TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

11/13/2024

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday,November 13, 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 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), Jerry and Helen Pherigo (Truesdale Residents), MaryLou Rainwater (Truesdale Resident), Bart Korman (Lewis-Bade) 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:

Jerry Pherigo attended the meeting to express some concerns that he had in regard to the Smith Street Improvement Project. He stated that the only thing that went right over there was that they would be able to get out through the trucking parking lot. His concern was that his understanding was that the easement was about 3 or 4 feet and instead of taking 2 to 3 feet they are taking 12 to 15 feet. MaryLou stated that is destroyed the property for future use (she provided pictures that are attached to these minutes). Mr. Pherigo asked, and it was agreed that if they were to bury any of the asphalt that it would be broken into smaller pieces. Mr. Pherigo expressed that his other concern was that the street is raised so high and that nothing was mentioned about raising the street. Mrs. Rainwater said that this is going to make it harder to receive easements from anyone. Alderman Naranjo asked if they were going to raise the amount of dirt that is being put over the asphalt to a foot. Bart confirmed that there would be a good amount of dirt there to allow for growing grass or planting. Ms. Pherigo expresses her concern of the washout and drainage in that area. Alderman Naranjo assured her that the drainage in that area has been a major focus on this project and that would be solved. Alderman Naranjo stated that he understands that the concern about the asphalt but that even if it was clean rock it would vary in the size and diameter and said that it made sense cost wise to utilize the asphalt as fill and that it would have the same affect as rock, he wants to make sure that there is enough dirt that would prevent washout. Mayor Cannon stated that the chunks are big. Alderman Naranjo said if there is a foot, he doesn’t see that six inches would be enough. Mr. Pherigo stated that if they had been built the road like they should have then there wouldn’t be this discussion, and you wouldn’t need to fill all of it in. Ms. Rainwater asked if there was a reason the road was being built so high? Missy Bachamp asked if she chooses to plant trees there what kind of problem is she going to have with that and that she would have to disclose that there are asphalt chunks there. MaryLou asked who is going to make sure that there is 12 inches of dirt? Elsa stated the Building Inspector John Choinka had been involved in the inspection. Mr. Pherigo talked about the road easement and that it was across the road, and talked about that he could mow up to the ditch and now with the build up there is no yard and that it would be a very steep incline.

Bart Korman informed the Board and the public that the grade of the road would be matching Laura Street, and you’re taking a road and making it wider. The street project affects both sides of Smith Street. The first phase of the project ends at Hal Pherigo property and the next phase design will set that up higher also and make the street wider. Asphalt chunks, the contractors are allowed to us as fill on this project and if the city would want to keep the chunks to a foot, he will check the chunks of asphalt to see that the that is in the specifications. The asphalt is all fill and being buried. Alderman Thomas asked how much higher the street is. Bart replied that it was in some spots its 6 inches to a foot and a half, due to the gas lines and drainage; it will also allow for less fill in some areas and less cutting on the other side of the street to create a reasonable balance. The slope from the street to the driveway is a 3:1 gradual slope. His goal is to fill in the existing ditch in the middle of Pherigo’s and eliminate the existing ditch and concrete aprons for the driveways and rock will be used as fill for the aprons. Mr. Pherigo’s driveway will go back aways to transition the first 20ft off the street will be all concrete. The fact that the fill went deeper in the yard, Bart met with Missy the other day to create the gradual slope for the driveway transition and filling in the ditch and to make the yard look a lot better instead of steep then gradual and steep again. Mr. Pherigo stated that putting the apron that far is like putting the easement that far and not only are doing that in a little area and what happens if they want to sell it. Alderman Naranjo stated that having that street redone, and the apron would add to the value of the home and the curb appeal overall, going from where we were to a single car almost going off the road and to help the flooding also. Mr. Pherigo said it should have been able to be done without costing them. Alderman Naranjo stated that we need to see how the project starts to shape out due to it just starting. Mr. Pherigo stated that they still have a property on the other side, and it might be difficult for the city to get an easement for the phase. Mrs. Rainwater stated that they should have been told everything and they weren’t told they would need to go all the way across Missy’s property and that they had passed the easement and there is no construction easement. Bart confirmed there was a temporary easement and there is no structure there. Ms. Rainwater asked about the asphalt. Alderman Naranjo asked what the largest size of the asphalt is, he is looking at the Federal Highway Administration and the guidelines of using reclaimed asphalt of twenty-four inches or less for embankments and that is what they are running through. Alderman Naranjo asked Mr. Pherigo if there were larger pieces than the twenty-four inches and Mr. Pherigo stated that was about the size of the chunks. Alderman Naranjo also stated that it was encouraged to use reclaimed asphalt (not for load bearing). Ms. Rainwater asked what happens when this project is done, and they can’t mow the yard. They get tickets from the Chief of Police, who is responsible for that that. Bart stated that he was not sure why they would not be able to mow the yard, because the slope is 3:1 or flatter. Mr. Pherigo stated that the main reason he came to the meeting was to let them know that they need to let people know the truth. Alderman Thomas stated that any confrontation needs to come to the Board and not with the contractors or individuals. Mayor Cannon wanted the public to know that there is a set of extra eyes, the building inspector John Choinka. Bart Korman before they do final grade, he would like the Pherigo’s to walk the property with him and inspectors, and subcontractors.

