

Truman City Council Minutes June 17, 2024

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Department meeting room on the 17th day of June, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Mayor Jake Ebert.

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

Also present: Cathy & Dave Sorenson, Lynn Brownlee, Marilyn Carrigan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brian Nickerson 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: Red Cross registration and basketball court at Graf Park added to new business. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Kelley to approve minutes of the June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting and June 10, 2024 Special Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Cathy Sorenson advised of repairs completed at Jaycee Park. Picnic tables at the campground will also be repaired if they need it. There is a time capsule from 1999 that is scheduled to be opened this year. The city council was asked host a ceremony and open it during Truman Days.

Habitat for Humanity

Staci Thompson from HFH updated the council on the project in Truman. It has been delayed due to a loss of funding from USDA. It is scheduled to begin this fall as funding allows. Grants funds are being sought to assist with the project. A second house is available if an available lot is located by August.

Truman Days

Marilyn Carrigan provided information on a self-guided historical walking tour she is putting together for Truman Days. Historical information will be posted on buildings and lots in a three block area. Property owners can opt out. Signs will be put up on Thursday and removed on Sunday.

Lynn Brownlee on Jones Donation

Lynn Brownlee shared information on the land donated to the city years ago by Roger Jones. Funds from sale of the land were designated for various projects and purposes with Jones' approval. Funds designated for campground expansion and commercial development haven't been used and Brownlee would like to see those funds used to expand the campground. Discussion followed regarding plans considered for the expansion and how much it was projected to cost. Brownlee recommended the council strongly consider moving forward with the expansion. Also mentioned was that the swings at Graf Park are too high for kids to reach. Staff advised they are set at the recommended level.

Rural Service District Ordinance 2024-02

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adopt Ordinance 2024-02 to amend the Rural and Urban Service District Ordinance. All ayes – motion carried.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve publishing a summary version of Ordinance 2024-02. All ayes – motion carried. The ordinance is available in its entirety at City Hall.

Utility Department Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown advised of an applicant for the lineman position. The applicant was interviewed and it was recommended he be offered the position. He has schooling but no experience. He would be put in the correspondence course for a year to begin with. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to offer the lineman position to Brock Mathers at the 3rd 6 months step. All ayes – motion carried.** There have been no applicants for the seasonal utility position. The employee with the position last year was brought back but will be leaving soon. There is an applicant for the lineman position who has no training and is willing to start in the seasonal position. **Motion made by Kelly, seconded by Truax to approve offering that applicant the seasonal position at \$18.00 per hour. All Ayes – motion carried.**

Change orders from Mensing Construction were reviewed for approval. Change Order #1 is for tree removal and expenses related to fire hydrant installation for a total of \$13,504.90. Changer Order #2 is for storm sewer work and replacement of a catch basin costing \$12,551.10. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve the change orders. All ayes – motion carried.**

Discussion took place regarding failure by the contractor to remove trees from the Bau property per the accepted bid. The bid was \$5,000 and the cost to have Mensing do the work instead was \$10,650. Options considered to recoup the cost included billing the contractor for the added cost, deducting it from his other upcoming project, or the city covering the added cost. Council gave approval to negotiate a reduction to the cost of the upcoming project to recover a portion of money.

Council was advised there is money in the street department capital outlay and sealcoat budgets to cover the remaining cost for the \$11,000 trash pump that was ordered. Utility budgets are covering \$6,500, leaving the street department to cover \$4,500. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve using \$4,500 from the street department budget toward the purchase of the pump. All ayes – motion carried.**

May Financial Statements

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve the May financial statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2024-24 to Accept May Donations

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2024-24 to accept donations received in May 2024. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2024-25 to Accept Volunteer Services

Council considered the resolution to accept volunteer services toward construction of the pickleball court. Councilor Truax asked for material cost estimates before approving the resolution. Additional information will be gathered and the matter was tabled.

Resolution 2024-26 and 2024-27 to Approve Fund Transfers

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to adopt Resolutions 2024-26 and 2024-27 to approve fund transfers from certificates of deposit to checking. All ayes – motion carried.

Resolution 2024-28 to Contract with a City Official

Councilor Truax abstained from discussion and voting on the matter due to a conflict of interest.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to adopt Resolution 2024-28 to Contract with a City Official. Motion carried 3-0, with Councilor Truax abstaining.

Payment of Claims

Councilor Truax abstained from discussion and voting on payment of claims due to a conflict of interest. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve payment of claims. Motion carried 3-0, with Councilor Truax abstaining.** Approved claims totaled \$77,564.97. Checks #42029 - #42063, ACH #851E - #858E, #501413E, and #501422E.

Old Business

The Community Building budget was found to have adequate funding for the cost of labor to paint the entryway with donated paint, and to install a donated stool if accepted, per the requests made at the June 3rd council meeting. Councilor Truax recommended that all three toilets be replaced since there is money available. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve the purchase of three toilets for the Community Building, to be installed by staff. All ayes – motion carried. Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to approve up to \$350 to paint the entryway at the Community Building. All ayes – motion carried.**

Councilor Truax provided an update on cleanup day. It will be held prior to Truman Days, as was requested, on June 29th from 9 AM to Noon. Prairieland will be open for Household Hazardous Waste collections, with appliances and electronic accepted for a fee. Madelia Sanitation will be contacted to obtain six roll off containers. This event is in lieu of the normal fall cleanup day this year. Truax will contact STS to assist with the event.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to go into closed session to consider labor negotiation proposals pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03. All ayes – motion carried. Present at the closed session was Melissa Sirovy, Carol Becker, Brent Brown, John Bosshart, Mike Schutz and IBEW Representative Josh Laven. The closed session was recorded.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to come out of closed session. All ayes – motion carried.

The city attorney provided a partial first draft of the employment contract for the police chief position for council review.

New Business

Council approval was given to allow lines to be drawn on the basketball court at Graf Park for pickleball. The net must be taken down each time.

The City needs to register with the Red Cross to give swimming lessons. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to approve registering with the Red Cross to provide lessons. All ayes – motion carried.** The cost for lessons will be reviewed as they haven't been increased in some time.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer