

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 March, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

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

Absent: Councilor Jake Ebert

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

Also Present: Billeye Rabbe, Andrew Kieffer, Faith Clow

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

Public comment

None

Prairieland Solid Waste – Condition Use Permit Renewal

Prairieland Solid Waste Director Billeye Rabbe presented an update on activities at the plant during this last year. They have seven full time employees, with no new employees. The plant has now been in town for 30 years. They continue to operate on their own without the help of taxpayer money and have done so for 7 years. **A motion was made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, and motion carried to approve the annual renewal of the Conditional Use Permit for Prairieland Solid Waste.**

Splashpad Update

Faith Clow contacted Steve Klemm and was told we would be able to get a permit by April, however we would need the application filled out and the necessary documentation to go with it and engineer approval before we can submit it. The cost of the permit is \$1,500 which would cover the cost of the permit and inspections required. We also need to send a letter to My Splashpad with our 50% down payment to lock in our April install date. **A motion was made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, and motion carried to approve the 50% down payment contingent that they are willing to move our install date if beyond our control natural causes would delay the process.**

Township Fire Contracts

Motion was made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, and motion carried to approve the fire protection contracts with Westford, Waverly, and Nashville Townships at \$150 per section for fire protection and \$50 per section for fire truck fund for another year.

MN Para Lease Renewal

Motion was made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to approve the renewal of MN Para Lease from February 1st, 2021 through January 31st, 2022 with rent set at \$450.00 and utilities at \$200.00.

Approve Resolution 2021-6 Interfund Loan Repayment

A resolution was drafted to repay the electric fund from the water fund in the amount of \$80,000. This money was used for the water main repair completed in 2020 located by CFS, and for the completion of the water meter installs from 2020. The CARES funds that were used for the meter install project did not qualify so those funds will be reallocated to police wages. **A roll call was taken and proceeded as follows: Councilor Patty Truax – Aye, Councilor Brandon Mosloski – Aye, Councilor Brian Nickerson – Aye, and Mayor Terry Bentele – Aye. Councilor Jake Ebert – Absent.**

Utility Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown presented a quote for the purchase of electrical transformers for capital projects that are planned for 2021. The quote was for \$28,639 with some additional cost for materials. This was built into the budget for those capital projects. **A motion was by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion was carried to approve the purchase of the electrical transformers for \$28,639.**

Declaring surplus equipment and listing for public auction topic was tabled until a future meeting.

Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Patty Truax, and motion carried to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on February 16th, 2021.

City Claims

Check #38549 - #38572 - \$121,097.43

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

Old Business

A proposal from Bevcomm was received for switching our phone service over to them, and they can potentially save us over \$500 monthly. The internet was installed last year, and the phones can be hooked up to that fiber optic. The only location still needing internet hook up is the substation, which they will do for us. We are still investigating whether there is a contract with Frontier, however one has not been located at this time. **A motion was made by Councilor Brandon Mosloski, seconded by Councilor Brian Nickerson, and motion carried to approve moving forward with getting our phone service switched to Bevcomm contingent on no contract with Frontier.**

New Business

Discussion was held about snow removal on sidewalks. Mayor Terry Bentele was contacted by a couple of residents in regard to sidewalks not being cleaned off in a timely manner after a snow event. A suggestion was made by Mayor Bentele that maybe notifying those specific residents that are not doing so with a letter of notification. Some residents are new to town and may not know that there is an ordinance that states that this needs to be done within 24 hours after a snow event. Also,

if Street Superintendent John Bosshart is driving around town inspecting streets that he can take notice of sidewalks and notify the office if any letters need to be sent as well.

A letter was received from Truman Historical Association representative Marilyn Carrigan wanting to verify that it is okay for them to continue to use the city dumpster behind the municipal building with City Hall relocating to the former utility office. The use of this dumpster was a verbal agreement that has been in place for many years. **A motion was made by Councilor Brian Nickerson, seconded by Councilor Patty Truax, and motion carried to approve the Truman Historical Assoc. the continued use of the dumpster behind the municipal building until conditions do not allow us to do so.**

IBEW – Union Discussion

Andrew Kieffer from the IBEW union discussed further the MOU for the Utility Billing Specialist/Deputy Clerk. Copies were sent to the city to review that the correct language appeared in it. That signed MOU has not been received at the union hall, therefore wondering where we are at in that process. Those documents should be located at City Hall and will be signed and sent back as soon as possible. A job description also must be drafted and approved to go with the MOU.

Also, discussion was held about the additional job duties that Utility Foreman Brent Brown has taken on and his pay increase. An updated job description with his additional job duties still needs to be approved. A list of the additional duties should be given to the council to get the new job description completed. Councilor Brian Nickerson noted that through discussion a 12% wage increase would cover the additional job duties. Andrew also proposed an additional 5 days of vacation each year with the 12 % wage increase, which would be similar to or less than a couple of comparable positions from other area towns.

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 7:23 p.m.**

Thea Boesch, Deputy Clerk