

**Truman City Council Minutes**  
**May 19, 2025**

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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.

Also present: Patty Truax, Pat Jones, Rachael Jaeger Truman Tribune, and Amber Patten, Celia Simpson, and Dave Schimidt with CEDA.

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

City attorney memo on hazardous properties 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 Williams to approve minutes of the May 5, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.**

Public Comment

None.

CEDA Presentation

Amber Patten, Dave Schmidt and Celia Simpson presented information on support and services that CEDA can provide to the city, and details on the cost to contract for more comprehensive services.

Public Works Business

Superintendent Brent Brown provided a campground update. The cost to add a dump station is \$12,000. An approximate location was determined, keeping the station the required distance from campsites, which could result in the loss of one or two sites. Martin County will be discussing plans for a dump station for those camping at the county park and perhaps partnering with Truman. A preconstruction meeting on the expansion project will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>. A decision on adding a dump station should be made by then. There was discussion regarding the location of sewer hookups added to the existing campsites. They may require campers to use extra hose to connect depending on how they pull into the site. When installing the lines and connection points, they had to work around existing water and electric service lines.

A proposal was reviewed to increase the infrastructure fee and charge on utility bills. The \$14.84 infrastructure fee started in 2022 to provide for debt service on bonds. Due to change orders made on the related water projects, and fluctuations in the number of active utility accounts, there is concern the revenue may not meet the 105% revenue to debt service requirement over the life of the bonds. An increase is recommended of at least \$.56, or \$1.50 to meet the 105% revenue requirement. The infrastructure charge implemented in 2021 was established to provide for ongoing utility repair and maintenance and for repayment of loans owed to the electric fund. The revenue from the charge that ranges from \$3.00 to \$4.86 hasn't been adequate for the intended purposes. Maintenance and repair costs in the water and wastewater funds are already over budget this year. An increase of \$1.50 per month was recommended. Council requested that Representative Bjorn Olson be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss possible street and infrastructure funding opportunities at the state level to assist the city with replacement of aging infrastructure. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to direct that a resolution be drafted that will add \$1.50 to both infrastructure rates. All ayes – motion carried.**

Discussion took place regarding the easement requested from Dollar General to add a sidewalk to the store as part of the Highway 15 sidewalk project. No compensation is planned in exchange for the easement. Repairs, maintenance, and snow removal would be the owners responsibility.

#### Pool Business

Pool Commission member Patty Truax provided a pool update. There is one lifeguard application pending, but no new hires. HyVee and Hermel are being considered to replace Schwans as the provider for concessions. The pool schedule is pending, swimming lesson sign-ups are in progress. Clean up day will be on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. The pool manager has been putting in her own time to get the pool ready for opening, and Truax recommended she be paid for that time. She is tracking her hours. Discussion took place regarding rules for pool patrons to prevent past problems, a proposed contract for parents to sign, how old children should be to swim without a parent present, and if they should need to pass a swimming test in that case. It was recommended that pool rules be posted and published in the paper. New rates for use of the pool will be publicized online.

#### Nickerson Variance Application

Bradley and Debra Nickerson applied for a zoning permit and variance to add a garage to property at 108 S 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue W. The property has an existing accessory building but no dwelling. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to call for a public hearing of the Planning Commission to consider the variance on June 16, 2025 at 5:15 P.M. All ayes – motion carried.**

#### Review of Projects, Funding and Reserves

Information was provided to council regarding the cost of pending projects, proposed funding sources, reserve funds that are available, and decisions that need to be made for the use of specific aid revenue. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to move unused police squad and equipment reserves totaling \$17,564 to the demolition reserve fund. All ayes – motion carried.**

#### Resolution 2025-21 to Reassign Equity

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-21 to reallocate \$7,000 of Future Investment Funds held in the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance to be used for a mosquito spray contract costing \$5,000, and to add gravel to two existing campsites for \$2,000. All ayes – motion carried.**

Approval of April 2025 Financial Statements

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve the April 2025 financial statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.**

Approval of Claims

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried.** Approved claims totaled \$122,832.66. Checks #42838 - #42868, ACH #1085E - #1093E, and #501794E.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mayor Ebert reviewed an email from the city attorney related to two properties that have pending court cases to abate hazardous conditions. Court dates are pending.

Council asked if the pickleball project has a start date. Brown advised it hasn't been given yet.

The pending school improvement project was briefly discussed as it relates to city utilities.

The Truman Days Committee requested use of the Community Building at no charge for a meeting on a Sunday in June. Approval was given. A request was made to consider the Community Building as a backup location for the Truman Days street dance in case of bad weather. There is a breakfast earlier that same day, but it was believed there would be no conflict. The request was approved.

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.**

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Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer