes – motion carried.**

Councilor Nickerson asked about moisture problems at the pool restrooms. Wayne Wiederhoeft was asked to make a list of items in need of repair at the pool for the next council meeting. The fans at the park restrooms may need to be replaced. They will be checked over and cleaned to see if it is necessary.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Ebert to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk