TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

February 24, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the board room located in the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO 63380. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was requested by Mayor Watson and answered as follows: Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Joseph Brooks-present, and Alderman Mike Thomas-present. The Administrator reported a full board present. Also attending for the City were Mayor Chris Watson, Attorney Katie Joyce, Public Work Supervisor Mark Bennett, Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez, and Administrator/city clerk MaryLou Rainwater. Visitors were Stanley Brookshier, JoAnn Toerper from Boonslick RPC, Jeff Parisi (Truesdale Storage), Bart Korman (Lewis-Bade Inc), and Jennette Weber.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an ordinance on worker’s comp. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the special meeting on February 3, 2021, regular board meeting on February 10, zoom meeting on February 17, 2021between the Truesdale and Warrenton Board of Aldermen, and January accounts payable list. Approving the consent agenda also states the Board has received the Treasurer’s report for the month of January and it will be filed for audit purpose.

Citizens Participation: Kurt Daniels from Cochran Engineering addressed the Board. He stated there seemed to be some confusion or misunderstanding on the Bruer Park Project from the comments from Bart Korman at the last meeting. There are no plans to change the plans and there are no issues on the project. The time frame will be tight with the other projects within the Park.

Jeff Parisi (Truesdale Storage) addressed the Board. He plans on putting in two more units on his property on Pinckney Street and he will go thru’ the same steps as before. He wants to put in a 6-foot fence to enclose his property including the front area. Part of the fenced in area will be used for outside storage. The fence will be back from the street and will not block the view. He does not plan to have barbed wire on the top of the fence. Adding the fence in the front of the building will require a variance on the fence ordinance. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the variance, second by Alderman Cannon and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed; 4 yes/0 no votes. Jeff will complete the fence application and submit to City Hall.

Bart Korman reported on the Safe Room progress. He stated there is not a lot of activity right now. The contractor continues to wait for the ground to be dry and frost free. Plans on to do screening within the next couple of weeks. The discussion on keys for the building. It was decided to have one key for all exterior doors, 1 key for all interior doors, and have a separate key for the kitchen door. There will be a master key that can open all doors. After a brief discussion, it was decided to have 10 master keys and 10 sets of the other three keys made.

Comments from Mayor Chris Watson: The meeting with the Warrenton Board of Aldermen was discussed. Attorney Joyce explained that Truesdale was a subdistrict on the sewer plant and not actual owners but there is still confusion on this issue. A copy of the original agreement and the current agreement will be emailed to all the Board members for their review. Mayor Watson stated he needs clarification on what is approved growth-is this after the Board of Aldermen has approved the final plans or is this a project that is being exposed. It was stated that Public Works Supervisor stated there is an additional pump at the lift station due to planned growth in the future. The capacity issue for the treatment plant needs to be clarified in future agreement.

Mark reported he has contacted Missouri Rural Water Association for help on the CMOM. Mark and MaryLou have been working on a draft copy. Mayor Watson stated the study will provide the information on what options are available for the City of Truesdale moving forward. Attorney Joyce stated she is making notes on the City’s concerns for future discussions. She is waiting for a reply for Warrenton’s Attorney Chris Graville to the letter she sent earlier this month.

Mayor Watson stated he is attending a meeting on February 25th at the Warren County Administration building to discuss the homeless issue in Warrenton County.

Mayor Watson reported Chief Casey Doyle and he went to the home of Johnny Kemp located on Market Street concerning complaints received on the three dogs on his property in the bitter cold temperatures. They provided straw to be placed in the dog houses, fed and water them, and put a tarp over one doghouse. It was discussed to look at adding the special care of domestic animals when it gets to be a certain cold or hot temperature. Attorney Joyce stated she will check with other agencies to see what requirements or suggestions they may have. These dogs do not belong to Johnny Kemp but the City’s ordinance also states harboring animals so he would fall under the City’s ordinances.

Mayor Watson stated the open house for Olive’s Bakery on February 20th was a large success.

Jeanette Weber presented the Truesdale Board with a wooden sign made by Martin and Jeanette. It says “The City of Truesdale-established 1857”.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen: Nothing at this time.

Grant Updates: The safe room updates were given earlier during this meeting. The addendum requested by the First State Community was reviewed. It stated the addendum to the tax equipment lease purchase agreement would state the equipment is considered personal property and will remain the same. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the addendum and authorize Mayor Watson to sign the addendum. Motion was second by Alderman Brooks, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes.

Administrator/City Clerk: The worker’s compensation renewal for the period of 4/1/2021 to 4/1/2022 was submitted for review and approval to pay. The amount due is $8,687.00. (corrected amount from the posted agenda). An audit will be completed usually in April and adjustment could be made. Last year, total cost after audit and first request was $9,465.00

Alderman Green made the motion to introduce Bill #2-2021 for the first reading, second by Alderman Thomas: An ordinance authoring and directing the Mayor of the City of Truesdale to execute an agreement between the City of Truesdale and Missouri Rural Services Work Comp Ins. Trust for Worker Compensation for the period of April 1, 2021though April 1, 2022, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed:4 yes/0 no votes. Alderman Green introduced Bill #2-2021 for the second and final vote, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes. This will now be Ordinance #939.

In the absence of Chief Doyle, the Administrator provided information from his report:

AG Program: The Police Department is working with a local business to facilitate a raffle to benefit the program.

Annual Report to Missouri AG: The Police Department has completed its annual report and it will be submitted by the March 1st Deadline.

Charge Codes: The Police Department has completed its review of newly changed charge codes and have made the appropriate changes.

Incident Reports: 5

Citations: 13

Warnings: 12

Calls for Service: 68

Treasurer’s Report: Elsa reported on the recent zoom meeting for the Kiwanis. She stated they are doing a fund raiser and will have a golf tournament on May 2nd. They are asking for gift cards to be donated.

Elsa stated it is time to start planning the Railroad Days Event and the first meeting should be set up in March. No action taken.

Attorney Joyce: Attorney Katie Joyce stated it has been a nightmare since the State has changed the charge codes and Chief Doyle and his officers have worked really hard on this issue. There will be no municipal court in February as it was moved to March.

Attorney Joyce asked if the City wanted to use Attorney/Client privilege on the letter she had sent to Warrenton’s Attorney Chris Graville. The Board stated they were ok with this letter being released but all agreed to check with Warrenton to see if they had an issue with it.

Payment is being made by the person who damaged park tables.

Public Works Supervisor’s Report: Mark reported on damage to the dump truck while snow plowing. A deer ran into the truck. Estimated were received from two companies: Harts Collision’s bid was $1,999.25 and Specialty Auto’s bid was $1,273.28 after removing sales tax on both bids submitted. It was noted the City workers can repair the headlight if they can obtain the parts The Board agreed with just repairing the head light on the truck and letting the City workers repair it.

Mayor Watson and the Board commented on the great job of snow removal done by Mark during the latest snow storms. They stated they had received several positive comments from others in the City.

Mark reported his class for February was cancelled due to the weather. The last classes are set for April 7 and 8, with graduation still scheduled for May 4 in Jefferson City. Mark will verify if others can attend the graduation.

Report from Various Committee:

TAC: MaryLou attended the TAC meeting by zoon on February 11, 2021. A report was provided showing the projects within the three counties for 2021, a report on unfunded needs , the guidelines and a list of the unfunded projects.

Greater Warren County EDC: Alderman Green stated this is the first meeting that was done in person instead of zooming for several months. He stated the solar farms are still being worked on and it is a two-year project to completion. Also, an additional project being looked into is a vertical farming project.

University Extension Center: Alderman Brooks was unable to attend the meeting as he was as the hospital for the birth of his daughter.

Being no other matter to come before the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Green made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Cannon, with all Aldermen approving.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor