Truman City Council Minutes April 12, 2023

A Special Meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 12th day of April, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilor Patty Truax, Councilor Chris Mosloski, Councilor Ron Kelley, and Councilor Brian Nickerson.

Absent: None.

Staff present: Utility Foreman Brent Brown, Street Superintendent John Bosshart, City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Utility Billing Specialist/Deputy Clerk Carol Becker, Street Department Wayne Wiederhoeft, Police Officer Mike Schutz, Pool Department Faith Clow.

Police Department Business

Officer Mike Schutz was present to discuss how the department will move forward following the resignation of Chief Jobe. The online scheduling calendar will continue to be used to keep staff informed of when he is on duty. Office hours will be required to complete administrative duties and Schutz plans one day shift each pay period for that work. Martin County will be consulted to determine how off-duty coverage will be managed. Lels union representative Terry Olson was consulted, and if named interim chief, Schutz can continue to be a member of the union during that tenure. An MOU can be drafted to clarify details of the interim position if it is more than short-term. A chief of police can join the IBEW union and Schutz would consider doing so. The department is required to have a chief law enforcement officer on staff. Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to name Mike Schutz Interim Police Chief effective at the close of business on April 16, 2023. All ayes – motion carried. Further discussion will take place at the upcoming council meeting.

Community Building Policies

Following discussion regarding current building use policies and rates, it was decided to survey those using the hall to determine the number of attendees at their events, and to install a lock box to request donations to help with expenses. Further discussion will take place when there is census information to consider. Councilor Mosloski noted that two windows were found open recently when he stopped to check the building.

Residential Development Planning

Discussion centered around various areas that have been considered for development and which should have priority. It was decided the begin planning to develop the Bau property. Existing information on developing that property will be gathered to bring to the upcoming regular meeting.

Dumpster Regulations

Councilor Nickerson advised there are at least 8 dumpsters at various residences, many are in the front yard, and some constitute a nuisance. Discussion included allowing them on residential property only if they are temporary for specific purposes, requiring them to be in the rear yard,

setting a limit for how long they can be kept on residential property, and making sure they are dumped weekly as is required by city ordinance. It was decided to have the police department provide copies of the city ordinance that requires weekly pickup and storage in the rear yard. Temporary dumpsters would be excluded from those requirements. Fines may be assessed for nuisance properties.

Pool Business

Faith Clow was present to discuss getting the pool ready to open without having a manager in place. Kim Breamer has agreed to help prepare for the opening, but she is unable to work through the summer. Last year's head guard will not be returning. It is hoped a new headguard can be found who is at least 18 years old to assist with management duties. The Pool Commission will meet with Breamer to go over everything to get ready for the pool opening, swimming lessons, and water aerobics. Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to approve a 2.5% wage increase for pool employees. All ayes – motion carried. The pool will be added to the upcoming meeting agenda.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer