

Truman City Council Minutes
May 5, 2025

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 5th 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, Pool Manager Tamara Payton.

Also present: Patty Truax, Faith Clow, Matt Owens Martin County Deputy, Kaleena and Zach Wiens, Paul Leimer, 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 Williams to approve the agenda. All ayes - motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve minutes of the April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Paul Leimer requested approval for a building permit to demolish a garage and build a new one in the same location, one foot from the side property line, for Joyce Deeds. The permit will require approval of a variance. Leimer offered to pay for decals for city pickups that are without them. Superintendent Brown will contact the supplier. Leimer advised the grass planted last year at Graf Park has not come back. He suggested putting the pickleball court in that area. Discussion on the idea took place but it was decided to keep the original location by the basketball court.

Zach Wiens addressed the council to request that lines be added to the basketball court at Graf Park. Staff will check into having the lines added when the pickleball project is done.

Martin County Sheriff Department Update

Deputy Matt Owens provided the monthly department report. Eighty Percent of reported ordinance violations with an April 30th deadline have been corrected. Citations will be written for the rest once the ordinance is uploaded to the citation system. Ten days' notice is working well so there is no need to extend it as was suggested earlier. Oversight of the campground was mentioned at the last meeting, and Owens advised the department will respond to complaints, rather than providing continuous oversight. The two shot guns used by the police department will be returned to the city to be sold to a dealer as surplus equipment. Councilor Kelley agreed to take care of this.

Pool Business

Commission Member Patty Truax and Pool Manager Tamara Payton provided a pool update. There are six lifeguards hired at this time, which will allow the pool to open with at least limited hours. Group swimming lessons will be available and notice will be posted on how to sign up. Opening day will be June 9th. The schedule will be announced soon.

Public Works Business

Superintendent Brent Brown met with the State regarding licensure of the existing campground and the license was approved. Martin County and a few Truman residents have expressed interest in having a dump site available at the city campground. It can't be near a campsite, so it would need to be added to the expansion area. The city engineer will get a cost estimate from the contractor, along with obtaining a start date for the expansion project. Discussion followed regarding concerns over who would be allowed to use the dump station and how use would be monitored. Further discussion will take place after the cost is determined. Brown suggested that use of the campground in May and June might be increased by setting reduced weekly and monthly rates for those two months. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to set a weekly rate of \$137.50 and a monthly rate of \$550.00 during May and June. All ayes – motion carried.** Councilor Kelley asked about adding more gravel to two existing campsites. Brown estimated the cost at \$2,000. Also discussed was the idea of contracting for mosquito spraying again this year. The cost remains at \$5,000. It is not in the budget. Council requested it be included in the 2026 budget. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve \$7,000 for mosquito spraying, and for extra gravel on the campsites, using future investment funds held in the general fund undesignated reserve. All ayes – motion carried.**

The contractor who left stumps from the Bau property at the city brush site, instead of on the neighboring property, has not come back to move them. A letter will be drafted giving 30 days for the work to be completed.

Brown reviewed an audit recommendation to improve the financial position of the water fund. The infrastructure fee for debt service, and another for repair costs, may need to be increased to cover those costs. More information will be brought to an upcoming meeting.

Seasonal hiring was discussed. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to hire Danielle Williams in the seasonal mowing position at \$18.00 per hour. Motion carried 4-0, with Councilor Williams abstaining due to a conflict of interest. Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve hiring Danielle Williams as the seasonal pool operator at \$18.00 per hour. Motion carried 4-0, with Councilor Williams abstaining due to a conflict of interest.**

Discussion took place regarding maintenance of the service road behind Heartland Senior Living. It is a private drive so the city does not maintain it, other than the area directly behind the city owned clinic building.

Resolution 2025-17 to Consolidate Bank Accounts

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2025-17 to approve consolidation of bank accounts at Profinium by closing four accounts and transferring funds as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2025-18 to Accept Grant

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to adopt Resolution 2025-18 to accept a \$15,000 grant from Taylor Family Farms Foundation for the pickleball project. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$199,846.25. Checks #42813, 42815 - #42837, ACH #1077E - #1084E, and #501784E.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mayor Ebert advised that council meetings should be moved to the fire hall meeting room with the warmer weather. This will begin with the next meeting on May 19th.

It was questioned if a fine should be set for blowing grass into the street. Staff advised that letters are sent when this happens and that normally prevents future incidents.

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer