

Truman City Council Minutes
November 21, 2022

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 21st day of November, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Councilor Jake Ebert, Councilor Brandon Mosloski, Councilor Brian Nickerson, and Councilor Patty Truax.

Absent: Mayor Terry Bentele.

Staff present: Utility Foreman Brent Brown, Police Chief Justin Jobe, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Specialist Carol Becker, Street Superintendent John Bosshart.

Also Present: Pat Jones Truman Active Living, Caroline McCourt SHIP Coordinator, Chris Mosloski, Joseph Kreiss Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jake Ebert 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: Police business and approval of Fire Department officers added to New Business. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda with the additions. All ayes - motion carried.**

Minutes of Regular and Special Meeting

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve minutes of the November 7, 2022 Regular Meeting and the November 17, 2022 Special Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Truman Active Living

Pat Jones addressed the council to follow up on a proposed ordinance to require address identification numbers on all buildings. The group can apply for grants to help with the cost if needed. Discussion followed regarding use of the basketball court at Graf Park for pickleball. All were in favor of the idea.

Utility Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown advised of the need to place an order for transformers to get on the 2023 production schedule in the first or second quarter. If not, it would take until 2024 to get them in. The total cost is expected to run between \$60,000 and \$70,000. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to approve placing the order for transformers. All ayes – motion carried.**

Council considered G & L Tank's pay request #3 for \$35,582.50 and change order #1 for (\$15,640.00) for unused unit pricing, unused construction allowance and unneeded site restoration. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the pay request, and change order, contingent on receipt of a required tax form from the out of state contractor. All ayes – motion carried.**

Statewide Health Improvement Program

SHIP Coordinator Caroline McCourt introduced herself and reviewed some of the projects she is working on with Truman Active Living. In addition to those discussed earlier, they are looking for grants to fund upgrading the kitchen at the community building.

Resolution 2022-36 Heartland Grant

Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2022-36 to accept grant funds from Heartland Energy for LED lighting at city hall and the community building. All ayes – motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-05 to Regulate Tetrahydrocannabinol Products

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to introduce Ordinance 2022-05 to regulate the sale of certain edible and beverage products infused with tetrahydrocannabinol products. All ayes – motion carried. Discussion followed regarding the fee for a license. A resolution will be drafted to consider at the next meeting with a license fee of \$400.00.

Approval of Claims

Submitted claims totaled \$202,115.08, Checks #40477 - #40520, ACH #388, #452, #453, #455, #456, #458 - #464, #500718E, #500724E, #500730E, and #500733E. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes - motion carried.** Details on the monthly Verizon bill will be brought to the next meeting for clarification.

2023 Proposed Budget and Levy

The proposed 2023 city budget was reviewed to look for ways to reduce the proposed levy of \$590,907. A budget work session will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28th.

Foreman Brown provided proposed 2023 budgets for the wastewater, water, and electric funds. The Wastewater Fund budget includes the 3% rate increase that was approved earlier to replace interfund transfers. Electric utility expenses were reduced by taking a pump out of service, maintenance expenses were increased due to problems with I & I, and \$25,000 was budgeted toward a mini excavator. The budget has a positive bottom line of \$21,643 without factoring in depreciation. The Electric Fund budget includes a 3% rate increase to help offset cost increases from ITC. Capital outlay includes a portion of the cost of the mini excavator. The budget has a positive bottom line of \$37,680 without factoring in depreciation. The Water Fund budget includes a 3% rate increase but a decrease in total sales revenue due to a reduction in the gallons of water used. Maintenance expenses were increased, in part to fund repair and replacement of hydrants. The budget has a positive bottom line of \$27,741 without factoring in depreciation.

Old Business

Discussion took place regarding reserve balances for the Fire Department. Several anticipated additions were not recorded over the past few years, leaving a discrepancy in the figures on record with the city and the department. At the end of 2022, the total difference will be \$11,506. The fire department will discuss the matter at their upcoming meeting and the council will consider the matter further at the upcoming budget work session.

New Business

The police contract with the City of Northrop was reviewed to determine if the hourly rate covers the cost of providing the service. Looking at the department budget, the hourly cost for police protection exceeds the contract rate. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Truax to send a letter to the City of Northrop to advise them of a planned rate increase to \$60.00 per hour. All ayes - motion carried.**

A notice for renewal of the VSP insurance plan was considered for approval. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to approve renewal of the policy. All ayes – motion carried.**

Police Chief Justin Jobe advised the council he will carry vacation leave of more than the allowed maximum into the new year due to staffing difficulties within the department this year. Additionally, the only part-time officer on the roster has taken a full-time position and is expected to resign in December. A request was made to allow the excess hours to be carried over into 2023. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to allow carryover of the excess hours. All ayes – motion carried.**

Councilor Mosloski provided the 2023 officer selections for the Fire Department for council approval. Dave Bentz - Fire Chief; Brandon Mosloski - 1st Assistant Chief; Josh Kitzerow - 2nd Assistant Chief; Ron Kelley, Sam Mendenhall, Chad Truax, and Cody Wiens - Captains; Dan Grunig - Safety Officer. **Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve the officers for the Fire Department for 2023. Ayes – Ebert, Nickerson, Truax. Abstain - Mosloski. Motion carried.**

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk