

Truman City Council Minutes
January 21, 2025

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 21st day of January, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Staff present: Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk Carol Becker, Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski.

Also present: Beth Langvardt, Samuel Sharp and Lisa Callahan Region Nine Development Commission, Joseph Kreiss 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

The ordinance to regulate cannabis at retail was removed from the agenda. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve minutes of the January 6, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Region Nine Development Commission

Lisa Callahan and Samuel Sharp reviewed programs and services Region Nine can provide to cities. Additional information will be provided to the city clerk for further consideration.

Public Comment

Beth Langvardt inquired about Aardvark's renting the Community Building over a weekend for an upcoming dart tournament. The equipment needs to be delivered on Friday and picked up on Monday, but the hall would only be used on Saturday. They would pay rent for any of the other days if another party asks to rent it. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to approve use of the hall for the weekend, with rent due for Saturday only as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

Fire Department Quarterly Report

Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski provided a year-end review for the department. There had been 20 calls for service. Curtis Hodge has turned in his resignation, after 10 years on the department, leaving 24 active members. A help wanted ad will be published in the Tribune. There are 11 air packs not in use and Mosloski requested the council designate them as surplus so they can be sold.

The approximate value of each, including a bottle, is \$2,000. Funds would be added to the truck reserve. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Williams to declare the air packs and bottles as surplus equipment to be offered for sale as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.** A proposal for commercial hose testing was brought forward for consideration. In house testing takes up a training night that could be better used for required training. Testing is also hard on the fire truck. The estimate from FireCatt for one year of testing 9000 feet of hose is \$4,050. For three years, it would cost \$3780, \$3960, and \$4140 respectively. It was proposed to use public safety funds for the first year, and to budget for the cost in future years. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the three year contract using public safety funds the first year and budgeting thereafter. All ayes – motion carried.** The fire hall is set to be cleaned at the end of March and a request was made to store the tent trailer in the police building if there is room. Superintendent Brown advised there is room and he will work with them to do so. The grass rig isn't running right and it may be decommissioned. It is owned by the DNR and they will take it back. Further discussion on that matter will take place at the second meeting in February. There are a few fire hydrants that aren't operational and it was requested they be marked as such. They will be tested when hydrant flushing is done this spring. Plans for upcoming fundraisers were announced. An updated Middle Nine Mutual Aid Agreement was reviewed. It is for 10 years, with a 5 year review period. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to approve the agreement. All ayes – motion carried.**

Ambulance Quarterly Report

No one was available to provide the quarterly ambulance report.

Public Works Quarterly Report

Superintendent Brent Brown provided the quarterly report. Lighting has been updated in various areas and staff members are working on obtaining CPO licensing. IBEW provided an updated LOU for a part-time administrative assistant position that provides prorated benefits. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve the Letter of Understanding. All ayes – motion carried.**

Council was updated regarding a customer who requested a new electrical service, for which they put down a 50% deposit for equipment. They no longer require the service and are requesting a refund. They may be willing to take the transformer to use elsewhere if a refund isn't possible. There is one other service that could use that transformer, so it could be kept for a backup. Options presented were to sell the transformer to them, or to return half of the deposit and keep the transformer as a spare. Approval was given to see which option works best for them and proceed as such.

Updated estimates for pickleball will be available at the next council meeting. Rebate and load management letters are ready to be sent to affected customers.

The ad to sell Jones Subdivision lots on MNBid was reviewed by council, along with a purchase agreement drafted by the city attorney. There is a requirement to build within three years, and a non-transfer clause prior to building. It was decided to list them for bids for 30 days, with staggered closing dates, and notice will be added to Facebook, the City website, and the Truman Tribune.

Administrative Assistant Position

An ad and job description for the part-time administrative assistant position were reviewed. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to post the position. All ayes – motion carried.**

Pay Equity Report

The pay equity report is due by the end of January and the final report was provided for council approval. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve the pay equity report. All ayes – motion carried.**

December 2024 Financial Statements

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve the December Financial Statements. All ayes – motion carried.

Website Maintenance Fee

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to approve an increase to \$63.00 per month for website maintenance performed by Brenda Hansen. All ayes – motion carried.

MN Para Transit Lease Renewal

Upon the recommendation of the city attorney, the lease agreement was amended to add the cost of property taxes to the monthly rent, an additional \$50.00 per month. The monthly utility charge increased to \$260.00, for a total monthly lease payment of \$810.00. A revised copy was provided to council for consideration. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to approve renewal of the lease with Mn Para Transit as proposed. 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 \$174,810.37. Checks #42590 - #42625, ACH #1002E - #1013E, and #501691E.

Old Business

None.

New Business

A work session will be held on Tuesday, January 28th at 5:30 p.m. to meet with ambulance and fire department members to discuss general business matters.

Notice of the Board of Appeal and Equalization hearing was provided. The Open Book meeting for Truman property owners will be held on Thursday, April 10th, from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, at the Martin County Assessor's Office, and the Martin County Board of Appeal Hearing will be on Tuesday, June 17th, at 6:30 PM., in the Commissioners Room.

A nuisance property on West Ciro Street was discussed and it was decided to send a letter to the property owner to have the building secured to impede access by animals.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.