TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

01/12/2022

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was requested and answered as follows: Alderman Jerry Cannon- present, Alderman Joe Brooks-present, Alderman Mike Thomas-present, and Alderman Robert Green -Absent. City Clerk reported a quorum present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Chris Watson, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Chief Casey Doyle, Attorney Katie Joyce, Treasurer Missy Bachamp, Utility Clerk Elise Morris and City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The guest in attendance were Adam Rollins (Warren County Record), Kelly Riehl, Jane Kelly, Hope Fick, Rob Bougeno, and Stacy Blondin (Main Street Real Estate).

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Cannon made the motion to approve the agenda, motion was second by Alderman Thomas, motion passed with all present Aldermen approving. Alderman Cannon made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Thomas, motion passed with all present Aldermen approving.

Citizens Participation:

Jane Kelly approached the Board of Aldermen seeking a variance for a 1999 Mobile home to place on the property she owns on Smith/Wabash Street. Jane provided pictures of the home for the Board to review, proving that the home is in livable condition, although the Kelleys will be remodeling the home it is move in ready. Jane also provided pictures of the remodels that has been completed by her business, Kelley Homes, LLC. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve a variance for Jane Kelley to bring in a 1999 mobile home into the city of Truesdale, second by Alderman Brooks. With a roll call vote as follows; Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green was absent. Variance granted with a 3 yes/1 absent vote.

Stacy Blondin attended the meeting on behalf of Brian Nolan. Brian Nolan has a contract on the property located at 801 Smith Street. Stacy approached the Board of Aldermen requesting a waiver of fees that included, sewer connection, the street bond, and permit fees. Stacy stated that to repair the sewer line is proving to cost more than anticipated. Stacy stated that Mr. Nolan was looking to clean up the property. Alderman Cannon stated that he had used to work in the building located at 801 Smith Street and that he had safety concerns about the building itself.

A discussion was held about the prices for sewer connections, street bonds, and permits. Elsa informed the board that depending on the size of the sewer connection the price would be between $1500.00 - $1800.00 for a 6-inch line and an 8-inch line. The street bond is $400.00 with a permit fee of $100.00, Elsa stated that she cannot give a cost on the building permits until it known exactly what would be included in the building plans. Mayor Watson stated that there would be no way that Truesdale could waive the Warrenton sewer connection fee. Elsa asked Stacy if she or the Mr. Nolan had checked with Boonslick Regional Planning to see if funds were available to help offset the cost of the sewer connection, Stacy informed the Board that there was no contact made with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission. Mayor Watson expressed the importance of beatifying the area, with all the upgrades done at Bruer Park it would be necessary to encourage cleaning up the property at 801 Smith Street. Alderman Thomas made the motion to waive the Truesdale Sewer Connection fee from 801 Smith, contingent on the agreement of beatification of the property, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green- absent. Motion Passed with a 3 yes/ 1 absent vote. No other fees were waived.

Rob Bougeno approached the Board of Aldermen to request a variance for a mobile home. Mr. Bougeno stated that the home is currently located in Villa Ridge and is looking to move it Countryside Mobile Home Park in Truesdale. The home was purchased by his 27-year-old son. Mr. Bougeno stated that the whole interior of the home would need to be rehabbed. Alderman Cannon asked Mr. Bougeno if he could rehab the home where its located and come back to the Board to seek a variance, that the concern would be granting a variance for a project home that is currently not move in ready. Mr. Bougeno stated that he could have it livable in approximately two to three months, currently the drive time to fix it where its at is not feasible for him and with it being located in Truesdale, he would be closer and would have more time to invest in rehabbing the home. The Board requested pictures of the inside and underneath the home, at this there was no variance granted and the discussion was tabled.

Comments from the Mayor: Mayor Watson stated that he had spoke with Kathy Thomas about using the MaryLou Community Safe Room for a warming shelter. He explained that when the warming shelter would be activated the hours would be from 8pm to 8am. He stated that the city does not have the staff to operate a warming shelter, so an organization would need to head that up. The organization would be need to supply all the necessitates to operate a warming shelter, such as cots, bottled water, etc. Mayor Watson stated his concern on protecting the city, while it is being used as a warming shelter or potentially even a cooling center.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen: Alderman Cannon gave an update on the headstone for Mr. Truesdale. He stated that the dedication would be April 9, 2022. It was reported that we have received $992.00 in donations and that we still needed to have $682.00 to cover the cost of the head stone as no city money will be used. Chief Doyle spoke with Paul Brockfeld about a gun raffle and plans to have the details finalized by the next board meeting.

Alderman Thomas stated that it is time for the city of Truesdale to consider Planning and Zoning, it is understood that it would need to be approved by the voters and that the city would need to come up with a master plan layout.

Mayor Watson talked about being contacted by Mike Hartman from the USDA about any needs that the city had. Mayor Watson informed the Board that we were interested in a truck with a snowplow and a salt spreader.

Update on Grants:

Sewer Study: Josh Hartsock sent updated information about the regionalization option with PWSD No. 2.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

City Clerk/Treasurer: Elsa reported that Paul Brockfeld was wanting to use community safe room for the hunter’s education course and was inquiring about utilizing the building for free. He would use the building approximately 4 to 5 times per year. The Aldermen are wanting more information such as specific dates, how many people, if there is a fee for the participants. There were no decisions made at this time.

Elsa reported that she was contacted by Ameren about a streetlight on the west of Bolm & Wabash that a resident no longer wanted. Ameren asked if the city would want to take over the cost to keep it active. The streetlight cost is $20.68 per month, which would equal $248.16 per year. Alderman Cannon made the motion to take over the streetlight on the west of Bolm & Wabash, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-absent. Motion Passed with a 3 yes/1 absent vote.

Elsa informed the Board that the annual audit report for the year ending on June 30,2021 had been completed and she provided them with a copy.

Elsa reported that the new Treasurer Missy Bachamp had her first day of work with the city on January 3,2022

Public Works: Mark suggested a 3-compartment sink for the kitchen at the safe room, due to the requirements from the health department about having a wash, rinse, and sanitize bin. Mark also discussed a streetlight for heritage hills and stated he would have more information at the next meeting.

Attorney’s Report: Attorney Joyce stated that she read over the rental agreement for the MaryLou Community Building. She asked the Board to confirm that they wanted to keep Truesdale’s golf cart ordinance consistent with the neighboring ordinances to eliminate confusions. Attorney Joyce stated that she was able to confirm that there would not be any changes for the city with the transfer of the abatement with Coca-Cola to Refresco.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Doyle stated that he is looking to hire an officer at the end of the month. Chief Doyle provided the Board with a bid from Johnson Control for cameras at the safe room. No decisions were made on the security cameras the bid was for informational purposes only to get a better idea of how much the cameras would cost.

Previous Business: January 18,2022 at 6pm will be the recap meeting for the Truesdale Community Christmas and to start discussing the plans for the next city event.

Being no other business to come before the Board, Alderman Cannon made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

City Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor