

Truman City Council Minutes
January 20, 2026

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 20th day of January 2026 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilors Ron Kelley, Chris Mosloski, Danielle Williams, and Chad Truax.

Absent: None.

Staff present: City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Specialist Carol Becker, Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown.

Also present: Patty Truax, Tamara Payton, Kevin Greier, Ellen Borkenhagen, Spencer Patterson, Rachael Jaeger Truman Tribune.

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

Approval of Agenda/Additions or Changes

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve the agenda. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Kevin Greier and Ellen Borkenhagen asked about sidewalk snow removal in front of the museum. Greier thought it was unnecessary as he had cleared snow over the weekend. Council was asked to reconsider the \$100 charge to the museum. Snow removal on the service road to the dollar store was also discussed. Staff will refer to meeting minutes to determine the city's responsibility.

Spencer Patterson asked about a December 31st charge for sidewalk snow removal, stating it had already cleared and he has photos. Staff will investigate the matter and get back to him. Discussion followed on having the contractor take before and after pictures of sidewalk snow removal.

Patty Truax contacted former lifeguards, and four plus the manager agreed to return this summer. One returning guard is interested in taking the assistant manager position. Fliers will be sent out to take applications. Following discussion, family pool passes will be discontinued, with only punch cards sold. Applications will be prepared for swimming lessons to begin setting schedules. Manager Tamara Payton advised lesson fees are much lower than area pools. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve increasing the charge for lessons by \$25. All ayes – motion carried.** Volunteers will be sought to run the concession stand. Payton asked about getting the security cameras installed. Councilor Truax suggested using vending machines for concessions. If not, Payton said a cash register would be beneficial. Patty has one available for use at the pool. There was discussion about paint used in the pool. Staff will look at using a primer, along with providing more time for it to cure. Also discussed was how to use two memorial donations to the pool totaling \$15,000. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Kelley to use a portion of the money toward a new pool vac, with the remaining funds applied to maintenance work performed in 2025. All ayes – motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Works Business

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to close the meeting at 6:11 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. All ayes – motion carried. Staff members present during the closed session included Brent Brown, Melissa Sirovy and Carol Becker. The closed portion of the meeting was recorded.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to reopen the meeting at 6:30 p.m. All ayes – motion carried.

The vacant public works maintenance position and starting wage was discussed. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to hire Chris Forbrook at Step 1 on the wage scale. All ayes – motion carried.**

The additional stop signs have been installed at the intersection near the school. Brown recommended extending the yellow paint on the curbs, along with asking Martin County to enforce parking regulations at the intersection.

Truman Tavern Liquor License

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve extending the Truman Tavern on-sale liquor license to allow them to serve at the Community Building and at outdoor events. All ayes – motion carried.

December 2025 Financial Statements

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve December 2025 Financial Statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$195,088.29. Checks #43446 - #43480, ACH #1247E - #1257E, and #502084E.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer