

## **Truman City Council Minutes September 2, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was duly held at the Municipal Building Fire Hall Meeting Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Ron Kelley.

Staff present: City Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Sirovy, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Specialist Carol Becker, Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown.

Also present: Rachael Jaeger Truman Tribune, Brooke Wohlrabe Fairmont Sentinel, Mike Anderson Martin County Sheriff's Office, Dave Schmidt CEDA.

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 Truax to approve the agenda. All ayes - motion carried.**

### Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting

**Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve minutes of the August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting. All ayes - motion carried.**

### Public Comment

None.

### Martin County Sheriff's Office Department Update

Mike Anderson with the Martin County Sheriff's Office was present for a department update. He asked about enforcement for violations of grass that is blown into the street, advising a city ordinance is required.

### Public Works Business

Public Works Superintendent Brent Brown reviewed the results from MnDot for the Highway 15 speed study, which was required prior to installation of digital speed signs on the highway. Two options were given for the council to consider, both would increase the speed limit. It was unclear what basis was used to determine the need for an increase. The sidewalk project includes new crosswalks on the highway and there is great concern for pedestrian safety if either option takes effect. A letter will be drafted to request the speed limit remain as is, or that MnDot provide information to justify the proposed speed limit increases. An updated estimate for the cost of the speed signs was reviewed. No action was taken.

Ash tree removal will begin in the park and cemetery, with about half removed this year, 5 in the park and 7 in the cemetery, and the rest in 2026. The work will be done by the city staff.

It was recommended replacement trees be planted next spring with each estimated to cost \$150.00. There is adequate cash in the cemetery and park reserve funds for that purpose.

Brown requested the price for sale of chip seal rock be reduced from \$4 to \$2 to help get rid of the excess. **Motion made by Williams, seconded by Truax to approve the reduced price for the rock currently held for sale. All ayes – motion carried.**

Council reviewed an ad for the public works maintenance position. **Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to approve posting the position for applications. All ayes – motion carried.**

Updates were provided for various ongoing projects. The Bau property has a couple of items to be completed before the final payment is made. The campground has approximately 8 items left to complete. Additional comments are coming in from MnDot on the Highway 15 sidewalk project. Construction will likely be delayed until 2026. There is ongoing discussion regarding who is responsible for maintenance of the crosswalks that will be installed. There is concern over the cost should the city be responsible for the work going forward.

The DNR has tree grants open for applications. Truman is not in a priority area, however an application can still be submitted to request funds to help manage ash trees.

The used truck discussed at the last meeting has a price of \$45,000 and it needs tires. There is another one for sale, a 1980 former fire truck with 17,000 miles for \$12,500. Council agreed the truck should be investigated. Councilor Truax has another option for staff to consider.

#### Ordinance 2025-02 Prohibiting Grass in the Street

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

Upon determining the ordinance is lengthy and that publication of the title and summary clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of the ordinance, approval was requested for summary publication. **Motion made by Truax, Seconded by Williams to approve summary publication of Ordinance 2025-03. All ayes- Motion carried 4/0.**

#### Review Proposed 2026 Budget and levy

Mayor Ebert advised that Councilor Kelley would like to have the CEDA contract added to the budget. The annual cost is \$16,400 for one day every other week. Kelley feels the contract would aid the city in selling residential lots, and with other development opportunities. Other items discussed included Fire Department reserves, roof repair, and renewal of the law enforcement contract with Martin County. Further discussion will take place at the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Approval of Claims

**Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve payment of claims. All ayes – motion carried.** Approved claims totaled \$124,470.88. Checks #43038 - #43039, #43073 - #43101, ACH #1151E - #1158E, #81126E, and #501933E.

Old Business

None

New Business

The ad to request bids for sidewalk snow removal was considered. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve the advertisement for publication. All ayes – motion carried.** Bid opening will take place at the first meeting in October.

Council was advised that MN Para is three months behind on their lease. A certified letter will be sent to request payment. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

An estimate was reviewed for the purchase of two PCs for the office. The existing computers are too outdated to install the new version of Windows that comes out in October. **Motion made by Truax, seconded by Mosloski to approve ordering the computers as proposed. All ayes – motion carried.** One will be paid through utility funds, and the other charged to the clerks department and 10% to the ambulance fund.

**Motion made by Mosloski, seconded by Truax to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.**

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Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk/Treasurer