

Truman City Council Minutes October 6, 2025

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 6th day of October, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Chris Mosloski.

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

Also present: Troy Nemmers Bolton & Menk, Rachael Jaeger Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel, Matt Owens Martin County Sheriff's Office.

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

Habitat for Humanity meeting added to new business. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams 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 September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Open Snow Removal Bids

Mayor Ebert opened three bids for sidewalk snow removal. T-Town bid \$150.00 per hour, WDads \$48.00, and Truax Concrete \$50.00. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to accept the low bid from WDads for sidewalk snow and ice removal services for the 2025-2026 season. All ayes – motion carried.**

Sheriff's Office Department Report

Deputy Matt Owens provided the monthly department report.

Ambulance Department Business

Outstanding ambulance accounts from 2023 were considered for write-off. Most are in for collections. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to write-off outstanding 2023 ambulance accounts receivable. All ayes – motion carried.**

Fire Department Quarterly Report

Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski was unable to be present. Rescheduled to November 3rd.

Ambulance Department Quarterly Report

Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow provided the quarterly department report. There have been 186 calls this year, one EMR passed the test for EMT, and two individuals are being considered for training. Kitzerow is looking into a new program whereby registered drivers can take calls with one EMT. Casey's is charging a monthly fee on their fuel cards so the department is looking for other options. The recent fundraiser went well, with funds going toward Binder Lifts. Funding for the sharps container has been cut so other options are being considered. It costs approximately \$300 to empty, about 3 times per year. Kitzerow said the department has an average local response time of 6 minutes.

Resolution 2025-43 to Approve a Voluntary Contribution to the Fire Department Pension Account

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2025-43 to approve a \$5,000 voluntary city contribution to the SVF account with PERA for the Truman Fire Department. All ayes – motion carried.

Troy Nemmers, Bolton and Menk, Projects and Grants

Nemmers advised the contractor came to correct problems at the campground. A pay request will be submitted at an upcoming meeting. Truman is now in the priority area for the DNR ReLeaf Grant, but with many areas added the grant will be more competitive. It was recommended to apply for a community tree planting grant. Trees are removed and replaced one for one. The deadline to apply is October 27th. There is concern there isn't enough time to apply to the League for funding to write the grant and still apply before the deadline. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to move forward with the application for the tree grant, and to also apply for funding from the League of Minnesota Cities to cover the cost of writing the application. All ayes – motion carried.** The grant funds are awarded next spring and must be used within a year. It is estimated the grant would pay for removal and replacement of around 50 trees.

Public Works Business

Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown provided a quarterly update. Valve and leak testing have been completed, and also lead and copper testing for the department of health. Two fire hydrants are getting replaced. The South 7th Avenue storm sewer manhole is installed and the area will be blacktopped next year. It was recommended the space currently leased out to MNPara be used for office space rather than leasing out to another tenant. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve the request. All ayes - motion carried.** The city clerk will notify the county for property tax purposes. Due to the purchase of a 2015 Ford F450 flatbed, Brown requested the 1995 Ford be approved for sale. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve designating the 1995 Ford flatbed as surplus equipment to be sold at online auction. All ayes - motion carried.** Brown reviewed applicants for the public works position. He recommended interviewing three who have experience related to the position. Two council members were requested to sit on the interview committee.

CM Sanitation Application for Refuse License

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve a refuse license for CM Sanitation. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-42 to Accept September Donations

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-42 to accept donations received in September 2025. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$369,671.38. Checks #43136 - #43168, ACH #1169E - #1185E, #501963E and #501973E.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Council was notified that mileage payments stipulated in city ordinance 201.09 were overlooked in 2023 and 2024. Discussion followed to consider repealing that part of the ordinance. The city attorney will be contacted to draft the amendment. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve back pay for 2023 and 2024 mileage payments per city ordinance. All ayes – motion carried.**

Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Staci Thompson contacted the city regarding an upcoming meeting with representatives of the Schmeeckle Foundation concerning a grant application. The City Clerk and members of the City Council are invited to attend to help promote the pending residential project in Truman.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer