TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

12/11/2024

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 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 Mike Thomas-Present, Alderman Joe Brooks-present, Alderman Kari Hartley -present, and Alderman Justin Naranjo- Present. The City Clerk/Manager reported that a quorum is present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Jerry Cannon, Attorney Amber Bargen, Public Works Lead Steve Harlan, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Treasurer Missy Bachamp and City Clerk/Manager Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The guests in attendance were John Choinka (Choinka Municipal Services), Clarence Carr (member of the public), Shawn Luesse (TR Hughes), Jack Hanff (TR Hughes), Bart Korman (Lewis-Bade), Jason Koper (Warrenton High School Football Team), Austin Haas (Warrenton High School Football Team), Kadin Stroer (Warrenton High School Football Team), Bradon Johnson (Warrenton Football Team), Robert Green (Truesdale Resident), Katie Joyce (Member of the Public) and Jack Underwood (Warren County Record).

Mayor Cannon called the meeting to order.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda, 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:

Mayor Cannon presented a proclamation to the Warrenton Football Team recognizing them for their success in the 2024 football season.

Mayor Cannon moved Mr. Clarence Carr to the beginning of the citizen participation portion of the agenda. Mr. Carr gave an introduction stating that he has a couple of awards himself and honorable discharge from the Marine Corp. The Board of Aldermen thanked him for his service. He talked about his injuries but does not receive any benefits. He is a small business owner. He talked about the fourteen of the core leadership traits of the Marine Corp. Mr. Carr attended the meeting to address the Board of Aldermen, stating that he moved out of the city due to him claiming that he had been harassed. The Truesdale Police Department received a phone call from a neighbor of Mr. Carr claiming that he was driving through the neighborhood recklessly. Mr. Carr claims that with the harassment, the neighbors called again stating that Mr. Carr was driving recklessly through the neighborhood again and almost hit a child. After receiving the phone call After reviewing camera footage from the neighborhood and following Mr. Carr into the neighborhood the Officer then gave Mr. Carr a ticket. After a confrontation from Mr. Carr to the Officer the Mayor requested that Mr. Carr keep his conversation with the Board and not address the Officer. Mayor Cannon explained what he had viewed on the video and confirmed that the child mentioned was close to the truck and if the child would have stepped out the child could have been hit as in the opinion of the Mayor Mr. Carr was going to fast. Mayor Cannon confirmed that Mr. Carr was found to be not guilty in court. Chief Doyle confirmed that video is sent to the prosecutor’s office. Mayor Cannon stated that there were three witnesses that filed paperwork, Officer Kelly confirmed that there were three witnesses against and to two statements pro. Alderman Naranjo confirmed with Mr. Carr that this situation had already been dealt with in court, so there is not much the Board of Aldermen can do at this point. Alderman Naranjo stated that they trust the officer’s will make the best decisions based on the information they have. Alderman Naranjo stated that it sounds like the court decision went in Mr. Carr’s favor and they can look at if there is anything that would need to be changed in regard to policy and procedure. Alderman Thomas stated that it sounds like the officer was responding to a citizen complaint. Attorney Bargen stated that Mr. Carr did not follow the proper procedure to request seeing the video evidence, there was no motion of discovery made through the court. Mr. Carr was stating that it wasn’t necessarily the officer targeting him, that the neighbors were. Chief Doyle stated that he had no issue with Mr. Carr watching the video, he cannot do it at this moment. Mr. Carr will call City Hall to make arrangements with Chief Doyle to review the video.

Shawn Luesse and Jack Hanff with TR Hughes attended the meeting to request approval for plats 3 & 4 for Elkhorn Ridge and to release the escrow for plat 1A Elkhorn Ridge. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve plat 3 for Elkhorn Ridge, second by Alderman Naranjo. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Naranjo-yes. Motion passed and the plat 3 for Elkhorn Ridge was approved with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the approval of plat 4 for Elkhorn Ridge, second by Alderman Naranjo. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman

City Inspector John Choinka made the recommendation to release the escrow for Elkhorn Ridge Plat 1A. Alderman Thomas made the motion to release the escrow payment in the amount of $94,769.95 to Charlestown Crossing for Elkhorn Ridge Plat 1A, second by Alderman Naranjo. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Narnjo-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed and Escrow for Elkhorn Ridge Plat 1A in the amount of $94,769.95 is approved to be released to Charlestowne Crossing with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Comments from Mayor Jerry Cannon:

Mayor Cannon informed the Board of his conversations with Steve Etcher (GWCEDC) and Jason Terry (Gilmore Bell). He stated that Refresco had not be in compliance with the previously granted abatement and that Refresco would be required to pay 100% tax obligation for the upcoming year. Mayor Cannon explained there are options for renegotiating the agreement and he will have further conversations with Jason Terry and Steve Etcher. Mayor Cannon will meet with Steve Cassells and listen.

