TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

04/12/2023

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was requested: Alderman Mike Thomas-present, Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, and Alderman Joe Brooks-present. City Clerk reported that a is quorum present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Chris Watson, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Attorney Kathleen Joyce, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, City Treasurer Missy Bachamp, and City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. Guests in attendance were Don Smith (Truesdale Resident), Miguel Fernandez (Truesdale Resident), Alfred Wheeler (Truesdale Resident), Gale Wheeler (Truesdale Resident), and Kari Hartley (Incoming Truesdale Alderman) , Jeanette Weber (School Crossing Guard).

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Greater Warren County EDC Committee, second by Alderman Cannon. Motion passed with 4 ayes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Cannon. Motion passed with 4 ayes.

Elsa read the Certification of the Municipal Election Results by the County Clerk for the election held on April 4,2023. The positions that were up for election were the mayor and two Aldermen:

Mayor: Chris Watson received 95 votes

Aldermen: Jerry Cannon received 98 votes

Christine Hedding received 31 votes.

Rhonda Colombo received 20 votes.

Kari Hartley received 34 votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to accept the Certification of Election Results provided by the County Clerk for the April 4, 2023, election, second by Alderman Brooks. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to adjourn the meeting with the outgoing Alderman (Robert Green), second by Alderman Cannon.

City Clerk swore in the newly elected officials Mayor Chris Watson and Aldermen Jerry Cannon and Aldermen Kari Hartley.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order, requesting a roll call of the new Board. Aldermen Thomas-present, Aldermen Hartley-present, Alderman Cannon-present, Alderman Brooks-present. The City Clerk reported that there was a quorum present.

Citizens Participation: There was no Citizen Participation.

Comments from the Mayor: Mayor Waston informed the Board that Cascades is interested in adopting the highway portion form around city hall to Cascades. Mayor Watson stated that he really enjoyed the Easter event, he said it was a great time for the kids.

Comments from the Board: Alderman Cannon started a discussion of allowing chickens within the city limits of Truesdale. Alderman Cannon provided information from Troy, Warrenton, and Montgomery County ordinances regarding requirements of owning chickens in those jurisdictions. It was stated that with the price of eggs it is understandable why some residents would like to have chickens. Topics of discussion included that the chickens would need to caged or fenced it, there could be no roosters, and maintaining chicken coops. Don Smith suggested that residents may need to apply for a permit to have chickens in town. Alderman Hartley stated that she had a concern about chickens in subdivisions and that currently bylaws prohibit the owning of chickens within those subdivisions. Attorney Joyce stated that the ordinance could be written that it would exclude areas that the bylaws prohibit. Attorney Joyce

Stated that she would have an ordinance for review at the next meeting.

Alderman Thomas brought up complaints about the Bruer Park being trashed, fights and asked about the possibility of prohibiting marijuana. Chief Doyle discussed leaving the lights on the pavilion at night, and parental responsibility. It was also discussed that putting up a no parking sign on the parking lot where the basketball hoop is or adding another hoop at the extended part of the parking lot. It was requested that there would be extra patrols at Bruer Park, Chief Doyle informed the Board that the Police Officers have noticed an influx of people and that they will be doing extra patrols, including foot patrols. He stated that there are seven cameras on the park and the building.

Updates on Grant: There were no

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

Public Works. Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett reported that there was a coolant leak on the generator at the life station; the leak was coming from the valve cover gasket and distributor gasket. Mark also reported that There will be a four-hour load test on the generator at the MaryLou Community Center. Mark reported that he had not heard any update from Bart about the street project.

Attorney: Attorney Joyce expounded on parental responsibility regarding the issues at Bruer Park. She stated that they could start by making the language of the ordinance stronger by stating that no notice shall be necessary.

Police Department: Chief Casey Doyle provided a report that states:

Grant Reimbursement: The Police Department submitted a request for reimbursement to the Warren County Commission, regarding a grant funded body armor purchase. I was informed a reimbursement check in the amount of $5,000 would be available by April 21, 2023. The total amount needed to purchase body armor and related equipment was approximately $11,650.

Radios: The Police Department has been using replacement radios funded by a grant and no longer has any use for old radio equipment. A & W Communications has offered to purchase the old radios for $400, or store credit for future needed equipment.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to sell the radios that are no longer being utilized by the Police Department, second by Alderman Cannon. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried by a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Firearms: The Police Department owns (3) Glock 19 service pistols. The pistols are being replaced with service pistols with greater accuracy and enhanced capabilities. Brockfeld's Guns has offered to purchase the used pistols for at least $250 each, for a total of at least $750.00.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to sell the firearms that are no longer being utilized by the Police Department, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Grant Vehicle: The Police Department has submitted initial documentation to obtain a grant funded patrol vehicle for the 2023/2024 fiscal budget. The total grant allocation award would be $66,029.00. The City would be responsible for $16,507.25, or %25 of the awarded grant. The grant would allocate funds to purchase a new patrol vehicle, and a complete upfit of all associated equipment. To continue with the grant process and application, the US Department of Agriculture has requested qualifying documentation be provided by the City, as well as approval from the Board to proceed. An on-site visit will take place on April 13, 2023, with a representative from the USDA, to assess our current equipment and future needs.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to proceed with the USDA Grant Application for a Police Car, second by Alderman Hartley. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion approved with all Aldermen voting yes.

School Crossing Guard Jeanette Weber attended the meeting and gave an update on the cross-guard situation at Highway M and Lou Gunther. The Board had previously asked to place two cross guards at that location, Jeanette stated that it was working out well. Jeanette also discussed a group of kids who are not listening while waiting to cross. Alderman Cannon stated that there was a sign at Warren County Concrete that only the poles are standing now that are obstructing the view of the drivers. Elsa stated that she would contact Warren County Concrete. It was also discussed that Chief Doyle could reach out to the school, to have them send out a message addressing the issues with the children not listening at the crosswalk.

