

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 5:31 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brownlee.

Present: Councilors Hendricksen, Mosloski, and Nickerson.

Absent: Councilor Ebert

Also present were: J. Bosshart, T. Varpness, B. Brown, Michael Rhey, and K. Dybdahl from Heartland Consumer Power.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A Utility Customer was present to discuss her utility bill that got messed up when they went on budget billing. They made their payments according to what their utility bill said, (bill showed they had a credit), but still owed a large current balance. City agreed to delete the late charge they received in November, 2019, if they agreed to pay current delinquent balance in three months with the budget payment. This was agreed upon.

Also was brought up a new customer that bought a house in town wasn't happy with utility bill for six days. All new utility customers would get service charged for the month even if they just purchased the house. A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to remove service charges for new owner if they just took over the property before the end of the month, and bill for usage only. All ayes -carried.

3. UTILITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Nickerson to approve the utility claims:

Ck#2599-2623                      \$116,095.38                      All ayes – carried.

4. CITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Mosloski to approve the city claims;

General Account #37663-37695                      \$127,703.61                      All ayes – carried.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was made on getting the fire truck on the website to sell.

Comment was made on getting minutes updated on the website.

Carpets need to be cleaned at the Community Building. Will call ServiceMaster to setup an appointment to get them cleaned.

Discussion was held on Tom Bolitz Memorial Scholarship Fund that was turned into the school. Wondering if anyone knew the deadline.

Discussion was held if we had cots or blankets for snow emergency people stranded in Truman during a snowstorm. Will look into who we can get this from.

Wanted clarification on Code Red. Think there needs to be more explaining to the elderly on what it is for and how to get setup.

Discussion was held on coyotes in town, what to do about them.

Discussion was held on the Carl Berg letters that people have been getting. Chief Jobe said there wasn't anything they could do.

Discussion on phone answering message be updated.

Census Bureau talk to the Mayor asking to get help or volunteers to get residents counted for the census. They will pay for helpers.

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve overtime compensation to Sherry Hansen for being at the council meetings. All ayes – carried.

Discussion was held on the T-sheets, update on personnel using it. Some saw difficulties and some hadn't used it yet.

Discussion on Street Dept. moving down to utilities building.

Discussion on utility reports – when due? Kelly Dybdahl said Heartland helps service providers with these reports. Taylor would discuss with Kelly about this.

Discussion on unpaid delinquent utility bills for those that moved away. Will be sent to MN Revenue Recapture Program.

Street Dept. looking at joining Union because of insurance premiums. Will look into trying to work out insurance for family/individual coverage. Will contact South Central Co-op where we have our insurance with and see what kind of deal we could get, also adding on Dental/Vision. Meeting is scheduled with Marty from the Union in February sometime to see City's financial position with the Union coming in. Talks to see what can be done. If Union comes in, chances wages might change also (according to pay equity).

Decided to schedule another work session on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to approve 2020 Utility Budget.

Discussed use of Public Utilities derrick pole digger truck. Bill hourly rate to use, plus one utility employee to operate truck. Looking at \$200/hr plus operator.

Discussed setting Michael Rhey up for the upcoming MN Wastewater Operators Southwest Section meeting coming up in Fairmont on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Duty Assignment for Street Dept. and Public Utilities under Public Works with Brandon Mosloski as commissioner.

6. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Hendricksen to adjourn. All ayes – carried. Time – 7:41 p.m.

Sherry Hansen for  
Bethanie Ekstrom  
City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

