

An emergency meeting of the Truman City Council was held August 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Brownlee.

	Present	Absent
Mayor Lynn Brownlee	X	
Councilor Jake Ebert	X	
Councilor Kathy Hendricksen	X	
Councilor Brandon Mosloski	X	
Councilor Brian Nickerson		X

Others in attendance: John Bosshart, Wayne Wiederhoeft, Sherry Hanson, City Attorney, Pat Wink, Truman Tribune, City Auditor, Debbie Neitzke, Darla Wiederhoeft

2. DISCUSSION

Mayor Brownlee started the discussion with the street department. Bosshart advised there wasn't much for overlap between the city and TPU equipment other than the lawn mower. Ekstrom advised that Varpness stated there are many items in the quonset that can be sold.

The council discussed how the merge will affect the office. It was suggested to contact the accounting software company and IT services to have the city computers equipped with TPU software. The auditor recommended adding a server at this time as well.

City attorney discussed that his recommendation for the TPU employees to merge with City would be for the city of open all positions and hire for the needed positions. Greiner recommendation is that the city does not have to honor the union contract. Further that the Union will have to reform once the merge takes place dependent on a majority of city employees wishing to form a union.

A motion was made by Ebert and seconded by Mosloski to have city attorney Greiner draft a letter to employees.

Interfund loans at TPU were discussed and Burkhart recommended drafting a resolution to forgive the interfund loans. Greiner will draft the resolution.

A motion was made by Mosloski and seconded by Ebert to approve resolution 2019-7 A resolution authorizing a transfer or change of banking information pertaining to Truman Public Utilities.

Burkhart advised the council that there needs to be enough money in the TPU accounts to cover payroll and tax liabilities. Burkhart suggested that it would be easier to continue to operate the accounts separately and merge the books at the end of the year. Adding that they may have to payout benefits to TPU employees with the severance package that was added to the union contract. Burkhardt advised to check with Northland securities on the outstanding bonds.

The council discussed obtaining a list of duties for all TPU employees including contracted employees. Brownlee would like to see more areas come together before developing a new organizational chart.

Greiner will draft a letter to TPU employees allowing personnel information to be shared with the between the two entities. A motion was made by Ebert and seconded by Mosloski for Greiner to consult with a union attorney.

Ebert suggested incorporating a software program for time sheets to use with the accounting program. This would reduce the amount of time spent on payroll. Ebert also questioned if all employees could work out of one building.

The council will consider all options over the weekend and further discuss what positions will be needed at the regular council meeting 8/19/19.

3. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to adjourn. All yeas - carried.  
Time: 1:55p.m.