TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

10/25/2023

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 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 Kari Hartley-present, Alderman Justin Naranjo-present, and Alderman Joe Brooks-present. The City Clerk reported that a quorum is present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Jerry Cannon, Public Works Laborer Steve Harlan, Patrolman John Kelly, Attorney Kathleen Joyce, Treasurer Missy Bachamp, and City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The guests in attendance were Robin McConnell (Resident), George Heath (Property Owner), Evan Costello (Tri County Agency), Julie Myers (Tri County Agency), Jason Koch (Warren County Record), Ellie Stapleton (Warrenton Downtown Association), Denise Davis (Warrenton Downtown Association), Ryan Fitzgerald (Warrenton Downtown Association), Sean Golden (Fusion Telecom Services), and Don Smith (Resident).

Mayor Cannon called the meeting to order.

Alderman Naranjo made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the route for the lighted parade and discussion on the public offering statement from Gilmore & Bell , second by Alderman Thomas. Motion passed with 4 ayes.

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

Citizens Participation:

Frank & Shelli Whitaker did not attend the meeting.

There were no representatives from El Tapanco de Don Chilo.

Evan Costello and Julie Myers attended the meeting on behalf of Tri-County Agency and the renewal of the City of Truesdale’s general liability insurance. Elsa stated that she had submitted the information for the General Liability insurance to Evan, and he had done research to get the best deal. Elsa provided an email explaining the increase in cost. The cost went from $50,623 to $57,110. Evan stated that that the increase was 12.8%, and that part of that is due to property values going up. Missouri Rural is increasing property values about 10% across the board. The City of Truesdale has about 3.9 million worth of coverage. This year they are branching off businesses properties versus buildings at different locations at about 4 million dollars. Evan stated that approximately $3,000.00 is the increased coverage and cost on the property that the city owns, and the remaining is increase in payroll. There will be an ordinance for approval later in the meeting.

Elsa introduced Denise from the Warrenton Downtown Association; Denise attended the meeting to request approval for the lighted parade to come through Truesdale on December 2, 2023. Denise stated that the staging for the parade would be at Rebecca Boone Elementary School and would travel to Pinckney Street and then to East Highway M, exactly how they did it last year. Alderman Thomas asked if the parade is at 5:30 pm again, Denise confirmed that yes it is. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the parade route, second by Alderman Hartley, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.

George Heath attended the meeting due to complaints that the city has been receiving about the burning of trees on the 19 acres that he owns. Mr. Heath stated that they are trying to clear the 19 acres, they are working with Bart Korman with Lewis-Bade, he is doing a preliminary concept piece to see what type of infrastructure they can bring to the property. He is wanting to continue to try to get rid of the material on site, he understands that there have been some issues with the smoke. Mayor Cannon stated that the smoke was very bad and many people had to leave their homes. Mayor Cannon stated that it was bad starting Monday, and it continues to be bad, items in his home smell like smoke. Mayor Cannon stated that some of the trees were green and wasn’t sure how they got the green trees to burn. Mr. Heath stated that it was all dry material, no tires or anything like that, Mr. Lamke may have used fuel to ignite the fire. Alderman Hartley stated that she had issues with the ash and smoke on Conrad. Mr. Heath stated with the majority being cedar he did not want them to dry to much because they would fly farther. Alderman Thomas asked if they could haul it off. Ms. McConnell stated that she had to leave her home because she could not breath, and her neighbor is very sick. Ms. McConnell asked if Mr. Heath would be liable if someone got sick. He stated he is sure that there could be some liability. Mr. Heath stated that he was looking to get rid of the pile faster and the larger piles’ heat better. He is open to suggestions or options. Mr. Heath stated that there is a large blower they could use to blow the smoke in a different direction. Mayor Cannon asked Mr. Heath to be more judicious with the wind and to take the residents on South Street into consideration when burning. Alderman Thomas asked if Mr. Heath could notify City Hall when they burn. The solution would be to get a pit and a blower. Mr. Heath apologized and understood that it was a nuisance.

Mr. Heath asked about the sewer on the preliminary concept plan, western part of subdivision can run to Warrenton, and the Northern part and run to the Flake Farm. Mr. Heath stated that Mr. Parisi would give him a utility easement on his property. There is a stub out at the water tower and it was suggested that Parisi would have a connection for water just in case of fire. Truesdale can provide that property with water.

\*\*\*Sean Golden entered the meeting late as he was driving up from Dallas Texas. Sean attended the meeting to request approval of a business license. The business is Fusion Telecom Services, LLC located at 1730 Daniel Boone Industrial Parkway in Truesdale. Fusion Telecom Services is a fiber construction company that does work for Gateway Fiber. Mr. Golden stated that the property would be used as an overnight storage facility, they work in Ofallon, St. Peters, Washington. There will be an office there where the workers will meet and the admin would come in twice per week. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the business license for Fusion Telecom Services, second by Alderman Hartley. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Comments from Mayor Cannon:

Mayor Cannon stated that the property on Spoede that a preliminary contact has been made with Dollar General and they are interested in talking to the city about growth and developments. Attorney Joyce stated that would be a good time for planning and zoning to double check that the appropriate provisions for that type of business are address or the facade.

Mayor Cannon reported that he spoke with Eric Merchant about a potential buyer for CJ products. They are looking to put in an indoor or outdoor storage facility.

Mayor Cannon suggested that the Board look at the ordinances about being able to burn material from land clearing.

Mayor Cannon stated that he found out that Charter is considering everyone in Truesdale as Warrenton and questioned if the taxes are going to the wrong city.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen:

Alderman Thomas reported that the clean up at Good Game Sports Park was done and he did a good job. There is still some areas he needs to work on, but he did a great job.

Alderman Thomas suggested that the city vote on Legynds 77 before they get booked. Mayor Cannon stated Legynds 77 held the date for us.

Alderman Brooks had someone reach out to him from TR Hughes and asked about a contact for the meat processing plant for an incentive for TR Hughes home sales.

Grant Updates:

Trane: No update at this time.

USDA Police Care Grant: Machens Ford confirmed the Ford F150 order and provided a VIN number. It was mentioned the vehicle would tentatively be delivered by the end of February 2024. Elsa reported that the specifications for the equipment have been submitted to the USDA to get approval to post in the paper.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

Public Works:

Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett left a report for the Board, and it is attached to these minutes. Alderman Thomas stated that he did not like the idea of not parking on the West side of Cynthia because residents live on that side. Alderman Hartley asked what the complaint was parking on Smith Street and Laura/Bolm. Steve stated that there are multiple vehicles parking on the street and one with no plates that has been moving around. He stated there is no parking a little further down the street.

City Attorney: Nothing to report at this time.

Police Department:

Officer Kelly reported: **Drug Take Back:** Drug Take Back is still scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2024. The event will be between 10 am and 2 pm. Arrangements are being made for disposal to be handled by a local entity, which will cost approximately $175.00 per disposal event, no matter the amount.

**Trunk or Treat:** The police department will be at Gastorf Chevrolet to participate in a trunk or treat. The event is scheduled between 430 pm to 730 pm. City Hall is helping the police department with decorations for the event, and they also made a special trip to purchase candy for us.

**Shop with a Cop:** Shop with a Cop is scheduled for December 10th. Officer Scott Taylor is the point of contact and has been actively soliciting donations for the event. I believe we currently have approximately $300 in donations.

**Radios:** The old radios will be picked up by A&W Communications on October 27th. In exchange for the radios, they will be providing an in-car radio for the Ford F150. A&W Communications will also be updating our current radios with additional frequencies.

**Omnigo Software:** The police department is scheduled for a records management update from Omnigo on October 26th. During this time Omnigo will install software that will allow officers to electronically draw collision diagrams and complete the entire incident within our records management system. The cost of the software is approximately $400.00 and is covered under the police department budget (Computer Software).

Incident Reports: 5

Calls for Service: 92

Citations: 10

Warnings: 9

Treasurer: Missy asked if the Board received the Treasurer’s report. The Board confirmed that they had.

City Clerk:

Elsa stated that there was a request for the Bunco and Boos caterers license to sell alcohol. Elsa stated that it wouldn’t be an issue for Truesdale to issue a license but that would not provide them with a state license. Attorney Joyce stated that there would not be alcohol sold at the Bunco and Boos and that no license was needed.

Elsa requested approval to pay the invoice for Utility Service Co. Inc. for the semi-annual inspection at well#1 in the amount of $6,218.08. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve payment to Utility Service in the amount of $6,218.08 invoice #590321, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote was taken Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion carried with 4 yes/0 no.

Elsa gave information to the Board regarding ordering additional tables to replace existing tables at the MaryLou Center. The quote included ten rectangular tables and table carts; Elsa stated that we did not need the table carts. Mayor Cannon asked about the shipping costs for the tables. Elsa stated that the shipping cost would be the same for two tables or ten tables. Elsa stated that she stuck with office essentials due to the uniform and quality of the tables. Alderman Tomas made the motion to approve ordering ten new tables for the MaryLou Center, second by Alderman Hartley. All Aldermen agree. Motion passed with 4 ayes/0 nay votes.

Elsa provided the information for Google Workspace, and that local government would not qualify a nonprofit discount. Mayor Cannon stated that it would improve our communication with each other and the companies that we are working with. Elsa stated that the cost would be $12.00 per month, person. Alderman Naranjo agreed, but he wanted to see if there would be a better price. Elsa stated that there would be ten licenses purchased. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve Google Workspace, Alderman Naranjo second. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Elsa stated she had emailed the public offering statement to the Board and that she needed some clarification from the Board. 1. Homeowners will not be required to prepay special assessments.

Elsa stated that she knew there was a discussion about it, but it had been changed. Elsa explained that Gilmore & Bell is sending a public offering statement to the city and the developers and changes are being made. Attorney Joyce stated that asking for two years would be perfectly reasonable. It was also mentioned that if the buyer wanted to prepay the whole assessment that would be an option also. 2. The billing and collection. Originally the city would collect the special assessment and the developer marked out city and stated that the county collector would collect the special assessment. Elsa stated that she reinstated the city to collect the special assessed tax as the county collector already stated that they do not collect for that. 3. The collection percentage. Elsa stated that she included a 1.5% collection fee as that is what the county collector fee is and to stay in line with what they are doing.

Planning and Zoning:

The commission is working on the zoning map, Elsa informed the Attorney that at the next meeting the commission requested legal representation.

Bills/Ordinances:

Alderman Thomas made the motion for first reading of Bill#39-2023, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of Bill#39-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORINZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND STAR INSURANCE FOR PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023, THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2024.” A roll call vote was taken Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for second reading of Bill#39-2023, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of Bill#39-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORINZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND STAR INSURANCE FOR PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023, THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2024.” A roll call vote was taken Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of Bill#40-2023, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of Bill#40-2023”AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY NC. FOR SIREN MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2023, TO OCTOBER 31, 2024.” A roll call vote as follows, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of Bill#40-2023, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of Bill#40-2023”AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY NC. FOR SIREN MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2023, TO OCTOBER 31, 2024.” A roll call vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of Bill#41-2023, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of Bill#41-2023,”AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND KENNEY D HALES, CPA, PC FOR THE YEARLY FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2022, TO JUNE 30,2023.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Naranjo-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote. Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of Bill#41-2023, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of Bill#41-2023,”AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND KENNEY D HALES, CPA, PC FOR THE YEARLY FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2022, TO JUNE 30,2023.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Hartley -yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of Bill#42-2023, Second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of Bill#42-2023,”AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR A SCHOOL RESOUCE OFFICER BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE WARREN COUNTY R-111 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEWMBER 1,2023 TO JUNE 30,2023.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes and Alderman Naranjo-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of Bill#42-2023, Second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of Bill#42-2023,”AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR A SCHOOL RESOUCE OFFICER BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE WARREN COUNTY R-111 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEWMBER 1,2023 TO JUNE 30,2023.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes and Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

7Being no other business to discuss, Alderman Hartley made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Naranjo. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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Elsa Smith-Fenandez, City Clerk

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Jerry Cannon-Mayor