TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

09/11/2024

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday,September 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 Justin Naranjo-Present, Alderman Joe Brooks-present, Alderman Mike Thomas -present, and Alderman Kari Hartley- present. The City Manager/Clerk reported that a quorum is present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Jerry Cannon, Public Works Lead Steve Harlan, City Treasurer Missy Bachamp and City Manager/Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The guests in attendance were John Choinka (Choinka Municipal Services), Jack Dixon (Truesdale Resident), Bart Korman (Lewis Bade), MaryLou Rainwater (Truesdale Resident), Hal Pherigo (Truesdale Resident) Helen Pherigo (Truesdale Resident ), Jerry Pherigo (Truesdale Resident), 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.

Mayor Cannon recognized that the date was September 11th and talked about the events that happened on September 11,2001 and requested a moment of silence.

Citizens Participation:

Jerry Pherigo attended the meeting to get an update on the Smith Street improvement project as there had been some rumors. Bart Korman stated that he spoke with the general contractor and the subcontractor for the piping should be here by the end of the week but could be Monday or Tuesday. Mr. Pherigo stated that his concern was how long the road was going to be closed. Bart stated that there would no through traffic, while the piping is going in the road will only be closed in one direction at a time. While the paving is happening there will be a three-day window that there will not be access to the road. After the three days light traffic will be allowed, but we will try to keep the trash trucks and heavier trucks off of the road while its curing. The Pherigo’s will have access to their property by driving through their yard, there will be a storm drain (a bridge) and if it is real muddy there would need to be a UTV being utilized. Jerry Pherigo stated that he believed that would work. Other concerns were mail and trash pickup, Bart said that for those three days it maybe an inconvenience, but they may be able to relocate the mailbox. Missy stated that they could take the trash toters to MaryLou’s house. Alderman Hartley asked if they could use the side x side to take the trash to a different location. Bart talked about the PSI of the road and the notices given to residents, Elsa made additional copies to provide to the Board of Aldermen and to citizens attending the meeting. Bart stated that when the apron to the driveways are done, people will be inconvenienced for an additional three days.

Comments from Mayor Cannon:

Mayor Cannon talked about the streetlights and stated that Steven and Neil had come up with some good solutions on those. The one on South Street (near the storage sheds) was little to no cost, and the one at Bruer Park is across the street, aimed at the basketball court. Steven went ahead and gave him the approval to put in those lights as they were easy and relatively low cost. Steve had reported on streetlights at the entrance of Heritage Hills, there were two options given, going through one of the residents yards and Niel is looking into the second option coming in by the lift station, but either option there will be some costs to complete. Alderman Thomas asked if there would need to be MoDot approval for that light. The street light on Laura would be costly as there would need to be an addition of a transformer, but Steven will still get some cost.

Mayor Cannon stated that he and Elsa will be attending the Missouri Municipal League Training, and that He will be there on Monday and Tuesday, Elsa will be there from Saturday to Wednesday.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen:

Alderman Naranjo thanked the Truesdale Police Department and other agencies for their quick and sufficient response to the needs at the school.

Alderman Thomas complimented about how Agape had decorated the MaryLou Center. Elsa asked if the Board wanted to take the fabric down that are in the acoustic panels, Alderman Thomas asked if the fabric would interfere with the fans or heaters, Steve stated that he didn’t believe so. Elsa stated that it lowers the ceiling, the Board stated that they were fine with leaving them up.

Update on the Grants:

USDA: Elsa reported that the city had received the portion for the vehicle itself in the amount of $37,905.00. This does not include the additional costs of upfitting the vehicle, more invoices will need to be sent to USDA along with cleared checks.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

Building Inspector (Contracted):

John reported that he submitted an updated building permit list. He is expecting a couple more. He also thanked the Board for remembering September 11th.

John talked about, that he and Steve spoke about plat one A & B of Elkhorn Ridge and if it has been dedicated to the city yet. It was decided that it has not been, as there would need to be a walk-through. John said don’t release any escrow until an inspection was done. If a release is requested make sure John and Steve know to do an inspection, Elsa requested that she have in writing from John and Steve that the escrow is ready to be released.

Public Works:

Steve reported that he will be attending the MWRA training in October.

Steve stated that the storm drain area around 401 Sandra Drive, Rick Starks gave him a bid and it was $2800.00. Elsa stated that she would like to verify that the work being completed is comparable to the bid that Semke provided in the amount of $12,500.00. Alderman Thomas asked if we can get a written bid with details, and Steve said that Rick Starks was looking to start next week if he gets approval. Alderman Naranjo suggested to do an approval with a pending description of work. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the bid for $2800.00 from Rick Starks to do the work on the storm drain at Sandra Drive, second by Alderman Brooks. 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/0 no vote. Elsa stated that she and Steve would review to make sure the work was comparable.

Steve talked about the electric at Bruer Park, the suggestions that Josh Hartley had made. Steve spoke with Ryan with RL Electrical Services, and Ryan is going to get with Mr. Hartley to go over a couple of things and provide a bid with a couple of different options to the city. Mayor Cannon stated that he likes a couple of different options, for the Christmas lights and for Railroad Days. Everyone expressed their gratitude to Josh Hartley for his help and guidance with the electrical work.

Steve reported that at the new subdivision they main had been filled and will need to sit for twenty fours and take a sample if it is good the line will go live.

Steve stated that we are on the schedule with Flynn Drilling for a draw down on the well.

Steve provided water pressures in the cul-de-sac at Austin Drive.

Steve scheduled Joe Lawerance with MRWA who has over 20 years of experience, to come out and check the water coming from Sandra Drive to confirm that it is not a leak.

City Attorney:

City Attorney Amber Bargen stated that she reviewed the proposed adult business ordinance, and it looks good except there are some places that the city name needs to be changed to Truesdale.

Police Department:

Chief Doyle did not attend the meeting but provided a report for the City Manager to read.

Elsa read the report:

The Drug Take Back Event is scheduled for October 26,2024.

The Police Department has hired Patrolman Scott Taylor to fill the SRO position and will start at Rebecca Boone Elementary on October 1st.

The F150 is complete, and all invoices have been submitted, additional lighting was installed, and the truck is full in service.

Treasurer:

Missy reported that the ARPA account was closed, the project fund account has been closed, and the Public Safety Sales Tax Account has been opened.

City Clerk:

Elsa reiterated that the city has received the reimbursement of $37,905.00 so far for the police truck and does not include upfitting or an additional cost.

Elsa informed the Board of Aldermen that Elise is working on the data entry portion of the Lead and Copper and plans to meet with Steven on Friday to go over a few things.

Elsa reported that she had a phone meeting with Shannon and Meghan from Gilmore Bell about the NID collections and will be working on getting those invoices out in hopefully October.

Planning and Zoning:

Elsa reported that the next meeting will be on September 18, 2024, at 6:00 pm and that there will need to be a public hearing set up for the public to review and comment on the zoning codes.

Being no other business brought to the Board, Alderman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Brooks. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

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 Elsa Smith-Fernandez, City Manager/Clerk

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 Jerry Cannon-Mayor