

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 5:31 p.m. “Zoom” webinar. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brownlee.

Present: Councilors Ebert, Hendricksen, Mosloski, and Nickerson.

Absent: None

Also present were: T. Varpness, B. Brown, City Attorney D. Greiner, D. Bentz, J. Bosshart, J. Kitzerow, V. Quade, and T. Wiederhoeft.

1. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the minutes as read. All ayes – carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion was held with Vern Quade and Trevor Widerhoeft asking for a reduction in taxes using the Rural Service as a guideline for reduction. It was noted that if the reduction was done, it would pay about 71% of General and 92% of Capital Outlay toward the change in their taxes. City Attorney commented he would look it over, and should call the County Auditor and County Assessor to see what can be done. Vern Quade commented he could agree with percentages that came up for General and Capital Outlay.

3. UNION HEARING

Discussion was held that a hearing is set for May 6th at the City Council chambers. Unit determination hearing to see if Street Dept. needs to be separate union from Utility Dept.

4. QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Fire Chief Dave Bentz was present to inform us of no calls or pages since isolation and are prepared to deal with it if something does occur. Inform the council that the Fire Dept. got reimbursement from FEMA for last springs flooding of approximately \$3,900.00. Fire trucks have been checked over and ready to go if any calls. No meetings have been held because of COVID-19. On Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. volunteers will be at the fire hall to take mask donations.

Police Chief Justin Jobe was present to inform the Council that Kitzerow Repair & Towing will tow the old Cadillac car from behind the old police station. Truax was talked to about cleaning up his lot. Other properties were talked to about cleaning up their yards too. Was asked to check with City Attorney about continuous owners that get ticketed and don't clean up, but pay a fine. Currently it is a misdemeanor and the fine runs about \$125.00 or more. Discussed need to get a new ordinance like City of Welcome to get cleaned up.

Ambulance Asst. Director Josh Kitzerow was present to discuss that calls had been down, but starting to improve. Supplies are doing okay. Keeping in contact with EMT's with monthly officer meetings via "Zoom".

Street Dept. Supervisor John Bosshart was present to inform the Council they were each taking turns working each day, but getting to a point they will have to work together.

Discussion on restrictions for working. Stay in separate vehicles. Can't do rotation forever. Use best judgement and common sense for working.

5. QUARTERLY DONATIONS RESOLUTION #2020-04

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the quarterly donations with Resolution #2020-04. All ayes – carried.

6. MnDOT SIGNS

A letter was received from MnDOT reporting that they will only accept the Mini-Golf sign out on highway 15, and won't allow the campground and pool signs. If we want the golf sign back up, MnDOT will get a price for new signs. We send us a quote for how much it would cost to put back up

7. UTILITY BUSINESS

Inform from Taylor Varpness that they are just keeping things operating, and went to each taking turns working a day. Updated that disconnect notices were sent out or taped to front doors to those that make no payments arrangements. Council informed them to move forward to disconnect those that won't do anything. Were informed that disconnects won't be done on Fridays or day before a holiday. All council members agreed to go ahead with disconnects.

8. UTILITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve the utility claims.

CK #2725 – CK #2744 \$151,276.35 All ayes – carried.

9. CITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to approve the city claims. Will hold back Boltjes claim until Sherry can contact them regarding a toe kick on bottom of fence.

CK #37826 – CK #37853 \$68,767.40 All ayes – carried.

Mosloski abstained from his bill.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Nickerson discussed old buildings for sale.

Nickerson informed council that Ceasar Larson has a 5 ft. tile we can purchase to put in campgrounds by pee creek and he would put it in for us. Need to call Drainage Administration to see if we can do that. Larson said would sell it to us for what he put into it around \$1,050.00. Nickerson volunteered to get another price before we go forward.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Ebert discussed that he would like Officer Schutz to be in plain sight when he is doing his reports instead of hiding at the pool or gun club.

Mosloski inquired as to how long Steve Carson's contract was with the utilities yet. Was informed we have two more months with him. Was informed that Steve Carson would still work with us on the water side, and we still need him for the wastewater side.

Hendricksen inquired about building permits and codes being enforced. She felt it was getting out of control with citizens doing things without getting a permit. Discussed about starting to fine people if they start a project before they get a building permit. Need to be more on top of people building things.

Nickerson discussed getting land marked out and a price for it for Kirk Langvardt. It was noted that Superior paid \$9,510.00 for the 3 acres they got. This ground is high ground, and they would have to shave the hill down and push to the north. Informed that they would like 3 acres and maybe pay \$3,000.00 per acre, and they pay for the survey. A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve to sell 3 acres to Kirk Langvardt at \$3,000.00 per acre and he pay for the land survey. All ayes – carried.

City Attorney informed the Council that Langvardt would like to use him as his attorney to setup an LLC account. Asked if the Council had any problems with him setting up the LLC for Langvardt. No concerns were noted.

Discussed what the Council wanted to do about the pool this summer. Decided to follow what Winnebago, Wells, and Fairmont pools decide to do.

Discussed wages again for summer help. Thought wrong pay was given, but was told for smaller businesses it is \$8.15 with the State. City Attorney said he would look into the labor laws for us.

Discussed a request from a citizen to get copies of the council minutes after March 4, 2019 emailed to him. Council said we could do that since we use to have them on the website before. Are looking at getting minutes updated in minute book first, and then we can email them out.

Discussed August Primary election for mailing out ballots to the citizens instead of going to a voting place. Found out we don't qualify for that because we have more than 400 registered voters.

Street Supt. John Bosshart said that Trent Flatum could handle the mowing for the city/utilities and possibly Steven Schruck. John will contact them when we need them.

12. CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was requested from City Attorney Derrick Greiner for consideration of an employee under MN Statutes 13D.05 Subd. 2(b), MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3(b) and MN Statute 13D.05 Subd 3(c)(3). A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to go into closed session at 7:00 p.m. All ayes – carried.

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to come out of closed session at 7:19 p.m. All ayes – carried.

13. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Nickerson to adjourn. All ayes – carried.
Time – 7:26 p.m.

Sherry Hansen
Administrative Assistant