TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

03/12/2025

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a Board of Aldermen Meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall located at 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO 63380. Mayor Cannon Called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. A roll call was taken, Alderman Brooks-present, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Hartley-present; there was a quorum present. Those attending on behalf of the City of Truesdale were Mayor Jerry Cannon, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, City Attorney Amber Bargen, Public Works Lead Steve Harlan, and Treasurer Missy Bachamp. The citizens in attendance were Philip & Shelby Weinrich (Truesdale Residents), Janice Hinson (Warren County Pathfinder), Dustin Loeffler (Landowner), John Choinka) Choinka Municipal Services), and Jack Underwood (Warren County Record).

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Brooks. Motion passed with 3 ayes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Brooks. Motion passed with 3 ayes.

Citizens Participation:

Janice Hinson from Pathfinders handout pamphlets explained about the type of services this company offers. They service individuals with disabilities to obtain employment. They help these individuals to gain employment with the skills that they have and what best benefits the employer and employee. The have a coach that helps them to understand what they are doing and to help them be successful. Chief Doyle said this is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community. He stated that Elsa and he had spoken at length about the duties that this individual would perform. He stated that Elsa, Alderman Thomas, and himself had meet with the individual, and that if board approved, he would collaborate with us for three months and after that see where it goes. Janice stated that they would not just leave the individual that they would indeed be here to answer any questions and help any way that is needed.

Alderman Thomas stated that the individual he meets was very energetic and he wished everyone had that type of work ethic. Mayor Cannon asked what hours this individual would work. Chief Doyle stated he said Monday, Wednesday, and Friday one hour a day. That away Elsa, himself or other office staff would be here. It is all a volunteer for the first three months and that would give us time to see where we are at budget time and see into it further. Alderman Thomas stated that this is a perfect time to do this with budget time coming up. Chief Doyle stated Elsa and himself thought about implementing this on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, if approved. Alderman Thomas stated that after the volunteer time a decision would need to be made before July 1, 2025, for permanent position. Alderman Brooks stated he had ties with Pathfinders and Sheltered workshop and thinks this a is a great program. Alderman Hartley stated that where she used to live the school had a work program like this and it was a great for the kids.

Alderman Thomas made a motion to support the Pathfinder Project for employment services, second by Alderman Brooks, and Alderman Hartley. A roll call vote was taken. Alderman Thoams-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes and Alderman Brooks-yes. The motion passed with a 3 yes vote.

Dustin Loeffler (a Truesdale landowner) came to discuss the fourteen acre parcels he is selling. This property is located at 1700 East Veterans Memorial Parkway. It listed for sale as fourteen acres since early November. Dustin stated he was not looking for any decision today. He stated that local business owners were stating that there was too much land to purchase. He is looking at sub diving that into one-, two- or three-acre parcels. He had a handout that he gave to the board and stated this was a draft drawing of what it could look like. Alderman Thomas asked him if he were stating that the land use would be commercial and retail. Dustin stated yes it would. Alderman Thomas asked about the drainage issues that are already there would this make it worse for Heritage Hills Subdivision? Alderman Thomas aske if Dustin would still be the landowner and he stated he would be selling it. The landowner would then take care of the drainage issue themselves. Dustin stated that this sub dividing would be to target small businesses in the area. Alderman Thomas stated that he thinks this is great but does not want it to be empty building that just sit there. John Choinka (building inspector) has a question. He stated that when developing sub dividing like this, there is usually common ground that one area set aside to hold back storm water. John asked what are the access rights to the outer road (Veterans Memorial)? Dustin stated there would be easements recorded that would have access to the outer road. There would be two access paths. Dustin stated as far as the common ground is determined on the size of the parcels and put in a preliminary plat. Alderman Hartley asked how soon he was looking to give a draft to the planning and zoning board. Dustin stated he would like to go to the March 19 meeting and then go back with their recommendations and a plat at the April meeting. Alderman Hartley asked so then you would have a draft for our next meeting. Dustin stated yes based upon the board’s recommendations and he asked the board to please email him with any suggestions. Dustin then thanked the board.

Mayor Cannon asked Philip Weinrich if he was here about the chicken ordinance. Mayor Cannon stated that the board had a work session on this, and they are drafting an amendment to the ordinance and will have that at the next board meeting. Alderman Brooks stated that their extension was still standing until the end of March to make sure the board had all their “ducks in a row.” Mayor Cannon stated the goal is to get the ordinance right this time. Alderman Thoams stated they are wanting to make sure everyone is happy as possible.

Comments from Mayor Cannon:

Mayor Cannon wanted to give a brief update on Refresco. We did send information over to Jason Terry that Refresco had sent to us, and he will look over that and we will see what will become of that. We should know something by the next board meeting.

Mayor Canon stated that he and Elsa have been discussing space here at city hall. The more we grow the more space we need. He had a conversation with John Choinka about the possibility of building up or buying more property. Police Station on top and expanding the offices and the board room. John stated that a feasibility plan and study with an architecture firm would be the best way to see which better cost is effective wise. He stated that some municipalities have a police station separate from the city hall that is something that is not unusual. If you add more space, you are going to need more parking as well. Mayor Cannon stated these are just mere thoughts, but this is something that will have to be addressed in the future.

Mayor Canon spoke about the Smith Street project he feels like it is done. There still are things that need to be done, like people’s yards still need to be fixed. As far as phase two goes we should look at just asphalting instead of concrete for cost cutting but also some of the headaches we have had with this phase. Steven asked asphalt with the curbs as well Mayor Cannon stated that would all need to figure out. Mayor Cannon stated that the concrete on phase one was due to the heavy trucks that access that road. We may also look at other alternatives. Just something to think about.

Mayor Cannon stated that lifelong resident Peggy Zumwalt passed away yesterday morning.

