TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

06/11/2025

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a Board of Aldermen Meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 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, Public Works Lead Steve Harlan, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, and City Manager/City Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The Citizens in attendance were Dustin Loeffler (Owner of 1600 East Veterans Memorial Parkway), , Kevin McCurdy (Truesdale Resident), and John Choinka (Choinka Municpal Services).

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:

Dustin Loeffler stated that the fourteen acre parcel next to Clarkson is going out for contract, to a group who is essentially is wanting to take the rock bases that are there and cover them with tuft. They plan on coming to the next planning and zoning meeting to collect feedback on a site plan. John Choinka (City Engineer and Zoning Administrator) stated that he spoke with Elsa and said that this isn’t a formal submittal, but if they wanted to come collect feedback that would be ok. Dustin stated that one of the contractors (from GeoSurface) will be attending the next Planning and Zoning meeting and a principal. There was future discussion on the specific fields, three turf fields and one grass field. Then there would be a parking lot and a retail space.

Comments from the Mayor:

Mayor Cannon thanked Chief Doyle and Sergeant Kelly for their help with one of our residents, they had gone above and beyond.

Mayor Cannon stated that the Public Works Department has been separated into a Water Department and a Building and Grounds Maintenance. Steve Harlan has been doing a great job in the Water Department and Joe Beckering has been doing a great job with the Building and Grounds Department. There will be a need to hire a part time position for the Water Department.

Comments from the Board:

Alderman Brooks stated that he spoke with Mark Meyers and Jason Janes, he stated that they thank us for our help with them utilizing Bruer Park.

**Reports from Departments:**

City Engineer:

John Choinka had sent out the spreadsheet of the new permits from the last meeting. John talked about the perlimary site plans and that he still needed them, and an updated one from a company that is utilizing 1402 East Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Public Works:

Public Works Lead Steve Harlan asked John Choinka about scheduling a walkthrough with McBride. Steve reported that he had classes this week, locates, and inspections. He stated that he went to get asphalt for Joe to work on Pinckney Street.

Mayor Cannon gave a report from Building and Grounds Maintenance Joe. He reported that Joe had replaced the emergency lights at city hall, cleaned out gutters, repainted the Board room and exterior doors, he ordered parts for the mower, etc.

Mayor Cannon discussed the streets at Countryside mobile home park and if the city is able to repair a couple pot holes. Currently, the city does not own the street but Mayor Cannon, Public Works and City Engineer will meet to look at the street.

Mayor Cannon talked about another issue about the drainage problem on North Water Street, he stated that Joe and Doug found a tree stump that is blocking the flow of water in the creek. It was discussed if the city had an easement on the property or if it would be the city’s responsibility to maintain that creek.

City Attorney:

Attorney Bargen stated that they closed out about a four year old case.

Chief Doyle:

Chief Doyle gave the following report: SRO Conference: SRO Taylor will be attending an SRO Conference, hosted by the Missouri Police Chief's Association. The conference begins on June 22 and ends on June 26, 2025. SRO Taylor will also be attending an advanced (3) day course in late July.

City Treasurer: Was not in attendance.

City Manager/City Clerk:

Elsa requested approval to pay Lewis Bade Invoice#27162 in the amount of $10,000.00 for engineering services on the Smith Street Project Phase 1. Alderman Thomas made the motion to pay Lewis Bade Invoice #27162 in the amount of $10,000.00, second by Alderwoman Hartley. A roll call vote was taken Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderwoman Hartley-yes and Alderman Thomas. Motion Passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.

Elsa stated that she provided a proposed draft budget for the fiscal year 2025 2026 for the Boards reviewal for discussion at the work session scheduled for June 12,2025.

Elsa requested approval for the Warren Country Fair Parade Route, Alderman Thomas stated that it would be on June 29th and the same parade route that has been used in the past. Alderman Thomas asked Chief Doyle if he had seen any issues on the route and he stated that no he did not. There were no objections to the parade route by any of the Aldermen.

Elsa informed the Board she had spoken with Chief Doyle about the possibility of utilizing the police truck in the parade to advertise for National Night Out. It would be simple just the police truck pulling a trailer with walkers handing out information for the National Night Out. Elsa also gave the Board of Aldermen a report on the progression of the planning for the National Night Out Event. Elsa stated that she would like to get minimal sponsorship for the food and bounce houses.

Planning and Zoning:

Mayor Cannon stated that the next Planning and Zoning meeting will be next Wednesday. Alderwoman Hartley stated that Commissioner Lefholz will be taking minutes for her because she will be out of town.

**BILLS/ORDINANCES:**

Alderman Thomas made the motion to for the first reading of **BILL NO. 24-2025,** second by Alderman Books.Elsa read the first reading of **BILL NO. 24-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND TIEDEMANN BANK EQUIPMENT, INC FOR THE ALARM SYSTEM FOR THE TRUESDALE CITY HALL AND THE MARYLOU CENTER. A roll call vote was taken Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to for the second reading of **BILL NO. 24-2025,** second by Alderman Brooks.Elsa read the second reading of **BILL NO. 24-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND TIEDEMANN BANK EQUIPMENT, INC FOR THE ALARM SYSTEM FOR THE TRUESDALE CITY HALL AND THE MARYLOU CENTER. A roll call vote was taken Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderwoman Wortham-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderwoman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote. **Bill NO. 24-2025 will now be Ordinance # 1130.**

With no new business to discuss, Alderwoman Hartley made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Brooks. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 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**