# Truman City Council Minutes October 20, 2025

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Councilors Ron Kelley, Danielle Williams, and Chad Truax.

Absent: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilor Chris Mosloski.

Staff present: City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Specialist Carol Becker, Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski.

Also present: Scott Thompson & Kari Madison MN Department of Transportation, Daniel Olson Fairmont Sentinel, Rachael Jaeger Truman Tribune.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Kelley presided over the meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m., opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Approval of Agenda/Additions or Changes

A community building key request was added to new business. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Williams to approve the agenda as amended.** All ayes - motion carried.

# Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

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

### **Public Comment**

None.

## Minnesota Department of Transportation Speed Study

Scott Thompson and Kari Madison with MnDot provided a slide presentation with results from the Highway 15 speed study performed earlier this year. Data has led to a recommendation to increase the speed limit through the city. There is concern due in part to the new crosswalks being added next year. Thompson stated studies show the posted speed should be close to the average speed of traffic, at the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile. Ten locations were tested, with crash data also taken into consideration. There were 11 crashes in the past 5 years, and no fatalities. Following discussion, Thompson recommended leaving the speed limits where they are until after the sidewalk and crosswalks are in. Once drivers get acclimated to the changes, another speed study will be done. Updated results will be shared with the council for further discussion.

#### Fire Department Business

Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski was present to request council approval to hire Wyatt Luhmann. Motion made by Truax, seconded by Williams to approve hiring Wyatt Luhmann as a volunteer firefighter. All ayes – motion carried.

#### **Public Works Business**

Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown was not present. Council briefly discussed interviews held for the public works position. No action was taken on the matter.

## Ordinance 2025-04 to Eliminate Mileage Payments

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to introduce Ordinance 2025-04 to remove the requirement to pay annual mileage reimbursement to council members and the mayor. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-45 for Assessment of Unpaid Charges

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-45 for assessment of unpaid charges. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-44 to Accept Grant Funds

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-44 to accept a \$2,000 retention incentive grant from Heartland Energy. All ayes – motion carried.

# Approval of September 2025 Financial Statements

The city clerk explained that although the ambulance fund is showing a loss, approximately \$63,000 of emergency aid and public safety funds received in prior years were used to purchase capital equipment and operating supplies. The fund is in a positive position for the year. Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve September 2025 financial statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

## **Approval of Claims**

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Williams to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$161,177.31. Checks #43169 - #43204, ACH #1186E, #1187E, #1189E - #1196E, and #501983E.

#### Old Business

None.

#### **New Business**

Council was provided information on the Minnesota Paid Leave program that begins January 1, 2026. A payroll tax of .88% is split between employers and employees, each paying half, although the employer may pay a higher percentage on behalf of employees. An employee notification process must be established that will advise of the percentage paid by each party. Notification must be provided by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Other decisions include whether to allow supplemental payments and how to manage intermittent leave. A proposed policy and an employee notice were provided for consideration. It was decided table the matter until the full council is present.

Deputy Clerk Carol Becker provided information regarding the Salvation Army Heat Share Program. Council agreed to participate in the program again this year.

Candace Shahan submitted a key request for the Community Building from October 21<sup>st</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow use of the Legion room for Christmas toy collection. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Wiliams to approve the request.** All ayes – motion carried.

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer