

Truman City Council Minutes
August 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 18th day of August, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jake Ebert, Councilors Ron Kelley, Chris Mosloski, Danielle Williams, and Chad Truax.

Absent: None.

Staff present: City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown, Pool Manager Tamara Payton.

Also present: 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 Kelly, seconded by Truax to approve the agenda. All ayes - motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to approve minutes of the August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Pool Business

Pool Manager Tamara Payton was present to discuss setting a pool closure policy due to low turnout. There was concern about making season passholders aware of closure policies when they purchase a pass, or perhaps just sell punch cards instead. Payton noted that pool closures for any reason are posted on the Facebook page. She minimizes costs when attendance is low by posting lifeguards only in active zones of the pool. Weather closures are required when thunder and lightning, or heavy rain, are present and when temps are low. There has to be 30 minutes without thunder or lightning to reopen and it's often a judgment call. Councilor Williams suggested setting a policy to close when there are fewer than 5 swimmers after the first hour. Closure policies will be listed on the season pass information sheet. It was noted that attendance at special events and late night swims are not included with a season pass. Payton asked that the city website be updated to provide current pool rates and information. Lifeguards will be asked to turn in uniforms and equipment at the end of the season. The mini golf course, and some equipment, has been damaged on several occasions. Discussion followed on requiring golfers to bring their own clubs and balls, but it was decided that campers should have equipment available to use. Cameras will be installed in 2026 to help with security concerns. Payton advised she plans to store lifejackets and supplies off-site for safekeeping. It was asked if advance notice could be required when the school plans to bring daycare kids to the pool so there are enough lifeguards working to handle the volume. Council agreed. It was decided to reduce the time the pool is closed for supper from an hour and a half to an hour, between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

Public Works Business

Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown advised that three applicants were interviewed for the lineman position and it was his recommendation to offer the position to Tucker Grathwohl, beginning at step 3 due to schooling and experience. **Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to approve hiring Tucker Grathwohl in the lineman position as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.** It was recommended the public works maintenance position be posted soon to allow time for a new hire to receive training in the street department. A job posting will be drafted and brought to the next meeting that includes minimum qualifications, and the maximum allowed distance from Truman for emergencies. A second snowplow quote is still pending.

Ordinance 2025-02 Prohibiting Grass in the Street

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Truax to introduce Ordinance 2025-02 to amend Section 801.04, Public Nuisance, Subsection 17, to regulate the discharge of grass onto the street. All ayes – motion carried.

Ordinance 2025-03 to Regulate Cannabis Businesses

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to introduce Ordinance 2025-03 to regulate cannabis businesses. All ayes – motion carried.

Approval of July 2025 Financial Statements

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Mosloski to approve the July 2025 financial statements as presented. All ayes – motion carried.

Review Proposed 2026 Budget

Superintendent Brown advised they have been unable to find a used snow truck this year for the amount budgeted. He proposed rolling the \$10,000 over into a reserve, and if possible, to increase it to between \$20,000-\$40,000 in 2026. They plan to keep looking. Lighting should be replaced with LED in the clinic and dentist offices. The approximate cost is \$3,400, less a Heartland grant estimated at \$1,500. The levy could be reduced by using small cities assistance toward the cost of street repairs. Further discussion will take place in September.

Approval of Claims

Motion made by Kelley, seconded by Williams to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried. Approved claims totaled \$200,765.69. Checks #43040 - #43071, ACH #1143E - #1150E, and #501907E.

Old Business

Plans for the upcoming cleanup day were reviewed and everything will be the same as in past years. West Central Sanitation provided a cost estimate of \$1,749.32, less a rebate for recycled metal.

New Business

None.

Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Kelley to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer

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