

Truman City Council Minutes
October 3, 2022

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 3rd day of October, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Brandon Mosloski.

Staff present: Utility Foreman Brent Brown, Police Chief Justin Jobe, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy.

Also Present: Derrick Greiner City Attorney, Ron Kelley, Dani Williams, Dayle & Cindy Filkins, Belinda Kitzerow, Mike Barfknecht, 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: Sale of excess capacity added, item 10 Old Business moved to below item 5. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve the agenda. All ayes - motion carried.**

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Minutes of Work Session

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve minutes of the September 26, 2022 Work Session. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Ron Kelley asked about adding an apartment to the front of a commercial building on Ciro Street. There are other such apartments, but parking is a concern as there is no off-street parking available for the tenant. The matter will be taken under consideration. Mike Barfknecht addressed the council regarding heavy truck traffic and speeding concerns on 5th Street North. He provided signatures from neighbors who are also concerned. Police Chief Jobe agreed to add extra patrols to the area. The street may be a truck route, and perhaps that could be rerouted. Jobe will check with the school and church to ask about their delivery schedules, and the situation will be monitored.

Land Sale to C & B Operations

City Attorney Derrick Greiner was present to update the council on the sale of land to C & B Operations. It was to close in May, but C & B is concerned about the timeline in the agreement for use of the property. Various options were considered to make it work for both parties. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Ebert to amend the required timeline for use of the property to 3 years, with status updates to be provided over that time. All ayes – motion carried.**

Greiner advised that \$3,864 of proceeds from the sale may need to be paid in to the State of Minnesota related to an earlier bond sale. Because the bonds are fully paid, he is working to get the charge removed. A public hearing of the EDA will be required prior to finalizing the land sale.

Old Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown provided cost information for a smaller number of sites to be added to the campground. It would cost an estimated \$104,000 to install water, sewer, and electricity for 10 new sites. There would be additional expenses for dirt work, gravel, seeding, permitting and a culvert. Elevations have not been completed yet so firm cost information has not been obtained. Discussion included making sure the campground is self-sustaining if any debt is incurred for the expansion, how to increase revenue by promoting the campground, and looking at how funds were designated for various projects to begin utilizing the money the City received. Additional information will be brought to the next council meeting for a decision on the campground project.

Sale of the property at 109 West 2nd Street South was discussed. The City will have \$6,275 invested in the property after assistance is received from the county. Dayle Filkins was present and noted the land has a market value of around \$4,000. It was decided to advertise the property for sale by sealed bid. Bids will be opened at the October 17th council meeting, with the property sold to the highest bidder.

Belinda Kitzerow was present to ask about legal proceedings initiated by the City to clean up property at 609 West Ciro Street. Most of the work has been completed and they plan to clean out the house and demolish it. Council agreed to drop the case.

The Truman School District requested a meeting with the council to talk about water damage to the school earlier this year. A meeting will be arranged for Tuesday, October 11th or 18th, at 4:00 p.m.

Councilor Ebert left the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Utility Foreman Brown requested council approval to send the agreement for sale of excess capacity to the attorney who had worked on the matter previously. City Attorney Greiner has also been consulted on the matter. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to approve the request. All ayes – motion carried.**

Quarterly Department Updates

The Street Department had nothing to update.

Police Chief Justin Jobe provided a department update. Truman Days went well, the squad car on order is proceeding on schedule and the dealer is looking to order accessories soon so they are on hand when the vehicle arrives. Officer Schutz is on leave and Officer Jacobson is filling shifts when possible. There have been 600 calls for service so far this year, with 800 to 900 in a typical year.

Utility Foreman Brent Brown advised council that around 22,000 feet of sewer lines have been jetted, the downtown well is online, and the filter rehab project will be going to bid soon.

It was noted that Greg Mitchell no longer works for Bolton & Menk, and Wes Brown will be the new contact for Truman.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve the department updates. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Submitted claims totaled \$87,823.80, Checks #40350 - #40352, #40354 - #40384, ACH #415E - #421E, and #500670E. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve payment of claims. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Financial Statements from August, 2022

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve August 2022 financial statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Consider bids for 117 East Ciro Street Clean up

Two bids were received to demolish and cleanup the building at 117 East Ciro Street. Rosburg Construction bid \$15,000, and Beemer Companies bid \$17,950. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to accept the bid from Rosburg Construction. All ayes – motion carried.**

New Business

Police Chief Jobe advised the council that the Heaven's Table program is going well, there are 18 households in Truman signed up for the program. Council expressed appreciation for all those involved to make this happen.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk