

The regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Truman Fire Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brownlee.

Present: Councilors Ebert, Nickerson, Hendricksen, and Mosloski

Absent: None

Also present were: J. Jobe, J. Bosshart, W. Wiederhoeft, T. Varpness, B. Brown, J. Green, F. Clow, K. Bremer, E. Belgard

1. MINUTES

Motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 1, 2020 and the emergency meeting on June 9, 2020. All ayes - carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. SURFACING TENNIS COURTS

Discussion was held with Faith Clow in attendance. We have one year left to complete the project in order to not lose the \$15,000 grant funds received for this project. Looking at making it a multi-purpose court that could also be used as an ice rink in the winter. These funds were also for the splash pad project as well.

4. POOL GUIDELINES

Kim Bremer from the pool commission presented to the council the plan for following the MN Dept of Health sanitary guidelines for opening the pool. They will only allow 40-50 patrons at a time in the pool to allow 6 ft social distancing. Three lifeguards will be on duty as well as one attendant for overseeing the social distancing and cleaning. Hours will be adjusted accordingly to allow staff time to clean and disinfect the pool area. The extra staff on duty for cleaning will be in charge of disinfecting the equipment within the pool area, cleaning bathrooms/locker rooms, monitoring the 6 ft social distancing, plexiglass will be installed at concessions, and masks will be recommended. There will be markings in place to follow guidelines of 6 ft social distancing while waiting in line to use equipment and entering the pool. Only 4 patrons allowed thru the locker room at one time. Patrons will not be able to use the pool tables and chairs, and also pool toys. They will be asked to bring their own chairs, and allowed to bring their own toys. Lessons will be offered in the morning, but only private and no group lessons. Possibly not all ages groups due to younger ones needing hands on assistance. Possibility of private lessons at night. Pool passes will be discounted and non-refundable.

5. CEMETERY

The sales form for the Cemetery Markers needs to be updated. Faith has contacted the Truman Tribune to help assist in getting new ones printed with new wording on them as they are out of date. Hedges on the Southeast area of Ridgelawn need to be removed in order to have a funeral this Aug/Sept. The burial grounds for funeral are too close to the hedges. Wayne, John, Brent and Taylor will look into who we can hire to help in this process and have the brush and stumps disposed of. There was a \$2,000 donation for planting new trees and improvements to the cemetery.

6. 2020 CENSUS

Discussion was held about the 2020 Census with Elliott Belgard in attendance. It is important to have everyone counted as we need to keep our numbers up for state aid and services offered to the community. The Complete Count Committee will get info on who hasn't completed their census and go door to door. However, he also urges for all members of the city staff to be talking about it in the community to ensure as many residents complete the census as possible and offer assistance if needed. Census is completely confidential and its only 10 quick questions.

7. JUNK ORDINANCE

Attorney Derrick Greiner was contacted in regard to the letter discussed at the last council meeting from Charlotte Dobie and he drafted a letter that we could send to property owners that have property that have been deemed hazardous. This notice is requesting them to repair, raze, or remove the hazardous conditions within 60 days. A list will need to be gathered of the residents that will need to receive this notice. Owner of Carol's Grocery has been contacted in regards to that property and are waiting for a response. Question was asked if the well at said property could be capped. Taylor will look into it. When citations are issued they have 30 days to pay the fine or they can take it to court and that could take 30 to 60 days to be resolved in front of the judge. Some cities do city clean up in which they have set up collection dates and then the city is billed by Prairieland, and that fee is split monthly between all households and added to their utility bill. Lynn will contact Prairieland about city clean up and setting that up for Truman either yearly or semiannually.

8. UTILITY BUSINESS

The quote to re-build the RAS pump came in at \$7,448. To purchase a new one would cost at least \$20,000. Motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve re-building the RAS pump. All ayes - carried.

9. UTILITY CLAIMS

Ck #2799 - 2823 - \$157424.34

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve the utility claims. All ayes - carried.

10. CITY CLAIMS

Ck #37915 - 37950 - \$56872.09

One amendment to the city claims under the Fire Dept. the Boekett Building check can be voided as the invoice for \$13.38 was paid by the Fire Relief Association. A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the city claims with that one amendment. All ayes - carried.

11. OLD BUSINESS

Updated on the MN Para Transit Lease discussion from last council meeting - Brent and Taylor said that electric could be split, however it would be costly to split the water as they would have to hire plumber to do so. Gas would be hard to split up as well. Therefore, rent will be set at \$650, which will include the utilities, beginning July 1st. Motion made by Ebert, seconded by Mosloski to approve. All ayes - carried.

Keys have been made for the drop box at the RV Park. Black drop box was installed by the new kiosk. Police Dept will check the drop box periodically to collect the money. Brian is working on a new permit form for campers to fill out. Going to have clips on the electric box for them to clip the permits to so they are visible for monitoring. Also discussed having a host camper at the RV park after completion of the expansion to help monitor the campground. Need to have an application process implemented for hosting. Also need to have a suggested \$5 donation for the dump station, for people that are dumping and not camping at our facility.

Mayor Brownlee contacted Attorney Derrick Greiner about union negotiations for Mike. He is in the union and Derrick should have the initial proposal sometime in June.

Also discussed with Attorney Derrick Greiner about the land transfer from the City of Truman to Dan Espeland. He was in on June 2nd to sign the documents and Derrick would take care of moving the deed into Dan's name.

The ground where the pickle ball court will be laid will needs to have work done to it prior to laying the surface.

Discussion was held about where in the process we are to hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant. It was decided to have a work session on June 18th to assess what happen this last year and re-evaluate the organizational chart before we move forward with hiring additional employees.

12. NEW BUSINESS

No odor complaints at Prairieland for the month of May.

Discussion held in regards to the land being gifted to the city from the Belgard family. Approximately 3 acres by Trinity Church. They are ready to move forward with the process of transferring the land to

the city. There might be an opportunity to purchase an additional 10 acres in the future.

Discussion was held about bringing back the "Welcome to Truman" packets that used to be given to people moving into town. Something we should start again and give to new residents to Truman. Provides them information on local garbage, recycling, schools, churches, businesses and the city ordinances, etc.

Email received from Attorney Derrick Greiner stating that all businesses need to come up with a COVID Preparedness plan. This plan needs to be presented to the council prior to June 30th. Therefore, we will have to have another meeting on Monday June 29th to address this plan. In addition, the auditors will be there to present the 2019 audit.

Request by Chris Olsen to add laundry to dental office due to sanitary guidelines for COVID preparedness. Will use existing water lines to hook up. Motion made by Hendrickson, seconded by Mosloski to approve. All ayes - carried.

Request was made to use Rosburg Diamonds for a tournament on July 24th thru 26th. Also, a request to have a volleyball tournament in the grass area next to the old tennis courts. These events would be fine if following the guidelines and no concessions or bathrooms available. Parties will need to line up portable bathrooms at their cost. Signs will be posted stating that bathrooms and concessions will not be available. Motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve. All ayes - carried.

Discussed coming up with a form for parties interested in using ball diamond or shelter at the park, so that there is a way to track the availability of those facilities when being asked to use them. Justin will draft up a form. Then we would be establishing a paper trail for parties using these public facilities.

Portable bathrooms were set up at the campground for campers since bathrooms remain locked. Signs will be posted that these bathrooms are not being sanitized.

Discussion was held about cleaning up the sand volleyball courts. Old sand isn't suitable for playing on. Need to clean up, dig out some of the old sand, and bring in new sand. In addition we could work on adding a horseshoe pit. Eventually it would be nice to add a couple holes of disk golf.

Front of the old grocery store is approximately 250 square feet and looking to put steel on it as the bricks are coming down in front. Several people will donate time to help with this project. Motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve up to \$500 to repair the front of the grocery store with new steel.

Spruce Up Truman is looking into choosing colors with the help of Lori Bartels and they intend to paint the west side of the grocery store. Behind the grocery store was cleaned up by Gary.

It was discussed in 2019 about a comp time policy for street and police employees to utilize. Auditors requested a copy of the policy. Justin will get that policy updated and will be presented to the council at the work session on June 18th.

Bond refund is on hold until we get final audit presented. We may have enough liquidity to pay off one or both of the smaller bonds which have higher interest rates.

Discussion was held about animal control and how we handle the dogs that are chasing people that are out walking or riding bike. Unless it's reported they can't do anything about it. If the city receives complaints the on-duty officer can address it with the owners. A letter can also be sent to the owners.

Mayor Lynn talked to Mike about getting his CDL. If not done by July 1st he won't be taken off of his probation period.

13. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to adjourn. All ayes - carried.

Time - 7:58 p.m.

Thea Boesch, City Clerk-Treasurer