

Truman Council Minutes

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building and by electronic means remotely via Zoom on the 21st day of December 2020 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Mayor Lynn Brownlee, Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, Councilor Brandon Mosloski, Councilor Jake Ebert, and Councilor Brian Nickerson

Staff present: Thea Boesch Deputy Clerk, Brent Brown Utility Foreman, Justin Jobe Police Chief, John Bosshart Streets Department, Patty Truax, Terry Bentele

Mayor Lynn Brownlee presided over the meeting, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment

None

Grocery Store Proposal

Heather Chavez joined the meeting via phone. Heather and her husband are interested in purchasing the grocery store next to the Chine House Café. They proposed \$3,000 for the store, however they want to be able to look inside the facility with more lighting to see what needs to be done on the inside. The city had proposed selling the property as is for \$3,000, but there would be additional cost of approximately \$2,000 to run electricity to the building. They are interested in purchasing this property to start up a new business selling foreign coffees, sandwiches, and fresh produce. They are open to other options as well to help grow the community. They will contact City Hall to make arrangements to view the property one more time before final decision.

2021 Budget Approval

Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Jake Ebert and motion carried to approve Resolution No. 2020-39 adopting the Budget for the Year 2021.

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Fund	\$1,079,313	\$1,024,292
Debt Service	\$59,837	\$59,837
Capital Outlay		\$54,988
Total	\$1,139,150	\$1,139,117
Ambulance Fund	\$168,130	\$148,464
Storm Water Fund	\$108,060	\$108,060

Tax Levy Approval

Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson and motion carried to approve Resolution No. 2020-38 approving the 2020 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2021.

General Fund	\$431,112.00
Debt Service Fund	20,450.00

Debt Service Fund – General Obligation Bond Debt	39,102.00
Total levy	\$490,664.00

2021 Licenses

Discussion held around Kirk Langvardt and how to help his business since it has been hit hard due to COVID restrictions. It would be easiest for him to keep the off-sale license for 2021, and then when he is able to re-open he can apply for the license for on-sale at that point, and council can approve it and look at pro-rating the cost of the license.

Motion made by Councilor Jake Ebert, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson and motion carried to approve the 2021 licenses for the following:

Aardvark’s Bar & Grill: Games, Music Box, Sunday Liquor, Intoxicating Off-sale; Casey’s General Stores: Tobacco; Dollar General Store: Tobacco; Hometown Sanitation, Waste Management, Hansen Sanitation, Inc., and Madelia Sanitation: Garbage hauling.

Sale Agreement for Truman Storage Facility, LLC

Motion made by Councilor Jake Ebert, seconded by Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, and motion carried to approve the Sale Agreement for the sale of 3.67 acres in the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 104 north, Range 30 West in the City of Truman, Martin County, to Truman Storage Facility, LLC.

Approve Fire Department Officers

The 2021 results from the Fire Department elections are as follows:

- Chief – Dave Bentz
- 1st Assistant – Ron Kelley
- 2nd Assistant – Josh Kitzerow
- Safety Officer – Chad Truax
- Captains – Brandon Mosloski, Jake Ebert, Jason Nickerson, and Sam Mendenhall
- Secretary – Kaleena Wiens

Motion was made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and seconded by Mayor Lynn Brownlee, and motion carried to approve the 2021 Fire Officers. Councilor Brandon Mosloski and Councilor Jake Ebert abstained, and Councilor Kathy Hendricksen voted naye.

Approve Ambulance Officers

The 2021 results from the Ambulance Department elections are as follows:

- Director: Jessica Clow
- Assistant Director/Training Officer: Josh Kitzerow
- Secretary: Jillien Cornell
- Captain Rig 1: Mona Weihe
- Captain Rig 2: Barb Kubly

Motion was made by Councilor Jake Ebert, and seconded by Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, and motion carried to approve the 2021 Ambulance Officers.

Union Negotiations – LELS & IBEW

The city received a second notice from the IBEW in regards to the on-going issues related to the integration of the Street Department into the collective bargaining agreement. Upon further review the Memorandum of Understanding states the terms from the negotiations and should be signed and returned to the IBEW. Review of job titles for the Street Department can be done when employees retire.

