

Truman City Council Minutes

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers and by electronic means remotely via Zoom on the 7th day of June 2021 at 5:30p.m.

Present: Mayor Terry Bentele, Councilor Jake Ebert, Councilor Brian Nickerson, Councilor Patty Truax and Councilor Brandon Mosloski

Staff Present: Utility Billing Spec./Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch, Utility Foreman Brent Brown, Street Superintendent John Bosshart, and Police Chief Justin Jobe

Also Present: Kirk Langvardt, Chad Truax, Carter Wolle, Greg Mitchell, Billeye Rabbe, Mark Hansen, and Jennifer Brookens

Mayor Terry Bentele presided over the meeting, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson, to approve the Agenda. All yeas – motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Rural Service District Hearing

The rural service district spreadsheet was presented to the council at 23%, which was unchanged from last year. Also, the offer of the Ordinance 2021-2 for Rural Service District. **A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax, to approve the offer of Ordinance 2021-2. All yeas – motion carried.**

Clean-up Truman Discussion

Billeye Rabbe from Prairieland presented ideas to the council for clean-up Truman. There has always been the option at Prairieland for Martin/Faribault County residents for appliances and electronics disposal for \$15.00 per item, and household items for \$40.48 minimum charge of up to 1,000 lbs. This would be no additional cost to the city, maybe just additional advertising. They also have a coupon program in which the City of Truman could bill each household \$2 or \$3 on their monthly utility bill. Residents then would bring in coupons to Prairieland with items for disposal and they would in turn bill the City of Truman for the use of those coupons. Each household would get 2 electronic and 2 appliance coupons each for \$10.00, and 2 household coupons for \$40.48 each. Then the cost of the coupons used would come from the revenue collected from the fee on their utility bill, and any excess cost above that would be at the cost of the city. There would also be printing and distribution costs as well. They do not collect tires, they are collected at the Martin County Highway Dept. The last option would be a One Day Collection, open to the residents of Truman only. The city would pick up the cost or the residents would pay for service, and the city would supply the work force. Roll off containers are \$700.00 each, which includes disposal, or three roll off containers for \$2,100. Electronics and appliances are \$10.00 each, or 200 items for \$4,000. Discussion was held about if Prairieland could open on a couple of Saturdays, however that would be overtime for their employees, and you need several people there to operate. So, the overtime cost for those employees to work on Saturday would come at the cost of the city. Discussion was held about if we could have it once in the spring and once in the fall. For those that can't get the

garbage down to the Prairieland facility if we can find a volunteer group that would be willing to help pick up the garbage (example: boy scouts). The best time in the fall to hold the event would be early September. Billeye will be in touch with city staff to coordinate the details for a Saturday pick up option.

Review/Approve Pickleball/Basketball Court Specs from Bolton & Menk

Greg Mitchell from Bolton & Menk presented final site plans for the Pickleball/Basketball court. Currently there is 8 inches of bituminous, and just a couple inches of gravel which is not salvageable. So, after that is removed, we would put in 3 inches of bituminous, 6 inches of aggregate base, and 4 inches of open graded aggregate base with under grains. They recommend the under grains to help keep the moisture under control. If costs come in significantly high, we could negotiate with the contractor and look at removing that. The center of the court will come very close to where it originally was because of an existing light, and so if you want to keep that existing light there or replace it the wires are there. They were going to tie into the existing 12-inch storm sewer, however with the age of the pipe they thought it would be better to tie into the catch basin that we put in the southwest corner several years ago. So that would serve as the outlet for the under grains. There would be two pickleball courts on the East 2/3's of the surface, and on the West 1/3 of the surface a half basketball court. Also, courts with bituminous payment of this size have a tendency to crack over time, so we out to saw points between the courts, one down the center and one on either side. That will give it a place to relieve stress and tension. Then in the future it can be resealed. The gate opening on the East end is approximately 20 feet from either corner. Its not necessarily a gate, but an opening. Gates tend to be more maintenance, and with it being in the middle balls aren't as likely to get out. The sidewalk was pulled out of the project because the work on that would be costly through a general contractor, so that is something you may want a local subcontractor to do. This project is under the threshold, so we don't have to publicly bid it. We can get quotes from general contractors and have them line up the subcontractors. The other option would be to split pieces of the project up and hire out contractors for each project, and then we would have to act like the general contractor and line everything up. It would be easiest to hire general contractor to oversee the project, other than the sidewalk project. Discussion was also held about the color of the court. Usually, the boxes on the outside portion of the pickleball court are blue, and the boxes next to the net are green. Greg asked the council if they had a preference and they agreed that blue and green were fine. **A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert, to approve the plans and put the project out for quotes. All yeas – motion carried.**

Minutes from May 17, 2021

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax, to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 17, 2021. All yeas – motion carried.

Approve City Claims

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A motion was made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson, to approve the Claims totaling \$36,113.83. All yeas – motion carried.

Mailbox Discussion

Revisiting this topic from a council meeting last winter that some mailboxes are positioned farther out from the curb than they should be, and therefore make it hard to remove snow around them without hitting them. Mailboxes should be 40 inches from the ground and flush with the back side of the curb per the guidelines set by the post office. They requested Deputy Clerk Thea Boesch to check with the post office to see if they had a flyer that they could send out to the residents. She said she would check to see

if they had something like that, or if they would work with the city on notifying the residents of the specifications of the proper placing of their mailboxes. If the letters go out now it would give them time to get the mailboxes moved before winter. A deadline of October was considered for mailboxes in violation to be moved.

Officers for the Truman EDA Board of Commissioners for 2021

The officers for the Truman EDA Board of Commissioners for 2021 needed updating as some of the current officers no longer are on city council.

Officers Appointed for 2021:
President – Terry Bentele
Vice President – Jake Ebert
Treasurer – Patty Truax
Assistant Treasurer – Brian Nickerson
Secretary – Amy Huber

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson, to approve the officers appointed for the Truman EDA Board of Commissioners for 2021. All yeas – motion carried.

Facility Use Request – Rosburg Park

A request was submitted by Ryan Graplar to use Rosburg Park for a softball tournament the weekend of Truman Days, July 23rd through July 25th. **A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski, to approve the facility request from Ryan Graplar for Rosburg Park on July 23rd through July 25th. All yeas – motion carried.**

Review/Approve 30-day Notification of Intent to Terminate Lease from Mayo Clinic

A Notice of Termination of Lease was received from Mayo Clinic Health System. This letter was a 30-day notice of their intention to terminate the existing lease between the City of Truman and Mayo Health Clinic System in Fairmont dated January 7, 2019. Mayo Clinic will vacate the premise prior to July 1, 2021. They have mentioned that they are in the process of planning a mobile clinic option to come to town periodically to serve clients. More details will be shared as they are made available. There maybe another party interested in the building being vacated and more information will be passed along as it is made available. **A motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Ebert, to approve the Notice of Termination of Lease from Mayo Clinic Health System. All yeas – motion carried.**

Review proposal from C & B Operations of Truman to Acquire EDA Land

A letter was received from Matt Cronin, President and Dennis Junkermeier, Store Manager of C & B Operations of Truman, with their intention to purchase 5.7 acres of property west of their sales equipment lot in Truman. Their intention is to build a cold storage building sometime in the future to store customer's equipment, with the remaining land being used for equipment demonstrations. They would also like to purchase the road adjacent to their shop and the new rental business. The road would be primarily to move equipment in and out of their shop without an increased flow of outside traffic. Additionally, they would like to request a south entrance to the new rental business instead of an east entrance due to the location of their shop for safety concerns when moving equipment and possible congestion of traffic from the rental business. They also have concerns that their private driveways (main entrance and south entrance) would be used to access this rental business if the entrance were to the east. The council discussed that we do not have the funds to improve the south road behind the shop and

therefore would need them to help with that cost. Kirk could notify his customers about access to the storage units at the time they sign a contract. The council also discussed that in order to keep traffic from their private driveway they need to have signs that indicate that the driveway is private and not for thru traffic. Since the storage unit project has already started it's too late to change the access to the south side, therefore C & B Operations would need to move some of their equipment to accommodate that east entrance. They can use the road, but they can't purchase the road. They are open to use the street north of the storage unit, but nothing south of the property line. The city is willing to work with them with the purchase of the 5.7 acres of land, however not the purchase of the road adjacent to their shop. The city needs to reach out to them about their letter of intent. The council was in favor of vacating the road north of the storage unit lot. Then C & B Operations could have that, and they could join the two parcels together and have a utility easement. After contact is made with Dennis then we will re-visit this discussion at the next meeting.

Old Business

Amateur Baseball requested a 3:2 beer license to sell beer at the baseball field in Truman. Carter Wolle was present from the club for the discussion. The city ordinance states that you can not sell beer within 300 feet of a school or church, which from the front entrance of the school is more than 300 feet. However, the baseball field is school property so they would need to go to the school board for permission from them. They will also need to carry insurance, whether they purchase that themselves, or they could ask Aardvarks if they would be willing to have them under their insurance. An application needs to be submitted to the city for a temporary 3:2 beer license, however because it is a temporary license it would not need to be submitted into the state. Carter agreed to go to the school and get permission, as well as figure out means for insurance. They would need to be sell the beer away from the concession stand, have an adult checking buyers ID and applying wristbands, and anyone serving must be 21 years of age or older. **A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson, to approve the Amateur Baseball to apply for a temporary 3:2 beer license with the requirements that they ask the school for permission and provide insurance. All yeas – motion carried.**

New Business

Johnny Vuong from the China House Café reached out to the city to see if we would be interested in his booths from his restaurant, as he is replacing them. The city would not have any use for them.

Mayor Terry Bentele received an anonymous letter from a concerned citizen of the city about the curbs and if they are going to be painted by Truman Days. They had suggestions of possible groups like boy scouts, 4-H, or high school kids that might be able to help. John has purchased 20 gallons of yellow paint for painting the curbs. We have two summer employees that will be able to help with this project, and we will be starting it as soon as possible.

Discussion was held on the bathrooms at the park not being open over the weekend. There was an event at the park in the evening hours on Sunday and Officer Schutz had to open the bathrooms. They are currently being opened during the week in the morning by John or Wayne, and then locked in the even by the on-duty officer. In the past they haven't been lock on Fridays and then left open all weekend. We have the camera in the park in case of any mischief. Going forward we will begin not locking them Friday nights, so they are open over the weekend.

Also, it was noted that the security camera has been placed back in the park. A few kids have noticed the camera and have kicked at the garbage can, however they are leaving the hand sanitizer mechanism alone.

Another battery will need to be ordered for the camera, which Police Chief Jobe will get ordered. He also will be attending a webinar on outdoor web cams, so he will see what they have as well.

Councilman Ebert asked if the city is mowing abandon lots. Street Superintendent Bosshart commented that we only hire lots to be mowed after letters are sent to the homeowners, and if the lot is not mowed within 7 days of that notice, then we contact a lawn service to mow them.

Police Chief Jobe notified council that the air conditioner in the Police Department office is not working. He had someone look at it and they said it is a throw away. He contacted Boekett to get quotes as they are about the only ones who we can get them through. Councilman Brandon and Police Chief Jobe will look at the quotes and make a decision on the best option. **A motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Ebert, to approve the purchase of a new A/C unit for \$459 for the Police Department office. All yeas – motion carried.**

Councilor Mosloski mentioned that we need to get reviews on the schedule for July.

Prairieland Solid Waste had no odor complaints for the month of May.

Informational handouts were provided to the council regarding the Census, and the Prairieland Board Meeting Agenda.

Mayor Terry Bentele entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson. All yeas – motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.**

Thea Boesch, Utility Billing Spec./Deputy Clerk