

Truman City Council Minutes
April 7, 2025

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 7th 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, Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow.

Also present: Troy Nemmers Bolton & Menk, Matt Owens Martin County Deputy, Mike Anderson Martin County Deputy, Tasha Davis, 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

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda. All ayes - motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve minutes of the March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Tasha Davis was present to request a letter from the city stating she is permitted to cap the sewer line on her property and why. Council requested that staff provide the letter.

Troy Nemmers, Bolton & Menk, Highway 15 Sidewalk

Nemmers reviewed information on a proposed section of sidewalk on the west side of Highway 15, between First and Second Street, with a crosswalk on 1st Street. The cost estimate for half a block is \$12,000 to \$15,000, and \$35,000 for the full block continued through Aardvarks parking lot, all at city cost. A crosswalk on 2nd Street was considered, but that area isn't level, would require a lot of fill, and it was decided First Street would provide a safer crossing. Williams stated the sidewalk could be added at a later time, if desired and as funding is available. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve the sidewalk project as is, without the west side sidewalk, and with the crosswalk on 1st Street as planned. All ayes – motion carried.**

Martin County Sheriff Department Update

Deputy Matt Owens advised that Deputy Nelson addressed the properties with reported ordinance violations in March, giving owners until April 30th to abate the nuisance or a citation will be issued. City ordinance gives residents ten days to abate nuisances. Council discussed whether to amend the

ordinance to allow more time going forward. It was decided to wait and see how enforcement efforts progress before making any changes. Door tags are on order for officers to use to notify property owners of violation going forward. Staff asked if officers will be monitoring the campground over the summer, in part to make sure those camping have made a reservation and paid the fee. Owens stated officers can deal with criminal matters like theft of services, but not if this is a civil matter. Truman officers would drive through the campground and check the reservation website to make sure all sites in use had been reserved. Owens said they will plan to monitor it and he will report back to council on how it goes. Mayor Ebert asked about the city owned shotguns from the police department. Owens advised the city can sell them through a dealer. Motion made by Kelley to donate the shotguns to Martin County, if they are willing to take them. No second was received. Owens agreed to check into it further and the matter was table for additional information.

Fire Department Quarterly Report

No officers were present.

Ambulance Quarterly Report

Ambulance Director Josh Kitzerow provided the quarterly report. Surplus cots were sold on an auction website. The billing service provided updated service rate recommendations. Medicare would not pay more, but private pay would provide added revenue. Included was a 10% higher rate for non-residents, and an ALS2 rate for when three or more ALS medical procedures are completed. Kitzerow recommended approval of the new rate schedule. The new radios are working well and Kitzerow asked about buying additional units using reserve funds. Approval was given to do so.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve the new service rate schedule as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.

Public Works Business and Quarterly Report

Superintendent Brent Brown advised that Alex Kjolstad has completed probation and his apprenticeship. His previous employer failed to report his hours of hot-line work so the Department of Labor didn't give him full credit for those hours. Brown recommended he be recognized as a journeyman now and he will receive his card from the Department of Labor once the shorted hours are completed and reported. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve Journeyman status for Alex Kjolstad. All ayes – motion carried.**

Pickleball equipment arrived from the USA Pickleball grant award, which includes paddles, balls, and portable nets. Discussion followed regarding ideas for how to use the equipment, where to store it, if it could be checked out for use, or holding a class and giving paddles and balls out to those who sign up. This might be done through Active Living or the school. Council like the idea of a class and providing equipment to those who attend.

In other business, demolition of the Carlson property will begin this week. Council asked staff to notify the daycare in that area that the street will be closed while the work is in process. The wading pool has been demolished, filled, and seeded.

Judicial Ditch Special Assessment

The City's 2025 property tax statements include a special assessment of \$18,568.95 for repair of Judicial Ditch 47. Having received no advance notice of the assessment, the city was unable to levy for the expense. Martin County has agreed to extend the terms of payment.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to agree to pay half of the assessment in 2025 and 2026, with no accrued interest. All ayes – motion carried. The cost will be added to the 2026 levy to replenish the General Fund.

Resolution 2025-13 to Accept February Donations

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-13 to accept donations received in February, 2025. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$184,309.26. Checks #42740 - #42777, ACH #1051E - #1068E, #501749E and #501759E.

Old Business

Prairieland is unable to schedule cleanup day prior to Truman Days. They recommend holding the city wide cleanup day on Saturday, September 20, 2025. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve holding cleanup day on September 20th. All ayes – motion carried.**

Volunteers from C & B are looking for a one day community project for 8 people to work in four hours shifts. It was decided to request assistance with assembling picnic tables for the campground.

Councilor Kelley had no additional information on the proposed rental code. He will meet with building code official Steve Carson and provide information at a later meeting.

New Business

Dakota State University is offering to perform a security assessment again this year as part of the program funded by Heartland. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve the security assessment as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

An update was provided on the pool. There are two managers and two lifeguards in place, with 10 total needed to open for the season. It was recommended a decision be made by the end of April.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer