

Truman City Council Minutes
November 18, 2024

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 18th day of November, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Mayor Jake Ebert.

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

Also present: Danielle Williams, Chad Truax, Steve Carson, Tim Akers.

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

Approval of Agenda/Additions or Changes

Resolution 2024-51 to contract with a city official was added to the agenda. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve minutes of the November 4, 2024 Regular Meeting and November 12, 2024 Special Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Steve Carson on Nuisance Properties

Various nuisance properties were reviewed. Several are in the hands of the city attorney and action was delayed. Carson suggested updating city ordinances related to accumulation of tires, and shed construction. Examples from an area city will be provided.

Public Works Business

Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown reviewed an employee retention agreement funded by a grant from Heartland. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the retention agreement as presented. All ayes – motion carried.** Bolton & Menk estimated the cost to rebid expansion of the campground at \$7,000. It would be billed by the hour. Funding for the project would come from campground, commercial development and investment reserves. A portion of the commercial development reserve was previously committed to the Highway 15 sidewalk project. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to update campground expansion plans to send the project out for bids. All ayes – motion carried.** Cost estimates for pickleball are pending. The court may be constructed of concrete or asphalt, it will not be connected to the basketball court, and the cost for a fence and lines will be included in the estimate. CEDA continues to look for grants.

The city attorney provided information regarding the sale of lots in the subdivision. Maps with lot dimensions haven't come in yet. Lots will be offered initially via online auction, with a minimum bid, and fees to be paid by the buyer. Each lot will be required to have a house built on it within a specified period of time. Further discussion to work out the details will take place at the next meeting. There were no questions regarding the utility budgets that were handed out at the last meeting. Brown advised Empire is coming on Thursday to work on the 7th Avenue storm sewer.

Review of 2025 City Budgets

Updated 2025 city budgets were provided to council for review. The police department budget was amended to reflect the cost of law enforcement services by Martin County. The Baseball Association will work with the school next year so related revenue and expenditures were removed from the budget. The cost to replace a fire hydrant will be split between the street and water departments, with \$7,500 added to the street budget.

Surplus Police Equipment

Sale of squad cars and other surplus police equipment will be discussed further once the cars are made ready for sale.

Speed Signs

Estimates for solar speed signs that were obtained earlier in the year were reviewed. It was decided to look at hard wired signs rather than solar. Brown will call for updated pricing. Approximate locations for the signs on both the north and south end of the highway were determined. Street Superintendent John Bosshart will contact MnDot to determine what their requirements are for working in the right of way.

Resolution 2024-47 to Accept Donations Received in October

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2024-47 to accept donations received in October. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2024-48 to Accept Grant

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2024-48 to accept grant funds of \$5,000 from Heartland Energy for use as an incentive to retain employees. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2024-51 to Contract with a City Official

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2024-51 to contract with a city official. Motion carried 3-0, with Councilor Nickerson abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve payment of claims. All ayes - motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$144,279.00. Checks #42401 - #42433, ACH #964E - #972E, and #501626E.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Ads for hiring pool employees were reviewed by council. Councilor Truax advised the manager will come back next summer for a better wage and discussion followed. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to offer \$20.00 per hour for the manager position. All ayes – motion carried. Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to increase the wage for first year lifeguards to \$11.00 per hour and \$15.00 per hour for assistant managers. All ayes – motion carried.** The lifeguard ad will be published now with the new pay rate.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer