

Truman City Council Minutes
October 17, 2022

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 17th day of October, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Terry Bentele, Councilor Jake Ebert, and Councilor Patty Truax.

Absent: Councilor Brandon Mosloski and Councilor Brian Nickerson.

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

Also Present: Lynn Brownlee & Pat Jones Truman Active Living, Aaron Urban, 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 Agenda/Additions or Changes

Additions or changes to the agenda: Resolution 2022-24 was removed, Capacity Sale was added under new business. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda. All ayes - motion carried.**

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Ebert to approve minutes of the October 3, 2022 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Bid Opening for Sale of Property

One bid was received for the property at 109 W 2nd Street S. Mayor Bentele opened the bid from Aaron Urban for \$7,111.00. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to accept the bid from Aaron Urban of \$7,111.00. All ayes – motion carried.** The city attorney will be contacted to draft a quit claim deed to complete the sale.

Truman Active Living

Lynn Brownlee and Pat Jones with Truman Active Living asked about moving forward with the pickleball court project by temporarily repairing the surface of the tennis court instead of replacing it. The group has access to nets to use and they would like to see the project proceed. Jones shared information about the campground in Springfield, which is profitable for the city, and she would like to see Truman move forward with expansion of the campground using the land donated to the city. Other projects asked about were repair of the pool and construction of a splashpad. The group is willing to apply for grants to help with these projects.

On another matter, Jones asked about adopting an ordinance to require houses and buildings to have address numbers on them. It could require property owners to install them, and if not done, the city could do so and assess the cost to taxes. Chief Jobe was asked to discuss this with the city attorney. The council agreed to take another look at the surface of the tennis court to see about a temporary fix to get a pickleball court going.

Utility Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown requested to upgrade to a heavy-duty utility trailer that can safely transport city equipment. Cost estimates obtained were \$14,000.00 for a 24' trailer, and \$200.00 less for a 22' model. The cost would be split between the sewer and electric funds. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to approve the purchase of the 24' trailer. All ayes – motion carried.** The water filter project has been advertised for bids and they will be opened via Microsoft Teams at 2:00 P.M. on November 3, 2022. The 5th Street project is on hold, waiting for the phone company to move a phone line. Beemer is scheduled to come in right after that is done.

Approval of Claims

Submitted claims totaled \$236,686.00, Checks #40385 - #40432, ACH #422E - #435E, and #500682E. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Ebert to approve payment of claims. All ayes - motion carried.**

Old Business

Utility Foreman Brown reviewed a proposal from Bolton & Menk to engineer the campground expansion for a not to exceed cost of \$9,500.00. This will provide the information required to get permits and approval to proceed from the State. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to approve the proposal. All ayes – motion carried.** Firm cost estimates can be obtained once the design work is completed.

Council was reminded of the meeting with Truman school officials tomorrow at 4:00 P.M. to go over details about the watermain break near the school earlier this summer.

Police Chief Justin Jobe updated the council on installation of the overhead door on the police building. A dumpster will be needed to complete work around the door on the inside.

Councilor Ebert commented about the ongoing water problem on and around property owned by Dave Rode and he asked city staff to work together to get it resolved. Street Superintendent Bosshart went over details about the problem and work that had been done thus far. He will continue to monitor the situation and will jet more of the line as needed.

Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to adjourn the regular meeting, and go into closed session to discuss negotiations for the sale of excess capacity, per Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(C). Those present in the closed session in addition to council were Utility Foreman Brown, City Clerk Sirovy, and Deputy Clerk Becker. The closed session was recorded.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Ebert to adjourn the closed session. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk

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