

Truman City Council Minutes
November 12, 2024

A Special Meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 12th day of November, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilors Patty Truax, Chris Mosloski, Ron Kelley, and Brian Nickerson.

Absent: None.

Staff present: City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk Carol Becker, Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown, Street Superintendent John Bosshart, CPO Wayne Wiederhoeft.

Also present: Lynn Brownlee, Danielle Williams, Chad Truax, Tim Akers, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel.

Mayor Jake Ebert presided over the meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m., opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The special meeting was called to canvass results of the General Election, and to discuss the campground, pool, pickleball, and sale of lots in Jones Subdivision.

The abstract of votes cast in the November 5th General Election was reviewed by council. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2024-49 to canvass and approve returns of the November 5, 2024 General Election. All ayes – motion carried.** Those elected to City office were Mayor Jake Ebert (2-year term), City Council Danielle Williams and Chad Truax (4-year terms).

Bids for expansion of the campground from 2023 were reviewed by council, as was a report listing reserve funds in place for various purposes. Mayor Ebert advised he wants to see the pickleball project move forward. An earlier cost estimate was \$135,000 for two courts and half a basketball court. An area city put in a pickleball court for around \$100,000. Consideration was given to adding a court to Graf Park, adjacent to the basketball court. That would provide restrooms for those using the court, but the tennis court location would be better for the school and closer to the campground. Brown will get some basic cost estimates to add a court with fencing and lighting at Graf Park for consideration. To expand the campground with 26 additional sites is estimated at \$400,000, and for 10-12 sites, \$275,000. Campground reserve funds of \$12,000, of the approximate \$98,000 available, will be used for upgrades required for licensing. Consideration is being given to adding wastewater lines to each campsite rather than upgrading the dump station to see which is most cost effective. It was agreed lines to each site would be preferable. Using remaining campground reserves and commercial development reserves would cover a majority of the cost of a 12 site expansion. Mayor Ebert and Lynn Brownlee explained that the donation of land to the city years ago was made so these projects could be completed, and they would like to see those wishes honored. Superintendent Brown will check with the city engineer on the cost to rebid the campground expansion project to discuss at the next meeting.

Councilor Truax advised the pool will need to hire a new manager for next year. It was recommended that advertising for a manager and lifeguards start soon so those hired can get signed up for training classes that fill up quickly. Pool operator Wayne Wiederhoeft advised he is working with a vendor on leak detection and repair estimates for the pool. Chad Truax has a second vendor who can provide repair estimates as well.

Discussion followed regarding sale of lots in Jones Subdivision. Mayor Ebert calculated a sale price of \$27,595 to cover expenses associated with development of the property. The lots could be sold for a set price, or the city could accept bids with a set minimum. Buyers would be required to build a home within a specified period of time. Superintendent Brown will request maps from the city engineer, along with lot line dimensions and square footage for each lot to use in advertising for bids with a minimum of \$25,000 required. Additional information will be brought to the next regular meeting.

Councilor Chris Mosloski left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

The splashpad project was briefly discussed. It was decided to put this project on hold until a new pool manager is hired. The wading pool will be removed, and the area filled in as time allows, which is the area being considered for the splashpad.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer