

Truman City Council Minutes
July 15, 2024

The regular meeting was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Department meeting room on the 15th day of July, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilors Patty Truax, Chris Mosloski, and Brian Nickerson.

Absent: Councilor Ron Kelley.

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

Also present: Lori Bartels, Kevin Kristenson, 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: Building demolition invoice added to new business. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes - motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Nickerson to approve minutes of the July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

Lori Bartels requested approval to close an intersection near the school for the Truman Days 5K. The request was approved. Additional intersections will be monitored by volunteers for the safety of runners.

Baseball Association

The meeting scheduled with members of the baseball association was postponed until the August 5th council meeting when all members will be present.

Utility Business

Utility Foreman Brent Brown reviewed plans to repair the power plant roof. There have been no contractors located to bid on a sloped roof. Three bids for a flat roof were obtained in November with the lowest from A-1 Seamless for \$48,356. The funds would come from electric fund reserves. **Motion made by Nickerson, seconded by Truax to accept the bid to repair the power plant roof from A-1 Seamless. All ayes – motion carried.** The PUC office roof also still needs to be repaired and it was decided to get a recommendation and estimate from A-1 Seamless. The contractor for the residential development project is having difficulty meeting compaction regs on 7th Avenue so it can

be paved. It was recommended to install the drain tile, but they are concerned about having to work around it. Staff will continue to monitor the situation.

Resolution 2024-29 to Order Repair or Removal

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to adopt Resolution 2024-29 to order the repair or removal of a hazardous building. All Ayes – motion carried. Discussion followed regarding a commercial building that is not secure and has animals gaining access. Steve Carson will be contacted to look into it.

Resolution 2024-30 to Accept June Donations

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to adopt Resolution 2024-30 to accept donations received in June. All ayes – motion carried.

Payment of Claims

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve payment of claims. All ayes - motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$211,608.94. Checks #41901 - #41919, #42090 - #42112, ACH #870E - #879E, and #501471E.

Old Business

Superintendent Bosshart advised he contacted Mosquito Control of Iowa and they can implement a mosquito control program prior to Truman Days for \$5,000. Councilor Nickerson said he is working on obtaining a pesticide applicators license and has located equipment to purchase for that purpose. Following discussion, it was decided to look at that option in the future due to time constraints for the upcoming celebration. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve hiring Mosquito Control of Iowa as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.**

Police business was briefly discussed. Mayor Ebert advised he prefers the contract be for three years rather than for the remaining term of employment, and that it include wage steps. Contract discussion will be added to the next meeting agenda.

New Business

A mid-year review of fees and charges took place. Street Department charges were not previously listed on the fee schedule. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to charge both for the sweeper at \$150/hr. and a truck at \$100/hr. when providing street sweeping services for other cities. All ayes – motion carried.**

Councilor Truax reviewed plans to provide overflow camping for Truman Days. There is concern regarding whether campers can access that area. Staff will check to see if anything needs to be done in that regard. Truax agreed to monitor those campers and collect fees since that area can't be reserved or paid through the website. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve the plan and to charge \$20 per day or \$30 for the weekend for overflow camping. All ayes – motion carried.**

Councilor Truax asked about collecting reimbursement for training costs from pool employees who leave employment prior to the end of the season. A form will be drafted for employees to sign for that purpose to consider for next season. It was mentioned that the pool managers could use a computer for swimming lesson registration. Mayor Ebert will bring in his tablet for pool staff to use.

Rosburg Construction submitted an invoice for demolition and cleanup of 117 East Ciro for \$15,000, per a bid from 2022. There was discussion of making a \$2,000 deduction to recoup a portion of the cost overrun for tree removal at the Bau property, per discussion at the last meeting, but no one has reached out to discuss the matter. Councilor Nickerson agreed to do so following this meeting. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve payment to Rosburg of \$13,000 if he agrees to the reduction. All ayes – motion carried.**

Councilor Nickerson advised he has 5 more picnic tables to assemble and staff can begin moving them to the park when possible.

Councilor Truax said cleanup day went well. It would be beneficial to have HHW collection during the event every year, but it may need to be moved to May or August to do so.

Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer