

A regular meeting of the Truman City Council was held October 21st, 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	

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The planning and zoning met and sent over a recommendation to approve John Bosshart variance to build a shed.

A motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the shed variance. All yeas - carried.

4. UTILITY BUSINESS

Varpness was present to discuss the need to replace a water valve. He suggested having Beemers do it for \$6K-7K. Brownlee questioned why we would need to have another company do the service. Varpness added that we don't have the staff or knowledge to replace the valve. A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to have Beemers replace the valve. All yeas - carried.

Hendricksen pointed out that at a May 21st PUC meeting they voted to change the water readings from monthly to quarterly. Brownlee added that she wasn't in favor of this. Varpness added that they plan to start this after the new meters are in. Mosloski questioned why we are paying linemen wages to read meters.

Ekstrom presented the letters of understanding from the union. The first being for the wage of the water/sewer position. The council agreed that there needs to be clarification the wage is for fully certified operators. Tabled until special meeting scheduled for Friday at 4:40pm. The second letter of understanding was in regard to vacation time and carry over. A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve vacation time to be carried over. All yeas - carried.

Setting the EAA rate was tabled until the special meeting as well.

5. UTILITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve utility claims. All yeas - carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Nickerson to approve minutes. All yeas - carried.

7. CITY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Mosloski to approve claims. Nickerson abstained - carried.

8. HIRING FOR OPEN POSITION

Interviews scheduled for Friday, October 25th at 4:00pm for the administrative assistant position.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A special meeting was scheduled for Friday, October 25th at 4:40PM

Nickerson questioned what the school was doing as his taxes already wet up last year. Neitzke was present explained that this the school is doing a renewal referendum. The reason his taxes jumped last year was due to Heartland Senior Living becoming tax exempt therefor the residents of Truman were required to make up the loss of their portion of taxes.

Mosloski mentioned that the council needs to set a meeting pay rate for the city administrator. He also suggested writing down a to-do list for the utilities and city.

Brownlee had several items to discuss one of which being the condition of a building downtown. She also suggested the community building tables and chairs be left down to avoid scratching the floors. She questioned how the sump pump ordinance was going to be enforced.

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve the tobacco license for Dollar General. All yeas - carried.

A motion was made by Hendricksen, seconded by Nickerson to approve selling of the old fire truck #4. All yeas - carried.

Ekstrom advised that FREA has reached out to Heartland and hasn't received a response. It was suggested to move forward with the letter of intent. Ekstrom advised that attorney Greiner confirmed that the city is not bond to a sale by signing the letter. The council would like to see rates from FREA if the Heartland contract wasn't changed. The council also discussed CMPA and scheduling another meeting with them.

Jobe discussed the need for tires on both squads. Quote from D&K \$129.51 per tire/\$1228.08 for all tires an installation.

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to approve replacing the tires. All yeas - carried.

10. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mosloski, seconded by Hendricksen to adjourn. All yeas - carried.
Time: 7:23p.m.

Bethanie Ekstrom, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer