

Truman City Council Minutes
March 3, 2025

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 3rd day of March, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Councilors Ron Kelley, Danielle Williams, and Chad Truax.

Absent: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilor Chris Mosloski.

Staff present: Street Superintendent John Bosshart, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk Carol Becker.

Also present: Matt Owens Martin County Deputy, Andy Geiger Director Prairieland Solid Waste Management, Rachael Jaeger Truman Tribune.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Kelley presided over the meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m., opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda/Additions or Changes

Surplus ambulance equipment was added to the agenda. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Williams to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Prairieland Solid Waste Management Conditional Use Permit Renewal

Director Andy Geiger provided an annual update for the facility. 20,000 tons of garbage was processed in 2024, with the vast majority sent out to convert to electrical power. Information was shared on solid waste programs and events held in Martin and Faribault Counties. They received no complaints last year. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Williams to approve renewal of Prairieland's conditional use permit. All ayes – motion carried.**

Sheriff's Department Update

Deputy Matt Owens provided a monthly department update. He looked into the question of weapons owned by the city. There are two shotguns and they are not in use. He confirmed the house watch program will continue and that the city will continue to receive fine and forfeit revenue as in the past. Staff asked about dealing with junk vehicles. Owens advised he will have a deputy connect with Superintendent Bosshart to work on the problem. Owens will also look into having the vehicles at the Carlson property removed prior to the demolition project.

Public Works Business

Street Superintendent John Bosshart reviewed a bid sheet for cleanup of the Carlson property.

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve the form to solicit bids, with the addition of a due date of Friday, March 14th by 4:30 pm. All ayes – motion carried. An estimate from Pilot Rock was considered for 12 picnic tables for the new campsites. The matter was tabled until the next meeting to check into a potential grant application. The bid accepted from Grotte Construction for concrete for the pickleball court has been voided because the contractor is unwilling to fulfill the contract as bid. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Williams to accept the next lowest bid from Nelsen Blacktopping for \$21,600. All ayes – motion carried.**

Administrative Assistant Hire

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve hiring Sarah Shelander for the administrative assistant position at step one on the wage scale. All ayes – motion carried. She will start on March 10th.

China House Consumption and Display Permit

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve renewal and the China House consumption and display permit. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-10 to Accept Donations

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Williams to adopt Resolution 2025-10 to accept donations received in January, 2025. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-11 to Accept the Grow the Game Grant

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-11 to accept the pickleball equipment grant award from USA Pickleball. All ayes – motion carried.

January Financial Statements

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Williams to approve January financial statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Out of State Travel Policy

Consideration was given to a mandated out of state travel policy for elected officials. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve the out of state travel policy. All ayes – motion carried.**

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$98,230.81. Checks #42644 - #42646, #42673 - #42706, ACH #1029E - #1036E, #1038E - #1041E, and #501730E.

Old Business

Decommissioning the squad cars was briefly discussed to consider outsourcing the work for the second vehicle. Additional information is forthcoming.

New Business

Council considered whether to continue with the same service provider from last year for mowing nuisance properties or to solicit bids for the work. It was the consensus of those present to solicit bids from interested contractors.

A Truman Days representative inquired about selling their t-shirts at city hall. Following discussion, it was decided the best option was to have a sign up sheet for people to order them rather than selling them directly.

Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow requested the council declare two Ferno ProFlex manual cots as surplus equipment to sell at auction. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to declare the cots as surplus equipment and to approve sale at auction. All ayes – motion carried.**

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Williams to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer