

Truman Council Minutes

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building and by electronic means remotely via Zoom on the 1st day of February, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Mayor Terry Bentele, Councilor Patty Truax, Councilor Brandon Mosloski, and Councilor Brian Nickerson

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

Absent: Councilor Jake Ebert

Mayor Terry Bentele presided over the meeting, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment

Pat Jones from the Truman Active Living joined the meeting to discuss three things:

- Would like to stencil biking/walking paths where they purpose with the council's permission. They do not have exact details of where and how many at this point, but when they have something laid out, they will present it to the council for final decision. They would pay for the stencil and the paint.
- Curbs need to be painted again and they are willing to help. The main concern is getting the paint.
- They are concerned that the projects that need to be completed for the Schmeckle Grant are being completed and therefore will lose that grant.

Council informed Pat of how we are moving forward with the multi-surface court, and Faith asking for an extension for the completion date for the grant money.

Discussion was held on looking in the budget to see how much money is there for paint for painting the curbs, and also looking to see what we have left in supply from last year. Also, the street department has a sprayer that could possibly be used for this project as well.

Interim City Clerk and City Clerk Position

Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch informed the council that the Interim City Clerk that was lined up to help the office staff with the Banyon Software backed out on us due to personal reasons. As of today, we do not have anyone else to replace that person.

The city received two new applicants for the City Clerk position in the last two weeks, as well as the three previous applicants we had from before. Councilor Brandon Mosloski informed the council that Amy Huber, who we offered the position to in December and turned us down due to timing issues, had reached out to him the previous week. She said that if the position is still available, she is ready to accept the offer. He also mentioned that she had good financial background and some administration background. He made a recommendation to the council to hire Amy. Further discussion was held on whether to review the other applicants and possibly interview a couple of them or to move forward with hiring Amy. **A motion was made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski,**

seconded by Councilor Patty Truax, and motion carried to approve hiring Amy Huber as the new City Clerk-Treasurer.

Approve Advertising for Sealcoating Bids for 2021

Discussion was held about one error within the Advertising for Seal Coat for Bids. Need to receive all bids by the end of March and should be approved at the first meeting in April. **A motion was made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to approve the Advertising for Bids for Seal Coat 2021 with the correction of the email address on page one.**

Truman Days Committee Fireworks Fund – Closed Acct

Alice Raddatz recently came across an account that was opened for Truman Days Committee Fireworks fund that is no longer being used. She closed the account and sent the city a check in the amount of \$1,101.31. Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch asked the council where we would like to assign those funds. Discussion was held around using the funds toward Truman Days celebration since that is what the original purposes was intended for. A motion was made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor Patty Truax, and motion carried to approve assigning the funds to Truman Days celebration.

Resolutions

Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Patty Truax, and motion carried to approve Resolution No. 2021-4.

Resolution No. 2021-4

Resolution authorizing Interfund loan repayment from Public Utilities accounts for repayment of Banyon Software costs and support fees.

Motion made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor Patty Truax, and motion carried to approve Resolution No. 2021-5.

Resolution No. 2021-5

Resolution setting forth the 2021 utility budget and providing for an increase to water and wastewater utility rates for the City of Truman.

Ordinance 2021-1

Introduction of Ordinance 2021-1 an ordinance relating to the Public Utilities in the City of Truman assessing a monthly infrastructure charge.

Residential - \$3.00

Small Commercial - \$3.75

Large Commercial - \$4.86

Utility Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown provide two quotes for the repair of the primary well, which was included in the 2021 budget at \$35,000. First quote for \$29,000, would require us to do the excavation, remove the concrete, back filling, electrical, conduit repair and underground water main fittings. Second quote is for \$33,000 and that includes the excavation, removal of concrete, back filling and underground water main fittings. That would leave us with the electrical and concrete.

Both companies have worked on our systems in the past, so both would work. The work could be completed in one day. Could take 8 to 12 weeks to get the parts. Utility Brent Brown made the recommendation to move forward with the \$33,000 quote from Beemer. **A motion was made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to approve the \$33,000 quote from Beemer for the repair of the primary well.**

December Financials (unaudited)

Discussion held on the fire truck assigned funds and if they were used for the out-of-pocket expenses for the new fire truck. Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch said that there was an error when coding the expenses when they were paid, which she will address fixing with the auditors help. Councilor Brandon Mosloski mentioned that in the electric expenses it is showing a credit in the power transmission, which Utility Foreman Brent Brown said was a generation credit. **A motion was made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to approve the unaudited December Financials.**

Minutes

One error was noted on page 4 paragraph 3, correction to John Bosshart's name. **Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Patty Truax, and motion carried to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on January 19th, 2021 with one correction.**

City Claims

Check #38466 - #38501 - \$31,688.16

Motion Made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to approve the City Claims.

Old Business

Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch provided an update on the credit card processing company. We went live with our account with Payment Service Network and everything seems to be going smoothly so far. Brenda Hansen has made the necessary changes to our website to direct our customers to the new payment webpage, and a notice was put on the city Facebook page. However, on the Paymentus side we are having a hard time finding someone to respond to our request to cancel our account. Councilor Brandon Mosloski offered to reach out and see if he could get ahold of someone that could close our account.

Another update was provided on the video conferencing kit that was ordered last fall. We still have not received this item due to shortage of parts that they still need for our kit. Discussion was held on possibly going with a different conferencing kit. This item was purchase with CARES Act money, therefore we would need to find something with similar pricing and quality. We can keep looking for a comparable system and see if we can swap out. If we don't find anything then we continue to wait for the other kit to ship.

Discussion held on the splashpad and whether we are looking to move forward with the recirculation system of freshwater system. The question was raised whether we could start with freshwater and down the road convert to a recirculation system. Freshwater system would provide the push button option so that it would only be running when someone is using the splashpad. We will have Faith

look into if the option is there to start with freshwater and possibly convert to recirculation down the road.

New Business

Councilor Brandon Mosloski mentioned that the City Clerk has a city cell phone, however Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch does not and uses her personal phone. We need to reimburse the Deputy Clerk for cell phone use, like we do in other departments with employees using their personal phones for work. This will be an understanding with the union and will be included in the contract as we move forward with getting the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk under union contract.

Also, a discussion on City Clerk and Deputy Clerk wages being hourly versus salary, and attending meetings and getting comp time versus a set dollar amount. The salary positions are non-exempt therefore can receive additional pay of the meetings outside of the salary. The salary schedule is based on an hourly rate; therefore, we would still follow the salary schedule, but begin paying hourly. The hourly pay and comp time for meetings will be included in the union contract.

Discussion held on what capacity are we going to allow the people to rent the community building for gatherings now that restrictions have somewhat been lifted. With the current restrictions in place, we could rent at 50% like we were last year. Restaurants are also able to allow 50% capacity. We could move forward with the 50% capacity, and if restrictions change going forward address any changes at that time. **A motion was by Councilor Patty Truax, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to approve renting the community building at 50% capacity.**

Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch notified the council that as of January 25th the City Hall doors are open during business hours. She felt with the numbers being low, and other area businesses doing the same that it was time. We also have the plexiglass that still provides as a barrier between staff and customers.

No odor complaints for the month of January for Prairieland.

Councilor Brian Nickerson notified council that he has an interested party in the remaining land north of the portion being sold to Truman Storage Facility, LLC. The council needs to come up with a value of the acreage for this interested party.

Councilor Brian Nickerson also had someone interested in building a home in Truman and thought the Bau land would be a good place. However, there is additional land plotted out by John Bosshart's. There are plots already plotted out by Green's as well. Councilor Brandon Mosloski also mentioned that there are plots south of Mark Hansen's driveway. Councilor Brian Nickerson would pass that along those options to that interested party.

Police Chief Jobe notified the council that the 10 cots were ordered and have been received. He has them stored in the basement at the community building. He also purchased 10 pillows from the Dollar General.

Councilor Brandon Mosloski discussed contacting Bolton & Menk to get the layout discussed with the new development. Need to keep this project moving forward. Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch said she would contact them about attending an upcoming meeting to discuss further.

Councilor Brandon Mosloski said we need to make a decision about covering the cost of the headstone for Curtis Jones. He thought that it would be best for us to cover the stone at cost for the burial error. **A motion was made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Patty Truax, and motion carried to approve the city to cover the headstone for Curtis Jones at cost.**

Mayor Terry Bentele entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.**

Thea Boesch, Deputy Clerk