TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

07/24/2024

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday,July 24, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall located at 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO. The meeting started at 5:30 p.m. 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 reported that a quorum is present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Jerry Cannon, City Attorney Amber Bargen, Public Works Lead Steve Harlan, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Treasurer Missy Bachamp, Administrative Assistant Elise Morris and City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The guests in attendance were John Choinka (Choinka Municipal Services), Gary Lively (Truesdale Resident), Jack Dixon (Truesdale Resident), Douglas Owenby (Truesdale City Employee and Truesdale Resident), Dusting Loeffler (Good Games Sports Park), and Jack Underwood (Warren County Record).

Mayor Cannon called the meeting to order.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the invoice for the Greater Warren County Economic Development Council (GWCEDC) 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 Citizens in participation

Comments from Mayor Cannon:

Mayor Cannon reported that there was a preconstruction meeting held at City Hall for the Smith Street Improvements project; Bart Korman, Mayor Cannon, Ameren, Charter, Banze, Steve, Elsa and John Choinka were in attendance. Mayor Cannon stated that the go ahead had been given and Banze signed the bonds. Banze will try to work on the street project at the same time they are working on a sidewalk project for the City of Warrenton. Mayor Cannon stated that there is a valve on Laura Street that will need to be repaired. Elsa said that we are still waiting on a start date as TS Banze needs to get with S&S utilities to see when they can start their portion of the project, because that will need to be done first. Mayor Cannon reported that they were still having trouble getting in contact with Gateway Fiber.

Mayor Cannon discussed the drainage issues after a heavy rain, he stated that he had never seen a “flood” like that in July. The first call he had received was from the Wheelers on North Water Street, there was water coming off the street like a waterfall. The water headed back to the creek on Keeven’s property. Steve mentioned that there is a tree in the creek that prevents quicker drainage. The second call was from Miguel and Patty Garcia on South Street. Mayor Cannon mentioned that the street had been torn up in that area about a year ago and that would need to be fixed and culverts and ditches need to be cleaned out on South Street. Mayor Cannon stated that the dam broke at Boone Ridge Manor and ran into Mrs. Murphy’s property. Mayor Cannon called Karenbrook and they addressed it right away.

Mayor Cannon stated that the biggest drainage issue is at Heritage Hills, and we have been having this problem for some time now. TR Hughes ran cameras through the storm drain that collects on Cynthia and Drains to the creek and then runs through the storm drain that crosses Sandra Drive and then runs to Heritage Landing and determined that the pipe was in fact collapsed. Mayor Cannon stated that what was put in was not according to plan, and the material was inferior and not enough rock was put in. Mayor Cannon stated that we are fixing something that was faulty to begin with, and there was a meeting with TR Hughes and Semke to figure out what can be done about it. It was determined that Steve and his crew would flush out the pipes along Cynthia, TR Hughes will have Semke repair the storm drain for the city. Semeke provided a quote to make the repairs and pour concrete for some curb troughs on Cynthia Drive to make a smooth transition to help the flow of the water, in the amount of $10,378.50. Elsa stated that we had also discussed what City employees can do versus what Semke can do, for example our guys can seed, and straw and we can cut some costs by doing some of the work, after speaking with Steve, Doug and Joe, it was decided that it would be best for the professionals to handle repairing the storm drain. It was agreed that something should be done as this is the only entrance for the subdivision. Alderman Hartley asked if there is anything that can go back to the builder, Mayor Cannon stated it was Rust Construction, that they went bankrupt, and he is deceased. Elsa stated that she would need to pull the records to verify, but she would imagine that there would be some sort of acceptance letter from the city. Mayor Cannon asked the Board to approve moving forward with Semke. Alderman Thomas asked if we could make sure we stay in contact with the residents to let them know when work will be done. Alderman Hartley stated that she wants to get this work done at Heritage Hills but asked about the budget. Elsa confirmed that this will be coming from the street fund. Alderman Hartley stated that we just need to proceed cautiously with the Smith Street Project. Elsa confirmed that there is also a miscellaneous/contingency fund for unexpected expenses. Mayor Cannon expressed that most of these drainage issues that Public Works can work on. It was also mentioned that JBC Transport was affected also. John Choinka stated that once the homes and lawns are established on Cynthia Drive that will help with the drainage also. Alderman Naranjo asked about the possibility of needing to change the specifications on future developments on the material that is being used for drainage. Gary Lively stated that he had lived on Sandra Drive since 2022 and the most recent flooding came about halfway up into his back yard, he said that the drain mentioned drains by his property. He stated that is washed out the birm behind his fence and he is afraid that it could wash out his fence post. He asked if a representative of Semke could come across and check the drainage area near his place. Steve stated that he spoke with John Choinka and they plan on putting larger rock in that area. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve Semke to complete the drainage work in Heritage Hills for $10,378.50, second by Alderman Hartley. A roll call vote was taken Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no vote.

Mayor Cannon welcomed Doug Owenby to the City Staff.

Mayor Cannon thanked Chief Doyle and Sergeant Kelly, stating they went above and beyond with a situation that happened on South Street. They had assisted Warren County Sheriffs Department. Mayor Cannon stated that it was in an area with a lot of kids. Chief Doyle stated that it was combined effort with a lot of agencies. Elsa thanked the police department from the City Hall staff, as there was a male looking in the windows and pulling on the doors and the police department was there to assist.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve paying the invoice from Don Brown Chevrolet in the amount of $64,025.00, 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 with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Mayor Cannon stated that he had a conversation with Principal Weeks about discussing ideas about what the city of Truesdale can do to help the school. He will speak with the administrative team to see what the needs are, and he will get back with the mayor.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen:

Alderman Thomas thanked the residents from Heritage Hills that showed up for the meeting.

Update on the Grants:

Sewer Grant: Nothing to report on the Sewer Grant

USDA: Chief Doyle reported that the truck had been received back from the upfitter and they will be waiting a couple of days before getting the decals on it.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

Building Inspector (Contracted):

John Choinka provided the list of building permits that have been issued, including the permits issued since the last meeting.

Public Works:

Steve reported that he had been showing Doug around town and some of the projects that the public works is looking to work on soon.

Steve stated they were cleaning the storm drains out in Heritage Hills and it is proving to be quite a chore, so he will reach out other resources to see about getting a vac truck.

Steve reported that the new pump from Vandeventer and it is interchangeable between both lift stations.

Alderman Thomas asked if there would be a fence around the retention pond, it was stated that you typically don’t see a fence around one.

Elsa reported that there will be a letter in the water bills for the Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory to start collecting some of that information.

City Attorney:

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Police Department:

Chief Doyle reported the following:

Ford F150:The Police Department took possession of the F150 and is currently evaluating the installed systems. It will be taken for graphics installation on August 1st, 2024.

MULES Audit: The Police Department participated in a mandatory audit of our MULES systems, procedures and security protocols. The audit also encompassed NIBRS reporting, UOF reporting and Missouri Rap Back participation. The audit was conducted by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Police Department was found to be compliant with current standards.

Treasurer:

Missy reported that Six Month Financial Statement in the paper and sent to the state.

Missy gave a report on the financials for Railroad Days:

The city received $21,215.00 in sponsorship and the total cost of the event was $25,899.11. The actual cost to the city was $4,684.11. It was decided that their Railroad Days recap meeting would be held on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

City Clerk:

Elsa requested payment of an invoice from Greater Warren County Economic Development Council in the amount of $5,000.00. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the invoice for Greater Warren County Economic Development Council in the amount of $5,000.00, second by Alderman Naranjo. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Naranjo-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed by 4 yes/0 no.

Elsa reported that she had contacted Boonslick Regional Planning Commission, and they are going to place the traffic counter at the gate in Country Home Mobile Park. Elsa stated that she had reached out to Lisa Redding to let her know that the traffic counter would be there and to touch base with her about the conversation from the last Board of Aldermen meeting. Lisa stated that she would get back with Elsa in about two weeks as she was very busy.

Elsa contacted Boonslick Regional Planning Commission about the drainage issues and possible grants along with the street project, Dawn stated that she would get back to Elsa.

Elsa Spoke with the communication specialist from the City of Warrenton about the Christmas parade coming through Truesdale and utilizing the same route that had been previously used. Elsa told her that was great and to please let the city of Truesdale know if there is anything we can help with.

Elsa stated that the Warren County National Night Out is on August 6th from 5 pm to 9 pm and asked about volunteers.

Elsa reported that she ordered two sets of firesticks, game passes, and controllers for the Community Christmas.

Planning and Zoning:

Alderman Hartley reported that the resolution had been passed for adopting the comprehensive plan, and that John with PGAV Planners had started working on the zoning ordinance draft. Elsa reported that John stated that there were enough parallels with Jonesburg that he believes there should be a draft for review at the next Planning and Zoning meeting in August. Elsa stated that one thing that the Mayor and Elsa spoke about was a plan administrator and that it would be the building inspector John Choinka.

Bills/Ordinances:

There were no bills/ordinances.

Being no other business brought to the Board, Alderman Hartley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Brooks. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

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Elsa Smith-Fenandez, City Clerk

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Jerry Cannon-Mayor