Chief Doyle informed the Board of Aldermen that he had been approached by the Warrenton Police Department about utilizing the community safe room for training. The training would be four days and have about 50-60 people. Alderman Thomas made the motion to utilize the MaryLou Community Center for police training, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Treasurer: Nothing to report at this time.

City Clerk: Elsa stated that it would be time to set up a work session for the next budget. The Aldermen decided that the work session would be held on April 24, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Elsa informed the Board that the City of Warrenton has been discussing sewer rate increase and that currently it is unknown what that rate would be. It was mentioned the rate increase could be a 4% or a 7%. Elsa asked if the Board was interested in setting up a city-wide yard sale again this year. Alderman Thomas suggested the city-wide yard sale would be the weekend prior to the bulk item pick up day. It was decided that the city-wide yard sale would be May 20, 2023

Elsa requested approval for payment of invoice #578881 from Utility Service (Suez) in the amount of $6,218.08 for the Semi-Annual inspection on Well#1. Alderman Thomas made the motion to pay Invoice#57881 to Utility Service (Suez), second by Alderman Cannon. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote. Elsa requested approval to pay invoice #42877 to Ziglin Signs in the amount of $18,254.36. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve payment of invoice#42877 to Ziglin Signs, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with all Aldermen voting yes. Elsa requested payment for Invoice#GC00120899 from General Code for the ecode 360 Annual Maintenance in the amount of $995.00. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve payment of Invoice#GC00120899 to General Code, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote was taken Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Elsa informed the Board that she was interested in hosting a luncheon for the MOCCFOA at the MaryLou Community Center and hosting a Lagers training for the full-time employees.

Planning and Zoning: Elsa reported that she received an update on the public survey, from Linda with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission. Elsa stated that there were 16 surveys filled out with only a portion of them fully completed, but it is still early.

Bills/Ordinances:

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the first reading of BILL#8-2023, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the first reading of BILL # 8-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MID RIVER ASPHALT, INC. FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF ASPHALT ON THE PARKING LOT AT THE TRUESDALE CITY HALL.” With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the second reading of BILL#8-2023, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading of BILL # 8-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MID RIVER ASPHALT, INC. FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF ASPHALT ON THE PARKING LOT AT THE TRUESDALE CITY HALL.” With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote. BILL#8-2023 WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 1019.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the first reading of BILL#9-2023, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the reading of BILL# 9-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GENERAL CODE FOR UPDATING AND MAINTAINING THE CITY’S CODE.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the second reading of BILL#9-2023, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the second reading of BILL# 9-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GENERAL CODE FOR UPDATING AND MAINTAINING THE CITY’S CODE.” With a roll call vote as follows. Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion carried with a 4 yes/0 no vote. BILL#9-2023 WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 1020.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the first reading of BILL#10-2023, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of BILL#10-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND H&T 360 PHOTO BOOTH FOR SERVICES AT RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2023.” With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the second reading of BILL#10-2023, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the second reading of BILL#10-2023” “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND H&T 360 PHOTO BOOTH FOR SERVICES AT RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2023.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/ 0 no vote. BILL#10-2023 WILL KNOW BE KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 1021.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the first reading of BILL#11-2023, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of BILL#11-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BAX ILLUSTRATION LLC FOR ARTIST ILLUSTRATION FOR RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2023.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion carried with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the second reading of BILL#11-2023, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the second reading of BILL#11-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BAX ILLUSTRATION LLC FOR ARTIST ILLUSTRATION FOR RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2023.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote. BILL#11-2023 WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 1022.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the first reading of BILL#12-2023, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of BILL#12-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMNT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CIRCUS KAPUT FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES AT RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2023.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the second reading of BILL#12-2023, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the second reading of BILL#12-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMNT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CIRCUS KAPUT FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES AT RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2023.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried with a 4 yes/0 no vote. BILL#12-2023 WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 1023.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the first reading of BILL#13-2023, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of BILL# 13-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND M&M GOLF CARS, LLC FOR THE RENTAL OF GOLF CARS TO USE AT RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2023.” With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the second reading of BILL#13-2023, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the second reading of BILL#13-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND M&M GOLF CARS, LLC FOR THE RENTAL OF GOLF CARS TO USE AT RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2023.” With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote. BILL #13-2023 WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 1024.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the first reading of BILL#14-2023, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of BILL#14-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND AIR BALL INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR BUBBLE BUS SERVICE AT RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2023.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried with a 4 yes/ 0 no vote.

Alderman Cannon made the motion for the second reading of BILL#14-2023, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the second reading of BILL#14-2023“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND AIR BALL INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR BUBBLE BUS SERVICE AT RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2023.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote. BILL #14-2023 WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 1025.

New Business: The restructuring of the Board of Aldermen:

1. Alderman Thomas nominated Alderman Jerry Cannon to service as President of the Board, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-Abstained. Motion passed with 3 yes votes/1 abstained vote.
2. Chamber Committee: Alderman Thomas
3. University Extension Center: Alderman Brooks
4. TAC Committee: Mayor Watson
5. Park Committee: Alderman Thomas and Alderman Cannon
6. City Permit Committee: Alderman Brooks and Alderman Hartley
7. Greater Warren County Economic Development Committee: Alderman Cannon

Being no other business to come before the Board, Alderman Thomas made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Cannon, with all Aldermen approving. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez -City Clerk

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Approved on date written above

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Chris Watson-Mayor