Mayor Cannon gave a report on the Homeless Veterans Drive, reporting that 8107 lbs of items were collected and that there were 500 Homeless Veterans Served.

Mayor Cannon reported that over 1000 people attended the Community Christmas and that three children donated bikes back.

Bart Korman discussed the Smith Street improvement project. There was an adjustment to adjust the road up approximately 1 1 /2 to 6 inches, Ameren was good with that. The problem was that the gas line would have been too shallow. Mayor Cannon asked if this would be an added cost to the project. Bart confirmed that it would not be an added cost to the city but it would actually be a cost to Ameren. Mayor Cannon stated there was a bid for the drain on the Nolan property, due to flooding in the area. Mayor Cannon requested that using Nolan property as a pass through, it would cost $100.00. Bart started the conversation and Mr. Nolan asked to meet with Elsa and the Mayor.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen:

Aldermen Naranjo thanked everyone for all their hard work on the Community Christmas, to all the donors, to the people who help plan and the volunteers. The event has grown passed Truesdale, and it was nice to see everyone from Warren County attending the event.

Update on the Grants:

USDA: There are no updates at this time.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

Building Inspector (Contracted):

John reported that he submitted an updated building permit list.

John stated that the building permits issued have slowed down but that it is typical this time of year and once plats 3 and 4 are recorded he believes they will pick up again. Alderman Thomas asked when the City will be taking over the street portion of the extension of Austin Drive. John confirmed that it would be a year from now before the city will even consider taking it over.

Public Works:

Steve reported that he and John walked the Elkhorn Ridge area and noticed there were several places where the concrete had been replaced which was part of releasing the escrow. Steve reported that he received a locate for the streetlight. Steve reported that the streets and entrance ways were all poured at the Boone Ridge Manor subdivision.

Steve said his school is going well and that he had given Elsa certificates from the courses that he had completed.

City Attorney:

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Police Department:

Chief Doyle reported that the annual Shop with a Cop will be on Saturday, December 14, 2024, and that there will be 44 (forty-four) children attending. There are multiple volunteers that will be there to wrap. Truesdale collected $7,147.00 and Warrenton $4,665.00 for a total of $11,812.00 and expected to collect another $2,100.00.

Treasurer:

Missy apologized that the Treasurer’s report was not ready.

City Clerk/Manager:

Elsa requested payment for T.S. Banze Construction, Inc. Smith Street Improvement Project pay request App No. 1. In the amount of $259,291.27. Alderman Naranjo asked Bart about the charge for traffic control, and what the traffic control consisted of. Alderman Naranjo stated that the street under construction had been traffic control and some of the barricades are from the city. Bart stated the traffic control was the barricades and that it was not a huge line item.

Alderman Thomas confirmed the cost of the pavement, and asked about the change order.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to pay the pay request App No. 1 from TS Banze for the Smith Street Improvement project, in the amount of $259,291.27, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the Change Order No. 1 for the Smith Street Improvement Project in the amount of $7,778.52, second by Alderman Brooks. With a roll call vote as follows, 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:

Mayor Cannon declared that the term of office for the Planning and Zoning Commissioners would run January 1 to December 31. Elsa stated that she had been researching other cities planning and zoning terms and it would make sense that the terms would run from January 1 to December 31, to keep everything consistent and everyone on the same page. Mayor Cannon reappointed Kari Hartley and Kelly Riehl to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

At 6:34 pm Alderman Thomas made the motion to go into closed session, second by Alderman 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: The tentative agenda of the meeting also includes a vote to close part of this meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) of the RSMo: Hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.**

At 6:43 pm Alderman Thomas made the motion to go back into open session, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Bills and Ordinances:

There were bills and ordinances to be passed.

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:** There will be no Board of Aldermen meeting on December 25,2024.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Being no other business brought to the Board, Alderman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Brooks. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

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 Elsa Smith-Fernandez, City Clerk/Manager

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 Jerry Cannon-Mayor