

## Truman City Council Minutes December 2, 2024

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

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, Troy Nemmers Bolton & Menk, Joseph Kreiss Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel, Lon Firchau, Cody and Kaleena Wiens.

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

The Community Building, truck routes, and ambulance hiring were added to the agenda. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

### Approve Minutes of Regular Meetings

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.**

### Public Comment

Lon Firchau addressed the council regarding property on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The City has issued a raze order on the dilapidated structure and Firchau discussed financial concerns and options for the property owned by a family member. There is concern over potential contamination from buried tanks. Firchau suggested he and the city work together to address the situation. Firchau agreed to contact the state to ask about funding and to gather information and ideas.

### Truth in Taxation Hearing

The time being 6:00 p.m., the Truth in Taxation Hearing was called to order. Mayor Ebert called for public comment on the proposed 2025 budget and levy. Dan Freeman spoke about the increase in his property taxes and he urged the council to work to reduce the levy to help minimize the impact to residents. Mayor Ebert stated the council hopes to reduce the levy prior to approval of the budget. There being no other comments on the matter, the public hearing was closed.

### Public Works Business

Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown and Troy Nemmers with Bolton & Menk reviewed the final plat for Jones Subdivision. The lots will be listed for sale on the MNBid auction website, with pricing based on square footage. Buyers will pay all fees and must build a home within a specified period of time. The lots may not be combined. Martin County's tax abatement program may be available to buyers. The city attorney will be contacted to draft a purchase agreement and additional information regarding the auction posting will be brought to an upcoming meeting. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve the final plat for Jones Subdivision and to set the reserve price for the lots. All ayes – motion carried.**

Nemmers reviewed a task order to rebid the campground expansion project for \$7,000. It would go out for bids early next year. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve the task order. All ayes – motion carried.**

Work has been completed on the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue storm sewer. Two locations were excavated, portions were found to be cracked and tree roots had to be removed. It is open and running. A manhole should be installed, the cost of which is not yet available.

An estimate was reviewed from All Traffic Solutions for two speed signs at a cost of \$5,383.46. A base may be required for each sign, but it was questioned if they could be installed on light poles. Staff will check into that. MnDot requires a speed study be performed prior to approval. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve drafting a resolution to request a speed/traffic study. All ayes – motion carried.**

The ambulance director inquired about his department using radios and light bars to be removed from squad cars. Council agreed. Surplus equipment will be inventoried to track items to be used by the ambulance department and those that can be sold.

The cost estimate for a 30 x 60 pad for pickleball at Graf Park is \$21,750. Adding Sport Court to the new court and lines to the basketball court would cost \$11,550. Fencing on the new court would cost \$16,000. It was decided a fence would not be immediately necessary. Lighting and equipment costs are pending. Grant applications are in the works. A second estimate for the concrete work will be obtained.

Renewal of the lease with MN Para was reviewed. Property taxes for the leased portion of the building are proposed to increase by 613%. The City portion of the building is tax exempt. The lessor will be notified that the cost of property taxes will be added to the lease payment at renewal.

Proposed 2025 utility budgets were reviewed. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve the 2025 utility budgets. All ayes – motion carried.**

Council was advised that MPCA recently completed their 3-year inspection of the wastewater treatment plant and no violations were found.

#### Resolution 2024-50 to Adopt the 2025 Final Tax Levy

Consideration was given to the proposed 2025 budget and levy. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2024-50 to adopt the final 2025 tax levy. All ayes – motion carried.** The final 2025 tax levy is \$680,101.00, an increase of 15%.

#### 2025 City Budget

The 2025 city budget was provided to council for review. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve the 2025 budget as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

License Renewals

**Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve renewal of Sanitation Licenses for Hometown Sanitation and Hansen Sanitation, and Tobacco Licenses to Casey's General Store and Dollar General Store. All ayes – motion carried.**

October Financial Statements

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve October financial statements as presented. 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 \$108,670.82. Checks #42434 - #42462, ACH #973E - #981E, and #501635E.

Old Business

A revised 2025 wage schedule for pool employees was reviewed that meets new minimum wage regulations. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve the wage schedule as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

New Business

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve hiring Lakyn Bremer in the Ambulance Department. All ayes – motion carried.**

Truck routes and truck parking concerns were discussed. It was determined that semi-trucks without trailers are allowed to park on non-truck routes.

Pheasant's Forever is requesting use of the Community Building for a fundraiser that includes serving liquor using their own liquor license. If the organization can provide the required licensure and proof of insurance, the event may be approved as requested.

Mayor Ebert announced 2025 Fire Department officers as follows: Fire Chief Brandon Mosloski, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Ron Kelley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Kaleena Wiens, Captains Sam Mendenhall, Chad Truax, Dan Grunig, and Bryan Andrews, Safety Officer Logan Werner. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve 2025 Fire Department Officers as stated. Motion passed 4-0 with Councilor Ron Kelley abstaining.**

**Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to move into closed session to discuss personnel matters under MN Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(a). All ayes – motion carried.**

**Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to reconvene the open meeting. All ayes motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

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Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer

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