TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

06/25/2025

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a Board of Aldermen Meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall located at 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO 63380. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Cannon Called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. A roll call was taken Alderwoman Hartley- present, Alderman Brooks-present, Alderman Thomas-present and Alderwoman Wortham -present. Elsa reported that there was a quorum present. Those attending on behalf of the City of Truesdale were Mayor Jerry Cannon, Attorney Amber Bargen (Attorney Bargen arrived later at the meeting), Water Department Steve Harlan, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Treasurer Missy Bachamp and City Manager/City Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The Citizens in attendance were Dustin Loeffler (Property owner in Truesdale) , Kevin McCurdy (Truesdale Resident), and John Choinka (Choinka Municipal Services), Jack Underwood (Warren County Record).

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:

There were no citizen comments

Comments from the Mayor:

Mayor Cannon informed the Board that he had met with John, Steve, Joe and Doug at the Keeven property with the thought about possible taking over the street. They walked the streets to see what shape the streets are in. Mayor Cannon talked about some areas of the street that are in good shape and other areas have a need for entire sections of concrete to be replaced. There are other areas that need more extensive repair and other areas with normal wear and tear. John asked a question on how much the city would want to spend on maintaining the street. Mayor Cannon stated that the streets are in Truesdale and sees the value in taking the streets and understands that there would be cost and wanted to know what the Boards thought was. Mayor stated that if the city did accept the streets, then the current owners would need to make some repairs prior to the city accepting the streets. Alderman Brooks stated that he like the idea of the city taking the street over, to help the residents in the area and that the city did not have much legalities over. Alderman Thomas asked if any of the damage was result of the snow plow, Steve and Mayor Cannon reported that they did not believe so but they believe that it could be from large trucks. Mayor Cannon stated that the Keeven’s would like to have a meeting and if it was ok with the Board of Aldermen that he move forward with meeting with them. It was discussed how it could be beneficial for the City to take ownership.

Mayor Cannon discussed that the Banze has still not completed the work Smith Street, and it was discussed that there is still a $30,000.00 retainer.

Mayor Cannon talked about a possible leak in Heritage Hills on Sandra Drive. Mayor Cannon and Steve will meet at the location with Missouri Rural Water Association for a leak test.

Mayor Cannon reported that Clarkson had donated money for National Night Out and that the Fair Parade is Sunday and we will be advertising for National Night Out. There will be a Police Truck and Trailer, we will need walkers. The staging for the parade starts at 2:00 pm and will be at Binkley parking lot. Elsa reported that she received banners to advertise in the parade

Comments from the Board:

Alderman Thomas spoke with the Wright City Downtown District and spoke about putting a fence along the railroad. It may need to be something the city looks into and Alderman Thomas suggested that we talk to Boonslick Regional Planning Commission.

**Reports from Departments:**

City Engineer:

John Choinka has sent out the spreadsheet of the new permits from the last meeting. John stated that he spoke with Elsa about the fireworks stand, and that he thought Truesdale’s fees were low. John stated that other municipalities charge around $3,000.00 to $6,000.00. Elsa will do some research to see what other nearby municipalities charge.

Mayor Cannon discussed the possibility of prohibiting bottle rockets. Elsa provided information to the Board from other cities and their prohibitions of bottle rockets. It was discussed how unpredictable fireworks are. Alderwoman Hartley stated that she believes that there may be issuses banning certain fireworks when we cannot control the time frame that they are being discharged.

Public Works:

Water Department Head Steve Harlan informed the Board of a fire that happened on Saturday and Steve had flushed the hydrant on Sunday and noticed that a part was broke off, he is working on getting that repaired. Steve reported that he is also looking to get a hydrant installed at well#2. Steve reported that he, Joe and Doug have been working on mowing .

Mayor Cannon gave a report from Building and Grounds Maintenance Joe. Mayor Cannon stated that one of the mowers had to get worked on and now the other mower is on its way to the shop.

City Attorney:

Chief Doyle:

Chief Doyle reported that three officers will be attending the parade, one of the officers will be driving the truck in the parade. Chief Doyle reported that the Missouri Surplus application had been submitted and approved.

City Treasurer:

Treasurer Missy Bachamp stated that she had nothing to report at the time.

City Manager/City Clerk:

Elsa asked for approval to pay invoice#604616 from Utility Service in the amount of $16,580.77. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve payment of Invoice#604616 from Utility Service, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Elsa asked for approval of a firework stand permit for Meramec Specialty Company, DBA Fireworks City. Alderman Thomas made to the motion to approve the firework stand permit for Meramec Specialty Company, second by Alderwoman Wortham. Motion passed with 4 ayes.

Elsa reported that a gentleman from Pathfinders started volunteering at city hall, he has been setting up the Board of Aldermen room, checks the bathrooms, vacuums and shreds papers. It has been working out well, he works on Wednesdays and Fridays about an hour each day.

Planning and Zoning:

The next Planning and Zoning meeting is July 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm following the meeting there will be the first Board of Adjustments meeting.

**APPOINTMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2025-JUNE 30, 2026**

Alderman Thomas made the motion to appoint Elsa Smith-Fernandez to serve as City Manager/City Clerk, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.

Mayor Cannon appointed Missy Bachamp and Treasurer for the City of Truesdale. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the appointment of Missy Bachamp as Treasurer for the City of Truesdale, second by Alderman Brooks. Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes votes/0 no votes.

Mayor Cannon appointed Casey Doyle as Chief of Police for the City of Truesdale. Alderman Thomas made a motion to approve the appointment of Casey Doyle as Chief of Police for the City of Truesdale, Second by Alderwoman Hartley. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes. Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Mayor Cannon appointed Amber Bargen Law (Amber Bargen) as the City Attorney and City Prosecutor for the City of Truesdale. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the appointment of Amber Bargen Law (Amber Bargen) as the City Attorney and City Prosecutor for the City of Truesdale, second by Alderwoman Hartley. A roll call vote was taken, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.

**BILLS/ORDINANCES:**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of **Bill#25-2025**, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading of **Bill#25-2025:** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TRUESDALE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026**.** A roll call was taken, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of **Bill#25-2025**, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading of **Bill#25-2025:** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TRUESDALE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026**.** A roll call was taken, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes. **Bill NO. 25-2025 will now be Ordinance # 1131.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of **Bill#26-2025**, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading of **Bill#26-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE WARREN COUNTY R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026. A roll call was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, and Alderwoman Wortham-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of **Bill#26-2025**, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading of **Bill#26-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE WARREN COUNTY R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026. A roll call was taken, Alderwoman Wotham-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.  **Bill NO. 26-2025 will now be Ordinance # 1132.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of **Bill#27-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of **Bill#27-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SERVICE AND SUPPLY COOPERATIVE INC. A roll call was taken, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderwoman Wortham-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of **Bill#27-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of **Bill#27-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SERVICE AND SUPPLY COOPERATIVE INC. A roll call was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.  **Bill NO. 27-2025 will now be Ordinance # 1133.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of **Bill#28-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of **Bill#28-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ELSA SMITH-FERNANDEZ TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS CITY MANAGER/ CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF TRUESDALE. A roll call was taken, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderwoman Wortham-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of **Bill#28-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of **Bill#28-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ELSA SMITH-FERNANDEZ TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS CITY MANAGER/ CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF TRUESDALE. A roll call was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes. **Bill NO. 28-2025 will now be Ordinance # 1134.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of **Bill#29-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of **Bill#29-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND AMBER BARGEN LAW LLC (AMBER BARGEN) TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF TRUESDALE. A roll call was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of **Bill#29-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of **Bill#29-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND AMBER BARGEN LAW LLC (AMBER BARGEN) TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF TRUESDALE. A roll call was taken, Alderwoman Hartley -yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderwoman Wortham-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes. **Bill NO. 29-2025 will now be Ordinance # 1135.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of **Bill#30-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of **Bill#30-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CASEY DOYLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF TRUESDALE. A roll call was taken, Alderman Brooks -yes, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes**.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of **Bill#30-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of **Bill#30-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CASEY DOYLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF TRUESDALE. A roll call was taken, Alderman Thomas -yes, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderwoman Wortham-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes**. Bill NO. 30-2025 will now be Ordinance # 1136.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of **Bill#31-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of **Bill#31-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 710.020 OF CHAPTER 710 ON SEWER OF THE MUNICIPAL CODES OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE BY DELETING PARAGRAPH “E” AND ADDING A NEW PARAGRAPH “E”. A roll call was taken, Alderman Thomas -yes, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderwoman Wortham-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes**.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of **Bill#31-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of **Bill#31-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 710.020 OF CHAPTER 710 ON SEWER OF THE MUNICIPAL CODES OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE BY DELETING PARAGRAPH “E” AND ADDING A NEW PARAGRAPH “E”. A roll call was taken, Alderman Brooks -yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, and Alderwoman Wortham-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes**. Bill NO. 31-2025 will now be Ordinance # 1137.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of **Bill#32-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of **Bill#32-2025:**  AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 705.240 OF CHAPTER 705 ON WATER OF THE MUNICIPAL CODES OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE BY DELETING SECTION “C” AND ADDING A NEW SECTION “C”. A roll call was taken, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes**.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of **Bill#32-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of **Bill#32-2025:**  AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 705.240 OF CHAPTER 705 ON WATER OF THE MUNICIPAL CODES OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE BY DELETING SECTION “C” AND ADDING A NEW SECTION “C”. A roll call was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderwoman Wortham-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes**. Bill NO. 32-2025 will now be Ordinance # 1138.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of **Bill#33-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of **Bill#33-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE WARREN COUNTY R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026. A roll call was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes**.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of **Bill#33-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of **Bill#33-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE WARREN COUNTY R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026. A roll call was taken, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes**. Bill NO. 33-2025 will now be Ordinance # 1139.**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of **Bill#34-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of **Bill#34-2025:** AN ORDINDIANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MAIN STREET COMPUTERS TO PROVIDE IT SERVICES FOR CITY HALL AND THE TRUESDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT. A roll call was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes**.**

 Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of **Bill#34-2025**, second by Alderwoman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of **Bill#34-2025:** AN ORDINDIANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MAIN STREET COMPUTERS TO PROVIDE IT SERVICES FOR CITY HALL AND THE TRUESDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT. A roll call was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderwoman Hartley-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes**. Bill NO. 33-2025 will now be Ordinance # 1139.**

With no new business to discuss, Alderwoman Hartley made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderwoman Wortham. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

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**Elsa Smith-Fernandez**

**City Manager/City Clerk**

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 **Approved on the date written above**

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 **Jerry Cannon-Mayor**