

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held February 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Hendricksen

Present: Judi Davis, Taylor Varpness, Deb Wells, Kathy Hendricksen, Ron Kelly, Darla Wiederhoeft, Debbie Neitzke, Jake Ebert, Brandon Mosloski, Brian Nickerson, Bethanie Ekstrom

Absent: Brownlee

**1. Electric system projects**

69KV switch repair is scheduled for Thursday 3/28/19 this is due to an emergency repair needed in Lake Crystal.

Chapman metering update: Approximately 12 meters are incorrect

Rice compliance check - needs to be done \$10,000.00 which is not budgeted for

**2. Customer inquiry and/or concerns**

CFS has accepted the refund of \$3606.90 for overbilling.

**3. Water - waste water plant projects**

A motion was made Wiederhoeft and seconded by Kelly to accept the temporary hiring of Steve Carson.

Varpness suggested adding a tapping fee.

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Wiederhoeft to add a \$250.00 tapping fee for both water and sewer.

Bolton and Menk will now be handling contracts.

Another water main break - location 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. It was requested that the commission, council and city administrator be notified when there is a break /water shut-off. Discussion on seeking a different digging company was discussed. Ekstrom voiced her concern about Ekstrom Drainage and felt it would be a conflict of interest for them to work for the city or TPU. She questioned Varpness on what equipment TPU would need to complete the repairs internally vs. hiring out. Varpness stated that the machine needed costs approximately \$140,000.00 Ebert questioned if they had looked into renting equipment on an as needed basis.

Varpness stated that himself and Josh would be willing in start classes for water and sewer license.

**4. Financial & operational update**

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Wiederhoeft to accept meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Wiederhoeft to pay claims.

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Wiederhoeft to pay deposit refunds / CIP rebates.

A motion to set the EAA rate at .026 was made by Kelly and seconded by Wiederhoeft. Due to the weather, meter readings will be estimated.

**5. Other TPU items**

Code of conduct - tabled will discuss with new city attorney when obtained.

Verizon rental is up for renewal on water tower.

A special meeting with the city council is set for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at Truman City Hall the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the possible sale to Federated.

**6. Truman City Claims**

A motion was made by Nickerson and seconded by Ebert to pay the city claims.

Plow truck payment due March 1<sup>st</sup> - next council meeting March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**7. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Wiederhoeft to adjourn. All yeas - carried.

Time: 6:37p.m.

Bethanie Ekstrom, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer