

**Truman City Council Minutes**  
**February 18, 2025**

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Staff present: Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk Carol Becker.

Also present: Kevin Kristenson Martin County Commissioner, Troy Nemmers Bolton & Menk, Sarah Chambers, Cathy Sorenson, Savannah Hodge, Ramona Weihe, Brandi Stohs, 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

Review of sealcoat estimates and pickleball were added to the agenda. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Williams to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve minutes of the February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.**

Public Comment

None.

Retail License Proposal

Preston Rode was not present. The matter will be rescheduled.

Bolton & Menk Campground Construction Administration Task Order

Troy Nemmers with Bolton & Menk presented Task Order 4 for the campground expansion project, Phase 1 Construction Administration, for \$24,000.00. The contractor hasn't scheduled the project yet. Council requested completion prior to Truman Days if possible. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to approve the Task Order. All ayes – motion carried.**

Mayor Ebert introduced Martin County Commissioner Kevin Kristenson. Kristenson spoke briefly on the Justice Center project and encouraged residents to contact him with any questions or concerns.

Ambulance Department Business

Members of the ambulance department were present to ask about a formal decision on keeping the third ambulance. Council agreed the ambulance is needed and Mayor Ebert stated he accepts the recommendation of the department. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve keeping the third ambulance as long as it doesn't require repair. All ayes – motion carried.** The decision will be revisited if staffing becomes a problem and when another ambulance is replaced.

#### Township Fire Contracts

Township fire contract rates are proposed to increase 5% when they renew May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve a 5% increase to the township fire contract rates for 2025. All ayes – motion carried.**

#### Public Works Business

Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown notified council of a watermain break on East 1<sup>st</sup> Street South. The school will be affected by loss of service during repair. There is a damaged sewer lift on a force main in a pit that includes three 8" lines and three valves. The estimated cost of repair is \$42,000. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to approve the repair work as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

A resident with frozen water lines has no working valve to turn off the water to repair the lines. The shut off valve at the curb is inaccessible due to ice in the pipe. The plumber is requesting the city shut down watermains for the repair work. Four valves are involved and it would affect a 12 block area, including St. Paul's school. Council was not comfortable shutting down watermains. The curb stop will be checked again when the weather warms up, and if that doesn't work the resident may need to find a plumber with a freeze kit. Staff will work with the resident to resolve the matter.

Sealcoat bids from three contractors were considered. Pearson Bros. and M.R. Paving both bid 1.72 per SY and Allied Blacktop bid 2.12. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to accept the bid from Pearson Bros. based on past satisfactory performance and per staff recommendation. All ayes – motion carried.**

#### Approval of Claims

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried.** Approved claims totaled \$192,817.28. Checks #42647 - #42672, ACH #1022E - #1028E, and #501718E.

#### Old Business

None.

#### New Business

C & B Operations contacted the city to ask for a project their group of volunteers can complete on Community Day. Council was happy to accept their offer. Ideas include cleanup of the park or pool, and painting curbs or hydrants. They will call at the end of April to make plans.

Councilor Kelley advised he has Amber Patten with CEDA working on an application to Taylor Family Farms for the pickleball court. It is for matching funds.

Interviews for the administrative assistant position are planned for Thursday afternoon. Mayor Ebert and Councilor Truax will attend.

Council asked for information on repair work at the pool. Superintendent Brown reviewed discussions he's had with contractors and options for repairing leaks.

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.**

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Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer