

**Truman City Council Minutes**  
**May 20, 2024**

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Patty Truax.

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

Also present: Lynn Brownlee, Cathy Sorenson, Gail Ingledew, Elliot Belgard, Faith Clow, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel, Joseph Kreiss 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

Changes or additions to the agenda: Campground oversight added to New Business. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve minutes of the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting and the May 13, 2024 Special Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.**

Public Comment

Administrative Assistant Gail Ingledew thanked the council for the opportunity to work for the city and added that they have a good team of employees.

Lynn Brownlee and Cathy Sorenson asked if city wide cleanup could take place prior to Truman Days. Councilor Truax will be consulted. They would like to have volunteers, possibly the fire department, to help seniors with their items during the cleanup event. Elliot Belgard advised that STS can do that. They requested that the broken fence at JC park and the damaged bridge at the pool be repaired before Truman days, along with having the building at 117 E Ciro torn down and grass seeded before then. Picnic tables at the campground will be painted and various signs and historical pictures will be hung around town. They requested having the seasonal city worker water new trees that have been planted at the campground.

Elliot Belgard asked about the name of the new residential subdivision because of its location on the Bau property. Mayor Ebert explained it isn't being developed on land donated to the city but rather on land that was purchased. Belgard advised the city to check into tax abatement for new homes built in the subdivision. The city clerk will consult the city attorney on the matter.

Utility Department Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown informed the council of an increase in the cost to fully insure transformers and switch cubicles due to an increase in the value placed on them by the League Insurance Trust. Brown is checking with other cities to see how they insure their equipment and consideration may be given to covering only transformers over a certain KVA. More information will be provided at the next meeting. The trash pump that was repaired last year is out of service and needs to be replaced. The cost for a hydraulic pump will be obtained for consideration. A preconstruction meeting will be held on Wednesday for the residential development and Brown asked when Rosburg will get the remaining trees taken out. Councilor Nickerson will contact him. Options for mowing on the other side of the creek at the campground were discussed.

### Police Department Business

Interim Police Chief Mike Schutz advised he will be applying for family medical insurance through the city due to an unforeseen change to his current insurance.

### April Financial Statements

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve April Financial Statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.**

### Payment of Claims

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Nickerson to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried.** Approved claims totaled \$145,337.88. Checks #41951, #41969 - #41995, ACH #829E, #831E - #839E, #501387E, #202405171 and #202405172.

### Old Business

Faith Clow provided a pool update. A June 1<sup>st</sup> opening date is planned. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve hiring Karina Sanchez, Brayden Leach, Samantha Maine, and Meredith Miller, to approve a 2.5% wage increase, plus .25/hr. for returning employees. All ayes – motion carried.** Miller will begin work after her upcoming birthday. Managers are completing training to provide swimming lessons so they will be scheduled at that time.

Superintendent Bosshart advised it will cost \$1,100 to seed the boulevard at Graf Park. The sidewalk work needs to be completed first and the grass needs to get established before Truman Days. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve seeding the boulevard as proposed if the sidewalk is in by June 1<sup>st</sup>. All ayes – motion carried.**

### New Business

Lon Firchau contacted the city to ask if the council is interested in obtaining property at 101 N 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. Following discussion, it was decided to decline the offer.

A letter of resignation was received from Gail Ingledew. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to accept the letter of resignation. All ayes – motion carried.**

The campground needs to have oversight to make sure all campers are registered on the reservation website. Following discussion, it was decided that members of the council will oversee the campground for now.

**Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**