

Truman City Council Minutes
August 15, 2022

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building in the fire department meeting room on the 15th day of August, 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 Superintendent John Bosshart, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Utility Billing Specialist/Deputy Clerk Carol Becker.

Also Present: Jennifer Brookens Truman Tribune.

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 to the agenda included cleanup day.

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

Minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Ebert to approve minutes of the August 1, 2022 Regular Meeting and the August 4, 2022 Special Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Utility Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown reviewed a proposal from ITC to purchase a transmission line. It is a dead-end line of no real value, but the city does assume liability as owner of the line. The estimated book value is \$7,071. More information will be brought to the next meeting.

American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Council reviewed proposed uses for the remaining ARPA funds. Discussion at a previous meeting proposed using \$17,000 toward the purchase of a squad in 2023, with the remaining money used toward the watermain breaks repaired earlier this year. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to transfer the remaining ARPA funds of \$104,625.52 to the water fund to help pay for the watermain repair work. All ayes – motion carried.**

City Facility Use Policy and Campground Permit Procedure

A Facilities Use Policy was drafted to detail permitted use of city owned property, along with a Campground Permit Procedure that defines roles and responsibilities for collection of daily receipts, verification of camper registration and payment, and for maintaining a campsite logbook. Discussion followed about the procedure to use if someone does not pay. The police department will ensure all campers have completed a registration envelope and have a tag posted. If full payment is not made, office staff will mail an invoice. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to adopt the Facilities Use Policy and the Campground Permit Procedure. All ayes – motion carried.**

Resolution 2022-20 to Accept Grant Funds

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2022-20 to accept grant funds of \$6,188.00 from the Minnesota State Fire Department Association, to be used by the Fire Department as proposed. All ayes- motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Submitted claims totaled \$256,143.69, Checks #40211 - #40247, ACH #387E - #398E, #500618E. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried.**

Old Business

An amended estimate from Rosburg Construction for cleanup of the Bau property was considered. The original estimate that was accepted at the last meeting included removal of only junk trees on the property, while the bid should have been for removal of all trees. The bid increased from \$40,000 to \$45,000 to include removal of all trees. Discussion took place regarding keeping trees on the property that have value. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to accept the bid from Rosburg Construction of \$45,000 for demolition and cleanup of the Bau property as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.** Councilor Nickerson will work with Rosburg to determine which trees to keep. Office staff will contact Martin County to request assistance with the cost of demolition and cleanup of the property.

Three estimates came in from Bolton & Menk for the 5th Street drainage project. Black Sheep Landscaping bid \$18,129.26, Beemer Companies bid \$28,820.00, and Rosburg Construction bid \$29,970.00. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to accept the bid from Black Sheep Landscaping, contingent that the bid includes replacement of the concrete. All ayes – motion carried.**

Updated plans for expansion of the campground were reviewed. Brown recommended obtaining estimates for the cost of material to see if enough funds are available for the project. There may be grant funds available from the DNR for such projects. Brown is working on plans for water and wastewater services to make sure they will be up to code. It is believed if the primitive campsites are located close to the pool bath house, additional bathrooms won't be required. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to move forward with obtaining the cost of material for the project. All ayes – motion carried.**

New Business

Plans for cleanup day were reviewed. It will be held on Saturday, September 24th at the Prairieland Facility, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, on a first come first served basis, or until the dumpsters are full.

Ads will be placed on the city website and Facebook page, in the Truman Tribune, and with a notice to be mailed with utility bills.

Council reviewed an outstanding delinquent invoice owed by Tami's On The Ave for a peddler's license from an event they catered in May at which alcohol was served. A copy of their caterer's license and liquor liability insurance was also requested but not received prior to the event. Council advised having the city attorney write a letter to Tami's to collect the \$100 fee owed to the city.

Councilor Ebert informed the council of plans to put up a new scoreboard at Rosburg Field. Grant funds will cover much of the cost, leaving approximately \$5,000 to \$7,500 needed to cover the rest. The group asked if the city could budget to cover a quarter of the balance needed. Mayor Bentele advised the group could contact companies to help sponsor the board with advertising, such as Pepsi and CFS. Council agreed to take the matter under consideration.

Bosshart asked the council to consider selling the yellow street department pickup. It was decided to have Brown review rules regulating the sale of city vehicles to bring back to the next meeting.

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

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk