

**Truman City Council Minutes**  
**November 3, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Staff present: City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Specialist Carol Becker, Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown, Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski.

Also present: Cory Ballard Martin County Sheriff's Office, Rachael Jaeger Truman Tribune.

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

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve minutes of the October 20, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.**

Public Comment

None.

Martin County Sheriff's Office Update

Deputy Cory Ballard provided a department update.

Fire Department Quarterly Update

Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski reported there have been 16 calls for service this year, plus calls to assist the ambulance. Tim Chase moved and is no longer on the department. Mosloski reviewed a recent safety drill held with the school. Truck maintenance expenses are over budget, due in part to ongoing problems with valves caused by sand and grit in the water. It was noted that expenditures for pagers and hose testing were funded using Public Safety Aid rather than budgeted funds. It was requested that inoperative fire hydrants be painted to make them easily recognizable. Mosloski asked if council meetings will continue to be held in the fire hall. Mayor Ebert stated they will as long as it works for the fire department.

Public Works Business

Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown advised of a few old electric meters in use that can't be swapped out until the property owners upgrade the meter sockets. He requested council set a deadline for them to update their electrical system for new meters. Council agreed and set a deadline

of July 1, 2026 for the property owners to upgrade their electrical system to allow installation of new meters and to offer assistance with the cost for six months to a year if necessary.

Brown would like to establish a fee for when the city is asked to shut down a watermain because the curb stop for the property is broken and they need the water turned off to perform repair work. The fee could be waived if they agree to repair their curb stop within a reasonable period of time.

**Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to set a fee of \$1,000 for turning off a watermain for repair work because the curb stop is not operational, with the fee waived if the property owner agrees to repair it within six months. All ayes – motion carried.**

The leaseholder at 210 W Ciro was given until October 31<sup>st</sup> to vacate the premises after cancelling the lease at the end of September, however the property is still in use. It was decided to send a bill for another month's rent and to contact the city attorney for assistance on the matter.

Three applicants were interviewed for the public works position. Brown will contact the applicants to discuss the position and additional information will be brought back to the council for further review. No official retirement date has been given by the employee.

Brown asked for permission to bid on a 2019 Ford F250 service truck on MNBid to replace the red two-wheel drive truck that isn't operational. There is \$29,000 available for capital outlay. Council approved having staff look at the truck and bidding on it if appropriate.

#### Ordinance 2025-04 to Eliminate Mileage Payments

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Ordinance 2025-04 to remove the requirement to pay annual mileage reimbursement to council members and the mayor. All ayes – motion carried.**

#### Resolution 2025-46 Approval of Gambling Permit

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-46 to approve a gambling permit for Southern Minnesota Ducks Unlimited MN 243. All ayes – motion carried.**

#### Minnesota Paid Leave Policy

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve a Minnesota Paid Leave policy, and a required employee notice, setting the cost split at 50% for both the City and employees. All ayes – motion carried.**

#### Internal Control Policy Update

The city clerk provided a copy of the current Internal Control Policy, which was adopted in 2008, and an updated policy for council consideration. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Kelley to approve the updated Internal Control Policy as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

#### Public Safety and Emergency Ambulance Aid

Public Safety Aid of \$14,900 was allocated to the police department and was to be used to purchase digital speed signs for Highway 15, costing \$5,383.46, with the remaining \$9,516.54 to be used toward the 2025 Martin County law enforcement contract. MNDOT approval to install the speed signs has been delayed until 2026. Council was asked for a decision on using the remaining funds toward the 2025 contract or holding on to it until 2026. Also discussed was the use of Emergency ambulance aid from the State. A portion has been used for equipment, and the remaining balance of \$27,841.33 must be used or encumbered by the end of 2025. The funds may be used toward the

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ambulance rig purchased in 2024. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to accept the recommendations to apply the public safety aid of \$9,516.54 toward the 2025 Martin County contract and to apply the remaining emergency ambulance aid toward the 2024 ambulance purchase. All ayes – motion carried.**

#### Approval of Claims

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried.** Approved claims totaled \$118,397.59. Checks #43205 - #43240, ACH #1197E - #1205E, and #501999E. The fire relief association will be reimbursing the city \$180.00 for the Exit 87 Truck Wash invoice.

#### Old Business

None.

#### New Business

The city website administrator advised the 2017-2020 meeting minutes posted on the site are not ADA compliant. It was recommended they be removed and copies provided upon request. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Kelley to approve removing the minutes from the city website as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

Council reviewed a notice from the Martin County Auditor of tax forfeited property to be offered for sale at auction on December 8, 2025. There are three properties in Truman.

Mayor Ebert advised Superintendent Brown that there are trees and/or tree branches down at the cemetery that need to be cleaned up.

Mayor Ebert and Councilor Kelley met earlier today with IBEW Union Representative Josh Laven to discuss renewal of the union agreement that will expire at the end of the year. Notes from the meeting were shared with the rest of the council. A draft of the amended agreement will be brought to an upcoming council meeting for consideration.

**Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.**

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Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer