TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

08/28/2024

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday,August 28, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall located at 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was requested: Alderman Justin Naranjo-Present, Alderman Joe Brooks-present, Alderman Mike Thomas -present, and Alderman Kari Hartley- present. The City Manager/Clerk reported that a quorum is present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Jerry Cannon, Public Works Lead Steve Harlan, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, City Treasurer Missy Bachamp and City Manager/Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The guests in attendance were John Choinka (Choinka Municipal Services), Jack Dixon (Truesdale Resident), Dustin Loeffler (Good Games Sports Park), Jack Underwood (Warren County Record).

Mayor Cannon called the meeting to order.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Homecoming Parade Route second by Alderman Brooks. Motion passed with 4 ayes.

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

Citizens Participation:

Mr. Greg Lane did not attend the meeting.

Comments from Mayor Cannon:

Mayor Cannon informed the Board of Aldermen that there is an area on South Street that needs additional lighting. Alderman Naranjo asked if there were any other areas in town that would need additional lighting. Steve stated that by Dieckman Farms where the entrance to Fox Haven is dark and would need to be lit up. Alderman Thomas stated that the entrance to Heritage Hills needed to be lit up also. Alderman Hartley stated that Josh Hartley had spoken with Neil from Ameren about the light at the entrance to Heritage Hills and it was discussed that Steve would reach out to Niel also, to meet with him about placing additional streetlights around the city. Steve would also check into the cost and possibility of putting up a light at Bruer Park near the basketball court and adding additional electricity to utilize for events.

Mayor Cannon requested that the board look into putting an ordinance in place for specifications and certain requirements for adult businesses. Currently, the city does not have an ordinance in place but as development continues there may be a need to have an ordinance in place.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen:

Alderman Thomas complimented Steve and the Public Works Department for helping with questions and dealing with contractors as work has been done for Elkhorn Ridge, affecting the Heritage Hills residents.

Alderman Thomas told Dustin Loeffler that they are anxious to see what will be going in at Good Game Sports Park.

Update on the Grants:

Sewer Grant: Nothing to report on the Sewer Grant

USDA: Chief Doyle reported that the truck had gone back to the upfitter to get a couple items moved around. Elsa reported that she had sent over invoices and cleared checks for reimbursement, so hopefully that will move along quickly.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

Building Inspector (Contracted):

John asked if there had been water shut off in Heritage Hills due to Elkhorn Ridge, and if so what he had always done (depending how long the water would be off) required developers to provide each affected residence with a couple cases of water and plenty of notice, unless there was an emergency. Steve confirmed that the city makes every effort to notify the resident at least 24 hours ahead of time.

John reported that he submitted an updated building permit list. He stated that there maybe a couple permits not included just yet.

Public Works:

Steve reported that Guy Gevers stopped by to talk to him about the sewer that was installed from the subdivision under development to the untouched property on Pinckney Street. Guy stated that he was not aware that the sewer was being installed and asked if Steve was able to inspect it. Steve said he inspected what was being put in the city of Truesdale and everything looked good that the developer is doing a great job. Steve was informed that what was installed was just the main stretch for the subdivision. Once done it will be tested.

Elsa stated that Steve was able to get the shut off valve on Laura Street repaired prior to the Smith Street Improvement Project. It was repaired by Starks Excavating LLC, in the amount of $800.00, instead of the original quoted price of over $4,000.00.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to pay the invoice from Starks Excavating (Invoice 1176) in the amount of $800.00, Second by Alderman Naranjo. Motion passed with all Aldermen in favor.

Alderman Thomas asked if there was an update on the storm drain that runs behind 401 Sandra Drive. Steve stated that he received a quote from Semke to complete the work on the storm drain and the proposal was in the amount of $12,500.00. Steve spoke with Joe and Doug, and they all believe that they can complete the work for a lower cost. Elsa included prices for the rental of the equipment and Steve is looking at getting costs for rock.

Mayor Cannon appreciates that Steve calls ahead of time if there is a problem.

Elsa stated that Bart had given the letters to the residents about the Smith Street Improvement Project, that left the residents questioning some information. Mayor Cannon stated that he would talk to Bart about the wording of the letter and to let city hall know when communication has been extended to the residents.

City Attorney:

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Police Department:

Chief Doyle reported that Officer Taylor will be attending the optimist club meeting to talk about the Shop with the Cop Program. The truck was sent back to the outfitter and that was a planned event, they are adding additional lights and to have a few things moved.

Alderman Thomas stated that the people at the School were very happy and impressed to see how all of our officers stepped up to visit the school.

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Treasurer:

Missy had nothing to report at this time.

City Clerk:

Elsa requested approval on some public works purchases and expanded on what Mayor Cannon complimented on Steve, Elsa said that Steve does a really good job of letting us know what the public works department needs.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve paying invoice #92112 from Total Customs for the spray liner of the public works truck bed in the amount of $525.00, second by Alderman Naranjo. Motion passed with all Aldermen in favor.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve payment of $904.90 to Gastorf for the running boards and installation on the public works truck, second by Alderman Hartley. Motion passed with all Aldermen approving.

Elsa informed the Board of Alderman that a weed backpack sprayer was purchased for the public works department in the amount of $250.00.

Elsa requested approval for the updating of the General Code 360 with an estimate of $688.00 and $892.00, Alderman Thomas made to motion to approve the estimation from General Code 360 to update the city codes, second by Alderman Hartley. Motion passed with all Aldermen approving.

Elsa requested approval on behalf of Mr. Arnette, from the Warren Country R3 School District for the request of the Homecoming Parade Route on October 13, 2024, from 2pm to 3 pm.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the Homecoming Parade Route to come through Truesdale, second by Alderman Naranjo. Motion passed with all Aldermen approving.

Planning and Zoning:

Elsa reported that the next meeting will be on September 18, 2024, at 6:00 pm and that there will need to be a public hearing set up for the public to review and comment on the zoning codes. Elsa stated that she sent the second draft of the zoning codes that will be looked at, at the next meeting. Then ultimately the Board of Aldermen would need to be approve them. Mayor Cannon stated that the meeting was pretty thorough and there were some requests for some changes to the proposed ordinances. Elsa said there was a memo included in the email with the changes that had been made. Alderman Hartley talked about making a third district for the existing mobile home parks.

Committees:

Alderman Thomas reported that at the TAC meeting that priorities were being discussed and that the Stracks Church Road was moved from high priority to medium priority.

Bills and Ordinances:

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of BILL#40-2024, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading of BILL#40-2024 “ AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND LEVYING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 UPON ALL REAL ESTATE ,PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND UTILITIES PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMIS OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE, AS FOLLOWS:” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of BILL#40-2024, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading of BILL#40-2024 “ AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND LEVYING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 UPON ALL REAL ESTATE ,PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND UTILITIES PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMIS OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE, AS FOLLOWS:” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

At 6:18 pm Alderman Thomas made the motion to enter into closed session, pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) of the RSMO: hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded, second by Brooks. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:56 p.m., Alderman Thomas made the motion to enter back into regular session, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote as follows, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4yes/ 0 no vote.

Being no other business brought to the Board, Alderman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Brooks. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez, City Manager/Clerk

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Jerry Cannon-Mayor