

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 5:30 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, and City Attorney D. Greiner.

1. MINUTES

A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Mosloski to approve the minutes as contingent upon the changes done. All ayes – carried.

2. 2020 SEALCOATING BIDS

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to accept the sealcoating bid from Pearson Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$46,730.20. All ayes – carried.

3. VERIZON UPGRADE

Discussion was held on the upgrade to the water tower from Verizon. There are three parts to this:

1. Install fiber line to shack for better service.
2. Lease Agreement – increase rent by \$200.00 a month.
3. See no issue with upgrade on tower.

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the upgrade and lease agreement for the water tower with Verizon. All ayes – carried.

4. UTILITY BUSINESS

It was budgeted to replace the pump at the lift station for \$15,000.00. Quotes came in at \$18,500.00. Was asked how long it would take to get done, and was told after order is given 2-3 months. A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to approve the ordering of the new lift pump at \$18,500.00. All ayes – carried.

Discussed a website to sell surplus supplies, including the old fire truck, meters and some tops of fire hydrants. A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Mosloski to approve using the surplus website to sell items on-line. All ayes – carried.

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Ebert to donate the hydrants to the Fire Dept. All ayes – carried.

Discussed the utility packet that Taylor Varpness and Brent Brown put together regarding changing the utility bills due date and the increase in utility rates for water/sewer, and a decrease in electricity rates. A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to

approve the utility bill stuffer to inform utility customers of changes being made. All ayes – carried

5. UTILITY CLAIMS

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

CK #2703 – CK #2723 \$14,739.49 All ayes – carried.

6. NEW HIRE FOR CITY CLERK-TREASURER

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the hire of Thea Boesch as new City Clerk-Treasurer. All ayes – carried.

She will be available April 20th and Monte Rohman has agreed to help train her after April 15th. It was also discussed that the City of Madelia has offered to help both with the city and utilities training. Was discussed to be done by a “Zoom” account or to work remotely from their office.

7. RURAL SERVICE DISTRICT HEARING

A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Ebert to approve to set the Rural Service District hearing for Monday, June 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. All ayes – carried.

8. VERNON QUADE TO BE DETACHED FROM CITY

Discussion was held on Vernon Quade wanting to be detached from the City of Truman. It was unanimous that we not detach Quade et al from city as they are eligible for most city services. No action was required.

9. CITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the city claims.

CK #37796 – CK #37825 \$29,868.12 All ayes – carried.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on refunding Bob Mennen their Community Building rent for the anniversary party on March 29th that was cancelled, because of the Corona Virus. A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve refunding Mennen’s their rent of the community building. All ayes – carried.

Discussion was held on China House and Aardvark’s Bar & Grill dropping their liquor liability insurance because of no “On-Sale” sales because of the Corona Virus. A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to rescind the liquor license because of dropping insurance. All ayes – carried.

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to waive the liquor fees for China House and Aardbark’s Bar & Grill when they reapply for “On-Sale” liquor license for 2020. All ayes – carried.

Was discussed that Kirk Langvardt is still interested in the EDA land by Schwan's Depot.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on summer help for the city and utilities department. Was noted that there would be plenty work to be done between city and utilities. A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve Trent Flatum at \$12.50 an hour and Steven Schrunk at \$12.25 an hour and Cayden Fischer at \$8.15 an hour. All ayes – carried.

Informed the Council that Harold Juhl would like to remove a couple walnut trees in the boulevard on the west side of his property and one on the north side front yard. A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the removal of three walnut trees for Mr. Juhl. All ayes – carried.

Councilman Nickerson joined us on "Zoom" website, but has no audio.

Discussion was held on unemployment for Bethanie Ekstrom. It was determined that eligibility for unemployment doesn't qualify on misconduct for not knowing the job. She will be eligible for unemployment through the city.

No odor complaints for the month of March.

Discussed letters of reprimand that have been drafted for Josh Kitzerow and Jessica Clow.

Discussed John Barrett needing a building permit for the storage shed he moved onto his property by the old Catholic Church. Parking lot of church is zoned residential. City Hall will send a notice to John Barrett for need to permit shed.

Discussion held on the garbage on Chad Truax property down by CFS Quonset. Police will take care of this.

Was discussed that city owned equipment can be used in any department.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

13. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to adjourn. All ayes – carried.
Time – 6:40 p.m.

Sherry Hansen
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