Councilor Brandon Mosloski brought up the LELS bargaining agreement which also needs to be signed and returned. After further review, he suggested that we have them update the agreement where it refers to City Administrator it should be changed to City Council. He spoke with Terry Olson from LELS who said he would make those changes and forward him the updated agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, and seconded by Councilor Jake Ebert, and motion carried to approve the IBEW & LELS negotiation terms and return the signed agreements.

Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor Jake Ebert, and motion carried to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on December 7, 2020.

Utility Claims

Motion Made by Councilor Jake Ebert, seconded by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, and motion carried to approve the Utility Claims.

City Claims

Motion made by Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to approve the City Claims. Councilor Brandon Mosloski abstained.

November City Financials

Chief Jobe questioned why the office supplies are over budget for the Police Department. Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch will get a transaction listing to see what expenses have been allocated to office supplies for the Police Department.

After review of the funds balance, Councilor Brandon Mosloski questioned whether the Truman Days funds had been given to the Truman Days committee in 2019. He stated that there was a motion to approve the transferring of those funds. In addition, Councilor Jake Ebert said that the Pool Deck is also finished and should be transferred.

Motion made by Councilor Jake Ebert, seconded by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, and motion carried to approve the November City Financials.

Old Business

Discussion held on the property located at 102 W. 1st St S in which the owners were sent a letter about repairing the collapsing roof within 60 days. The roof was not repaired therefore the city needs to take action. Next step would be to send it to Derrick to motion for summary enforcement made with the Martin County District Court. **Motion was made by Councilor Jake Ebert, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to approve the next step be taken on the Repair, Raze, or Remove letter for property located at 102 W. 1st St S.**

Councilor Kathy Hendricksen asked if we had heard from the City of Northrop in regards to the letter that we sent to them about the fire in 2018. The date the letter was sent is unknown, therefore not sure if they received it before their latest council meeting.

New Business

Councilor Kathy Hendericksen commented on an article from the Sentinel written about Alex Young Williams who was brought in by the Project 1590 of Fairmont. He had compiled his findings and found in Fairmont that there is a lack of communication and trust between different groups of people. Her thoughts are that Truman has the same problem. There is a lot of hearsay that people hear around town, and don't go to the source or attend council meetings to get the truth.

Councilor Kathy Hendricksen also noted that City of Ceylon is getting an ordinance in which they will have more control over the junk properties in their town. We should look into this ordinance to see if this is something City of Truman could update as well to get control of the junk around town.

Councilor Jake Ebert commented that there is another possible interested party in the grocery store. The party was interested in it before the city took possession of it; however, they have had other things in the works. But if the current interested party goes through with the purchase maybe their product could be in there as well, and they could work together. This would be another big benefit to the community.

Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch asked council if it would be okay for Sherry Hansen, the Administrative Assistant, to carry over an additional 13 days of vacation beyond the 2 weeks that is permitted into 2021. Council agreed that this would be okay since there hasn't been an opportunity for her to use all her vacation due to staff changes.

Another discussion was held in regard to the medical reimbursement account which is currently managed by Gallagher. They will no longer be managing this account for us and therefore we need to remove them from our account. This will be managed internally moving forward due to so few people on the medical plan. **Motion was made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Jake Ebert, and motion carried to approve removing Gallagher from the medical reimbursement account.**

Chief Jobe said that he is working with the two properties mention at the last meeting that needed attention.

Chief Jobe also has had great feedback from citizens of Truman saying how much they enjoyed the parade that was put together by the Truman Fire Department. The parade drew in lots of attendees from surrounding communities as well.

Progress moves forward with the software installation and set-up. The auditors have assisted with the chart of accounts and training will held with Banyon this week and next week. Due to the short amount of time until we make the switch it was recommended to hold off on the utility conversion just for a couple of months.

Several applications have been sent out for the City Clerk position. Three applications have been received so far. The position was posted to the LMC and MMUA websites. It was suggested that if we don't find a qualified applicant, we may have to explore getting an interim clerk for a short period of time.

Discussion held about getting the updated job descriptions completed. A work session was set up for Monday December 28th at 9a.m.

Mayor Lynn Brownlee entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion made by Councilor Jake Ebert, seconded by Councilor Kathy Hendricksen, and motion carried to adjourn the meeting.**

Thea Boesch, Deputy Clerk