Comments from Mayor Cannon:

Mayor Cannon reported that there was some flooding that happened at a business on Smith Street, there was no damage but there could be grading on the gravel at the recycling place but if it was ever regraded then it would not fix the problem. Bart suggested that the option was to put a concrete swale across there or run the pipe and set the grate on the property. The pipe and the grate quantities are on the bid already, but the contractor would ask for additional cost to cut the hole. Bart requested approval on that change order. Mayor Cannon confirmed that it could have been a bad situation.

Steve requested to have the parking lot to the park accessible for the community Christmas event.

Mayor Cannon thanked everyone who donated to Shop with a Cop and for the Community Christmas.

Mayor Cannon talked about getting ahold of the Keeven’s to fix some drainage in the area, to get some relief on neighboring properties.

Mayor Cannon complimented public works on Bruer Park.

Elsa read an email

“Thank you City of Truesdale. I am an Army veteran and I deeply appreciate the time, effort, and the expensive the city incurs to put up American flags on veterans day. I also extend my appreciation for all the holidays, the city puts out the flags for. Thank you. And, I want to say how much my family and I look forward each year to the Christmas lights that adorn the city. We love the tradition, and wonderful feelings that we experience. Thank you. Your neighbors; The Olendorff's”

Mayor Cannon thanked the city for allowing City Hall to be a drop off point for items for the Homeless Veterans.

Update on the Grants:

USDA: Elsa received confirmation that all documents have been received and USDA Representative is working on the reimbursement.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

Building Inspector (Contracted):

John reported that he submitted an updated building permit list.

John informed the Board that he and Steve Walked the TR Hughes section this morning and marked up some places with cracks and that need to be sealed. Once Escrow is released there will be a one-year maintenance agreement.

John reported that Elkhorn would have plats 3 and 4 the next month.

Public Works:

Steve stated that the timer at the pavilion is working great. He went to the conference and has a Wishlist for the next budget.

Steve reported that the light pole for Heritage Hills, he spoke with Niel from Ameren and they did an easement study and are waiting for that to come back and then they will start work on the pole.

Steve stated that the streets are being poured in the Boone Ridge Manor and tomorrow or Friday depending on weather. They did a compaction test, and John would send a report once they send the compaction results that were signed and sealed.

City Attorney:

Attorney Bargen informed the Board that the Governor had appointed the new Associate Judge. She believes that he will be the new judge for the City of Truesdale Cases.

Police Department:

Chief Doyle reported that they took in about 100 lbs of medication at the Drug Take Back event.

Chief Doyle reported that there is about $8,000.00 for Shop with a Cop, and there are 16 kids, and this program allows for parents to shop for food. Chief Doyle complimented SRO Taylor and the Warrenton SROs for their hard work and City Hall staff for their help.

Treasurer:

Missy reported that she was looking at unclaimed property.

Elsa reported that the fiscal financial audit had been conducted and the report should be completed in early December.

City Clerk/Manager:

Elsa asked what Steve wanted to do about the bathrooms being winterized and not getting porta potties for the event. Steve’s concern was freezing weather. He would shut the water off and then blow out the lines and then open them up.

Elsa presented the PGAV Agreement to review, to assist with zoning codes and help with zoning.

Elsa gave a copy of the special use permits, Elsa stated that she would have an ordinance for the special use permits.

Elsa informed the Board of Alderman that Missouri Rural Services does not provide cyber security any longer. Elsa has been working with Evan from Tri County. Evan had sent over a couple of quotes from Traveler’s insurance. One quote for $934.00 per year is comparable to the previous insurance that the city had with Missouri Rural Services with $100,000.00 coverage.

Elsa stated that she had been working on the Zoning fee schedule with John for PGAV.

Planning and Zoning:

Nothing new to report.

Bills and Ordinances:

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of Bill#45-2024, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading of **BILL#45-2024**: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO DECLARE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025, WITHIN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE. 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.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of Bill#45-2024, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading of **BILL#45-2024**: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO DECLARE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025, WITHIN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of Bill#46-2024, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading of **BILL#46-2024**: 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 INC. FOR SIREN MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1,2024 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025. With a roll vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-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#46-2024, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading of **BILL#46-2024**: 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 INC. FOR SIREN MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1,2024 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Naranjo-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of Bill#47-2024, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading of **BILL#47-2024**: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND PGAV PLANNERS, LLC. FOR PROFRESSIONAL SERVICES. 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.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of Bill#47-2024, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading of **BILL#47-2024**: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND PGAV PLANNERS, LLC. FOR PROFRESSIONAL SERVICE. With a roll call vote as follows, 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 first reading of Bill#48-2024, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading of **BILL#48-2024**: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND TRAVELERS INSURANCE FOR CYBER LIABITLY COVERAGE FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 9, 2024, THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2025. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of Bill#48-2024, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading of **BILL#48-2024**: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND TRAVELERS INSURANCE FOR CYBER LIABITLY COVERAGE FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 9, 2024, THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2025. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:** There will be no Board of Aldermen meeting on November 27, 2024, and December 25,2024.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Cannon reported that laptops were bought for himself and City Clerk/Manager Elsa Smith-Fernandez in the amount of $578.00.

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 7:02 pm.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez, City Clerk/Manager

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Jerry Cannon-Mayor