Comments from the Board of Alderman:

Alderman Harley asked about a water value at Smith and Laura, she was concerned that someone taking that corner to sharp they would run over it. Steven stated that he could put a post in there to prevent that from happening. He also stated that the stop sign would be going back up there so that should prevent that from happening. Alderman Thomas stated that once they start building houses on Cynthia and Austin that there needs to be a stop sign on the west. He stated that now that it is warm everyone is riding side by side, and no one wants to stop there. Steven stated that there would be on, but he did not know how soon that would happen. He could put one up temporarily like the one on sawhorses over on Smith Street.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

Building Inspector (contracted):

John Choinka sent out a report to everyone. Things are starting to pick up, starting to get calls about Boone Ridge Manor, they have sent out four permits that.

Public Works:

Steven reported that Neil from Ameren called about the lighting at Heritage Hills entrance stating that it will be done soon. He stated that training was great he had information about 811 systems and contacts for generators for budget time. He reported they have been doing quite a bit of maintenance work on the buildings. The had the garage doors fixed on the slat shed and if you see anything that needs to be done, please let him know. The doors in City Hall will be painted soon. Boone Ridge Manor, they have already started digging for the new houses. They should be pouring the rest of Austin all the way down starting tomorrow. Lastly the snow route ordinance, when plowing the roads had difficulties with people parking their cars on the roads and not driveways. Alderman Hartley stated that in her subdivision that people have decided that the street is an extension of their driveway. They will not move their vehicles for weeks at a time. There is one car that has been leaking oil all over the road. Chief Doyle stated that the only one we have is Juni Way Court. Alderman Hartley asked if that were something the guys could call you Chief and say hey this address has a car on the street. The chief stated that would not be an option. The Chief stated that it would be better if it was a city-wide ordinance and not on an area-by-area basis. Attorney Bargen stated where she lives in Wentzville, they make an emergency call stating to remove all vehicles from public roadways, like a code red alert. Alderman Thomas stated we could speak with Jim Sharp about implementing something like that. Elsa had worked up an ordinance like the one in O’Fallon, Mo. Attorney Bargen said if the board wanted her to, she could write one up or Elsa could send her that one to look over. Mayor Cannon stated we should move forward with this.

City Attorney:

Attorney Bargen stated they had court yesterday and Judge Yelton that he is going to start issuing CASH only bonds not recognizance bonds that have been sitting out there for a while. Sometimes judges refer to them as catch and release. This has been happening over and over, and he wants to clean it up. The unfortunate thing for the city is that if they cannot come in on an O R warrant sign themselves out and leave then they are staying overnight in the jail and the board bills come to the city and it is not cheap. She did not speak to him about what the city wanted to do we could tell him we would like case-by-case options. The city does get to have a say on what we would like to do. It is $55 a day but we do not know how long someone will be staying. Chief Doyle stated that Warrenton and Wright City do a twenty-four hour hold and then release, but he would prefer a case-by-case basis more so than a blanket statement cause that could rack up thousands of dollars. Attorney Bargen stated that the judge did not say all but the cases that seemed more problematic she stated she did not know where he would draw that line. The Chief asked if they could have a meeting with the judge and Attorney Bargen said she would ask if that were something he would do. Chief Doyle said we could always say for budget purposes we could say a specific amount. Attorney Bargen will be at the conference next board meeting but will be available if needed by phone or text.

Police Department:

Chief Doyle reported that Drug Take Back is Saturday April 26 form 10-2. He stated that we steadily take all kinds of medications daily. He is planning to make an appointment for next week to take them to Pitman for disposal. He reported May 4-7 that he will be attending the Chief of Police Conference and SRO Office Taylor will be attending a conference in June.

City Treasurer:

She stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

City Clerk/Manager:

Missy reported for Elsa. She reported that Casey Doyle had a certificate of completion for MML training. She reported that Elsa had gotten a lot of event stuff knocked out. Reported on what we had temporarily booked. She asked for the board members to reach out to some protentional sponsorship.

Monday May 5th for city wide bulk pick up.

Planning and Zoning:

Alderman Hartley meeting next week. John stated that Clarkson spoke with him.

TAC:

Alderman Thomas stated the meeting would be tomorrow at 11:30 they would be talking about bridge inspection. Someone asked will they be discussing Strack Church. Alderman Thomas stated that would be the next TAC meeting that they would be bumping that up at a high priority.

Chamber:

Elsa was not here to report.

University Extension:

The meeting is next week.

EDC:

Alderman Thomas stated they will have a cocktails and conversation meeting March 25, between 5 and 6:30 pm at Social House

BSRP:

Monday, March 24 at 12:00 someone from MO Attorney General office to talk about Sunshine Law.

Bills and Ordinances:

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of Bill #11-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Missy read the first reading of **BILL #11-2025 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND MISSOURI RURAL SERVICES WORK COMP INS TRUST FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR THE PERIORD OF APRIL 1, 2025, THROUGH APRIL1, 2026.** A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of Bill #11-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Missy read the second reading of **BILL #11-2025 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND MISSOURI RURAL SERVICES WORK COMP INS TRUST FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR THE PERIORD OF APRIL 1, 2025, THROUGH APRIL1, 2026.** A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of Bill #12-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Missy read the first reading of **BILL #12-2025 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND M&M GOLF CARS, L.L.C. FOR GOLF CART RENTALS FOR RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2025.** Aroll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

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Alderman Thomas made a motion for the City to pay Missouri Rural Services in the sum of $26445.00 for workers compensation Insurance, Alderman Hartley second the motion. Motion passed with 3 ayes.

Being no other business brought to the Board, Alderman Hartley made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Brooks. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

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Missy Bachamp, City Treasurer

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Jerry Cannon-Mayor