TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

March 13, 2019

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held their regular Board meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, in Truesdale, Missouri. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was given: Alderman Mike Thomas-present, Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Shalene Blackwood-present, and Aldermen Stanley Brookshier-present. A full board was present; Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Mayor Chris Watson, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Chief of Police Rich Black, Treasurer Esther Smith and Deputy City Clerk Elsa Smith Fernandez. Administrator/Clerk MaryLou Rainwater was absent as she was attending the MOCCFA spring conference; minutes were recorded by Elsa Smith-Fernandez. Guests in attendance were Jeff Parisi, Scott Taylor, Chris Dempsey and Matt Avitt.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda. Motion was second by Alderman Blackwood, with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Blackwood with all Aldermen approving.

Citizens Participation: Jeff Parisi attended the meeting to seek approval from the Board of Aldermen to put up storage sheds at a property he is interested in purchasing within the city of Truesdale; 200 Pinckney St. Jeff stated that at this time that the units would not be climate controlled, but it would depend on what the market allows. Mayor Watson stated that safety would be a concern and asked Mr. Parisi if he would be putting up security cameras or a fence. Mr.Parisi stated that he could put up cameras and may eventually put up a fence but had no plans to at this point. Alderman Thomas informed Jeff that he would need to make sure that the proper building permit applications and business applications would need to be filled out before he could proceed with any construction. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the project of the storage facility at 200 Pinckney St, second by Alderman Green; a roll call vote as follows: alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Blackwood-yes, Alderman Green-yes, alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed.

Chris Dempsey attended the meeting with his assistant Matt Avitt concerning Belaire Mobile Home Park. Chris addressed the Board of Aldermen about the ordinance violations that the residents of the park has been receiving. Mr. Dempsey stated that multiple residents received ordinance violations for trash and as manager what are his options on removing the trash from the lots himself. Matt stated that Lt. Doyle told Mr. Dempsey and himself that they cannot clean it up themselves because if they do, they can be arrested for that. Chief Black confirmed that they cannot remove the resident’s property without permission and suggested they could offer to clean it up for them and get their permission to remove resident’s property. Mr. Avitt stated that he and Chris had been giving out 7-day notices to the residents to get the trash cleaned up in the park. Mayor Watson stated that the owners of the park along with the residents will continue to get tickets until the violations are corrected. Mr. Dempsey stated that he went around town and took pictures of other violations. Mayor Watson assured Mr. Dempsey that the Police Department is giving notices and violations throughout the city. Chris asked why the Board of Aldermen would not approve a variance for a nicer mobile home that’s older than 10 years old to come into Belaire Mobile Home Park. Alderman Blackwood stated that for years the owners of the mobile home park and Chris had been promising to clean up the park and make the appropriate repairs/fix the issues, such as mobile homes with no skirting on them and have failed to fulfill those promises. Mayor Watson informed Chris and Matt of the complaints that the city has been receiving on the streets in Belaire. The complaints consisted of large pot holes and a gravel road that the residents have a difficult time to get in and out of. Matt claimed that the run off rain water from Laura Street keeps washing off the gravel. Alderman Blackwood stated that the street had been there for over 12 years and asked why it is all the sudden a problem and that it was up to the owners to maintain their property and that the problems that need to be corrected go further than the rain water. Mayor Watson informed Mr. Dempsey of the letter received from the Fire Department in reference to the street conditions in Belaire Mobile Home Park and the difficulty entering the park if there was an emergency.

Mayor Watson suggested that as manager and owner of several mobile homes in the park that Chris enforce the park rules and regulations and that the goal was to clean up the city. Alderman Thomas said the city has had little to no communication with the actual owners of the park and that a little communication goes a long way. Elsa suggested that the residents in the park utilize the one free bulk pick up item per month from Grace Hauling and also gave the information of the O’Fallon dump to get rid of trash/large items.

Chief Black introduced Scott Taylor as a new hire part-time police officer.

Comments from Mayor Chris Watson: Mayor Watson stated that he had been speaking to representatives with Kiwanis. Alderman Thomas said that Kiwanis is a great organization for kids. Mayor Watson informed the Board of Alderman that a membership for the organization is $100.00, and that it would be $20.00 per person for the membership.

Comments from Board of Aldermen: Alderman Thomas informed the Board that he was planning on setting up a meeting with the builders in Heritage Hills to go over some rules, he does not have a time or date set yet.

Alderman Blackwood reported that the Girl Scouts will be working on the pet waste stations for Bruer Park over the weekend.

Alderman Green reported that he and MaryLou were able to attend a celebration for Ken Bruning who had turned 100 years old. They presented him with a proclamation from the City of Truesdale.

Report from Departments, Board, and Committees:

Administrator/Clerk: MaryLou is attending the MOCCFOA Spring Conference and will return to the office on Friday March 15,2018.

A revised proposal from DaCom was given to the Board of Aldermen. The Board decided to table the decision of choosing a copier at this time.

Attorney’s Report: Attorney Joyce was absent. Mayor Watson reported that Attorney Joyce has been digging through records concerning the Chrismer property.

Public Works Supervisor’s Report: Mark reported that Roger Owenby has not submitted his bid for the electrical work needing to be done at Bruer Park. Mark informed the board that he will call Bart Korhman on Friday in reference to the storm drain on Austin drive. Mark reported that the handicap rails were installed in the bathrooms at Bruer Park and that there has been discussion on handicap accessible swingsets.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Black reported that Dan has been diligently working on M.U.L.E.S and is getting closer. Dan requested that the city would stop receiving a bill for M.U.L.E.S while its not being used. Chief Black stated that he would check into the possibility of being reimbursed or credited for what has been paid into to M.U.L.E.S.

Chief Black informed the Board that Special Olympic T-shirts would be available in the next week.

Report from Aldermen on various committees:

Alderman Green reported that the next meeting for the MO University Extension Center on March 25th, and they will hold their annual dinner.

Alderman Blackwood was unable to attend the TAC meeting, MaryLou Rainwater went in her place. Shalene will continue to attend the TAC meetings.

Alderman Brookshier gave a written report on the Chamber Board meeting.

Resolutions:

Alderman Blackwood made the motion for the reading RESOLUTION 2019-2, second by Alderman Green:

The Truesdale Board of Alderman on Wednesday, March 13,2019 authorized the submission of the application to the Warren County Developmental Disabilities Board, Inc. during the regular Board Meeting. roll call was taken: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Blackwood-yes. Motion passed:4 yes/0 no.

Being no other business to discuss, Alderman Green made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Brookshier.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

Deputy Clerk

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Chris Watson

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