

Truman City Council Minutes
May 13, 2024

A Special Meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 13th day of May, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Staff present: City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk Carol Becker, Street Superintendent John Bosshart, Interim Police Chief Mike Schutz.

Also present: None.

Mayor Jake Ebert presided over the meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m., opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council reviewed an estimate to replace a portion of sidewalk at Graf Park and to add concrete to the boulevard where grass won't grow. It was decided concrete was not a good option for the boulevard. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to accept the bid from TCC for 75' of sidewalk at a cost of \$4,050. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilor Truax abstaining due to a conflict of interest.** A \$5,000 donation for Graf Park will be used for the sidewalk and for grass seeding done earlier. Superintendent Bosshart was asked to get a price for adding soil and seeding the boulevard with straw matting. The proposal to add windows to the restrooms at the park brought up at the May 6th meeting was discussed further. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Kelley to approve installing the windows as proposed. All Ayes – Motion Carried.** Paul Leimer agreed to install them at no cost.

An estimate was obtained from RJ Thomas Mfg. for picnic tables for Graf Park and the Campground at a cost of \$17,734.05. The lead time is 3-4 weeks and they will need to be assembled. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve placing the order. All ayes – motion carried.** Tables for the park will be paid for using reserve funds and grant funds will be sought for the campground tables.

Council reviewed estimates for sidewalk and boulevard work at the Community Building as part of the Ag-Friendly Minnesota Grant project. TCC bid \$8,407 and Greg Grotte Construction bid \$9,583.38. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to accept the bid from TCC. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilor Truax abstaining due to a conflict of interest.**

Options for maintaining a police department or contracting with Martin County were contemplated in an effort to determine which is most cost effective. Martin County has invited a couple of council members to attend a personnel meeting on May 22nd to go over what they desire in a contract. Interim Police Chief Schutz remarked that his union representative sent an MOU to the city attorney a few weeks ago that provides terms to help with some of the concerns for the department. The City Clerk will contact the city attorney to obtain that information.

No action was taken with regard to applications received for the police chief position. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer