TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

09/25/2024

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday,September 25, 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 Kari Hartley-Present, Alderman Mike Thomas-present, Alderman Joe Brooks -present, and Alderman Justin Naranjo- 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, and City Manager/Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The guests in attendance were John Choinka (Choinka Municipal Services), Elisa Jaouni (Truesdale Resident), Dustin Loeffler (Good Games Sports Park), and 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 invoice from PGAV #119934 in the amount of $13,484.78, 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:

Dustin Loeffler attended the meeting to request a new business license for Wooden Spoon Property management, LLC to be located at 8000 South Spoede Lane in Truesdale, MO, and to modify two existing business licenses 1. Wooden Spoon Pools of Innsbrook DBA America’s Swimming Pools of Innsbrook. 2. Wooden Spoon Development DBA Tiger Solutions. Currently, both existing businesses are located at 1600 East Veterans Memorial Parkway, Mr. Loeffler is requesting the modification of the DBAs for both businesses and to relocate them to 8000 South Spoede Lane.

Mr. Loeffler is on a month lease at 8000 South Spoede Lane and is in the process of purchasing the property. Mr. Loeffler explained that the two existing businesses the work is being done at the customers home and not at the 8000 South Spoede Lane, that would be the office area. The new business license request for Wooden Spoon Property Management DBA Tru Storage is primarily a remote library for self-storage facilities in the Saint Louis area.

Elsa confirmed that the existing business would be modified as the following:

1. Wooden Spoon Pools of Innsbrook

DBA America’s Swimming Pools of Innsbrook

TO:

Wooden Spoon Pools of Innsbrook, LLC

Wooden Spoon Pools of St. Louis, LLC

DBA Skimmer Pools

1. Wooden Spoon Development, LLC

DBA Tiger Solutions

TO:

Wooden Spoon Development, LLC

DBA Tiger Builders

DBA Turn Key Constructors

Dustin stated that they were previously part of a franchise and decided to not renew a franchise and went through with the name change. Alderman Thomas asked for a guarantee that the property would be cleaned up and asked if Mr. Loeffler was still planning on operating Good Games Sports Park. He stated that at this time he was not sure. Alderman Narnajo asked Mr. Loeffler if he had the paperwork from the state with the name changes. Mr. Loeffler stated that he could provide those to Elsa by next Wednesday. Alderman Thomas said he would be comfortable giving a deadline of the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the modification of the business license for Wooden Spoon Development DBA Tiger Builders, DBA Turn Key Contractors, second by Alderman Hartley. 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 to approve the modification of the business license for Wooden Spoon Pools of Innsbrook LLC/ Wooden Spoon Pools of St. Louis LLC, DBA Skimmer Pools, second by Aldreman Hartley. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes. Alderman Naranjo-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes / 0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve a new business license for Wooden Spoon Property management, LLC, DBA Tru Storage, second by Alderman Hartley. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Comments from Mayor Cannon:

Mayor Cannon read a press release from the Missouri Municipal League for the four Truesdale Officials who have received a plaque for becoming a Certified Government Official, Alderman Justin Naranjo, Alderman Kari Hartley, Mayor Jerry Cannon, and City Manager/Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez.

Mayor Cannon gave a report on the conference that he and Elsa attended. Mayor Cannon stated that his wife Kathy accompanied him also. He stated that they attended classes on social media, and there was a lot of focus on hiring and the generation gap. Mayor Cannon attended the Mayor’s meeting and signed up for a committee to study senate bills 5 and 572, that have to with police and fines. Mayor Cannon also spoke about a group of lobbyists that are lobbying for city’s having to pay for right a way locations.

Mayor Cannon reported that he just read from the Warren County Record that Warrenton dropped the covenants on the property owned by Karenbrock. He reported that the tour of the AFG plant will be tomorrow.

Mayor Cannon reported that he spoke with Jason Terry from Gilmore Bell and Steve Etcher. Mayor Cannon stated that Truesdale does own the property, but Truesdale is NOT included in the lawsuit at all, Steve Etcher believes that Refresco has met with requirements of hiring and is waiting on additional information. Mayor Cannon said that the new line was based on a contract that Refresco had with Prime. Refresco will have to recover some way, and he suggested that we need to patient and let this play out.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen:

Alderman Thomas spoke about Spectrum putting fiber lines in a resident’s yard, Mayor had spoke with the resident, Alderman Thomas spoke with the supervisor and requested that notification will be given to the residents. Alderman Thomas suggested that there would be an ordinance requiring businesses to notify residents prior to digging in their yard. Attorney Bargen suggested that in the notification there should be information on how long it would take to get the work done so its not open ended. John talked about how other cities handle this and stated that there is usually a fee associated with utility companies digging in the right of way, it is different if they are in an easement that they own. He stated that Elsa could email him with a request for that information.

Alderman Thomas gave a report from the BRPC meeting, Jim Sharp talked about emergency management and cities knowing their role. He also provided information about FEMA training.

Update on the Grants:

USDA: There is no update on the grant at this time.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

Building Inspector (Contracted):

John reported that he submitted an updated building permit list. John also gave a report stating that TR Hughes will start paving the next section, utilities are in, and they started jetting.

Public Works:

Steve reported that salt had been ordered, and that he had pulled out the Christmas lights to start working on those.

Steve provided a bid for the electrical extension at the park, there will be two additional boxes at the park for our events, the total bid would be $5,100.00. Alderman Naranjo confirmed there would no longer be a safety issue. Alderman Brooks and Alderman Naranjo suggested that Steve order some cord covers for the Christmas lights so that public works does not have to tape the lights, as they were fighting with them in the previous years. Alderman Thomas talked about that we could hire additional help with the Christmas lights, Steve stated that he would like to have the lights up before Thanksgiving.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the bide from RL Electrical Services in the amount of $5,100.00, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote was taken Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Hartley- Abstained. Motion passed with a 3 yes/1 abstained vote. Alderman Hartley abstained due to her husband assisting with the recommendation of the electrical additions and the company who provided the bid.

There was a discussion held on the proposed new street lights, Steve had received bids from Niel with Ameren. The bids were as follows:

Location 1: Smith Street, small directional on basketball court at Bruer Park

No installation charges

Approximately $23.00 per month – Steve gave Niel the approval to go ahead with this light.

Location 2: 114 Pinkncney St, 100 w led cobra head d/d light

No installation charges

Approximately $11 per month – Steve gave the approval to go ahead with this light.

Location 3: Fox Haven Mobile Home Park entrance (Laura Street) 100 w led cobra head d/d light

$852.82, overhead duplex cable for new light.

Approximately $11 per month

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the installation of the 100 w led cobra head d/d light at the Fox Haven Mobile Home Park entrance (Laura Street), second by Alderman Hartley. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Loctation 4: Heritage Landing

Option A: Post top light from existing underground pedestal

100w led, colonial type light, post-top, 17’

$797.89

Approximately $24 per month

Option B: New Ameren wood pole set near the intersection

100 w led cobra head d/d light

$3,233.45

Approximately $11 per month

Alderman Hartley stated that Option A the $797.89 cost does not include the cost to have a company come in and bore under a driveway and run trenching and the wires. Alderman Thomas suggested that Option B would be better.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve Option B at Heritage Landing, second by Alderman Naranjo. A roll call vote was taken Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Naranjo-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Steve reported that we have received the details from Starks to do the work at 401 Sandra Drive and he was satisfied with the breakdown.

City Attorney:

Nothing to report at this time.

Police Department:

Chief Doyle reported that the Drug Take Back Event is scheduled for October 26,2024 at 10 am until 2 pm. There are two people scheduled for the Homecoming parade. Tentatively there is $835.00 donated for Shop with a Cop.

Treasurer:

Nothing to report at this time.

City Clerk:

Elsa requested approval to pay the invoice from Schulte Supply for the 160 meters, in the amount of $40,792.00. It was confirmed that that expense was included in this years fiscal budget. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the invoice#s1214799.001 from Schulte Supply in the amount of $40,792.00, second by Alderman Naranjo. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Naranjo-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Elsa talked about the Adult Business Establishments and possibly adopting that, she stated that upon further research with the public hearing for the Planning and Zoning public hearing regarding the zoning code for the City of Truesdale and the proposed official zoning map showing the districts that the council is required to hold a public hearing also. In order to keep the timeline of approval for the second meeting in October, she suggested that the public hearing would be held prior to the second meeting in October. The public hearing is set for 5:15 pm on October 23rd.

Elsa reported that there were a couple of things that came up this week, the financial audit will has been set up for November 4th and 5th.

Elsa informed the Board that there have been some issues with semi trucks going down South Water St, and South Street. There have been semi trucks that have taken stop signs out and knocked down wires and running through peoples yards. Elsa suggested that they go down Pinckney Street as S. Water Street and South Street are too narrow and the trucks are getting stuck. Elsa purchased three “Stop, no semi trucks” signs that will be put up on S. Water St. and South Street. Elsa also informed the Board of a complaints from the dust going to the residents that live on the South side of South Street.

Elsa informed the Board that she had received a couple of phone calls from the business on Smith Street about getting the rocks moved and still working on figuring out if there is an easement. Currently, there is no need for the city to move the rocks, and potentially the easement is between one property owner to another.

Elsa requested approval to the invoice from PGAV Planners invoice#119934 in the amount of $13,484.78. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the invoice#119934 from PGAV Planners in the amount of $13,484.78, second by Alderman Hartley-yes. 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.

Planning and Zoning:

Elsa reported that the public hearing notice had been prepared and posted. The public hearing date is October 21st at 5:30 pm with the regular meeting to follow. John with PGAV Planners will attend both Planning & Zoning public hearing and the Board of Aldermen public hearing.

New Business:

Mayor Cannon asked the Board of Aldermen to approve one meeting in November and December as the second meeting of those months fall close to the holidays. Alderman Thomas Made the motion to hold only one regular Board of Aldermen meeting in November and December this year, second by Alderman Hartley. Motion passed with 4 aye votes and 0 nay votes.

Being no other business brought to the Board, Alderman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Brooks. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez, City Manager/Clerk

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Approved on the date written above

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Jerry Cannon-Mayor