

Truman City Council Minutes
April 21, 2025

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 21st day of April, 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/Utility Billing Specialist Carol Becker, Pool Operator Wayne Wiederhoeft.

Also present: Patty Truax, Faith Clow, Tamara Payton, Joyce Deeds, Jan Warrington, 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

Sale of Jones Subdivision lots added to the agenda. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Jan Warrington asked to have the storm drain by her home cleaned out. There has been a vehicle parked in the way so it hasn't been done for some time. Superintendent Brown advised that all storm drains will be cleaned out beginning this spring and annually thereafter.

Joyce Deeds asked about city plans for managing ash trees, are grant funds for that purpose, and is she allowed to plant a tree in the boulevard. There are no grant funds currently available. Nothing prevents tree planting in the boulevard, however caution is needed due to infrastructure in the right of way, and because trees can damage sidewalks. Certain kinds of trees are better for that purpose and a list of recommended varieties will be provided.

Public Works Business

Superintendent Brent Brown advised that infrastructure has been installed at the campground. An inspection is set for May 5th. A license application must be submitted to the State with a \$115 fee. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve submitting the application and fee. All ayes – motion carried.** It was recommended that a sign be posted at the dump station to prevent further use. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve posting a sign that the dump station is no longer in use. All ayes – motion carried.**

An estimate was obtained from Gary Pahl Construction to replace an overhead door at Graf Park for \$1,200. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve the door installation as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

Rural and Urban Service District Hearing

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to set the Rural and Urban Service District Hearing for June 2, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-14 to Accept Grant

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-14 to accept a \$1,500 grant from Heartland Energy to be used for employee retention. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-15 to Accept Donation

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to adopt Resolution 2025-15 to accept an Operation Round Up donation from South Central Electric of \$1,000 to be used for repair and maintenance of the pool. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-16 to Request Permit Renewal

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to adopt Resolution 2025-16 to request renewal of a Limited Use Permit from the Minnesota Department of Transportation. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of March 2025 Financial Statements

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve the March financial statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$240,882.16. Checks #42778 - #42780, #42782 - #42812, ACH #1069E - #1076E, and #501774E.

Old Business

One bid was received for mowing nuisance properties for the upcoming season. Bentele Lawn Care bid \$65.00 per hour. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to accept the bid from Bentele Lawn Care. All ayes – motion carried.**

New Business

Councilor Mosloski asked about the next step for promoting sale of lots at Jones Subdivision. Mayor Ebert recommended giving interested parties more time to proceed. It was discussed to add a sign depicting how the lots can be developed to help with planning.

Patty Truax, Faith Clow and Tamara Payton were present with a pool update. There are four lifeguards, a manager, and an assistant manager hired so far. Having ten lifeguards on staff is ideal for a normal pool schedule. Ideas discussed included setting a schedule with limited open hours, cutting out some weekend hours, and finding volunteers to run the concession stand. The schedule will need to be set soon. Pool Operator Wayne Wiederhoeft mentioned it will cost the same to

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operate the pool whether at a full or reduced schedule. It was also noted that people want water aerobics to continue. Mayor Ebert said he looked into having the pool open without lifeguards, and it is legal as long as signs are posted. Children would need to have an adult present. Payton advised most kids don't have an adult with them. Patty Truax recommended setting schedule now for planning purposes. Councilor Mosloski said if there aren't enough guards, maybe the city shouldn't spend money to open the pool. He checked into bussing pool patrons to other communities with pools, and that is an option if the pool can't open. It was recommended to run an ad in the Sentinel and the Photo Press to get more applicants. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve placing an ad in both papers. All ayes – motion carried.** Ideally the pool would open after graduation so employees can attend those events. Wiederhoeft advised the latest he can order chemicals is May 5th or 6th. A decision will be made at the May 5th council meeting.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer