TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

05/25/2022

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 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: Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, Alderman Joe Brooks-present, and Alderman Mike Thomas-present. City Clerk reported a quorum present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Chris Watson, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Attorney Katie Joyce, Treasurer Missy Bachamp, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, and City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The guest in attendance were Adam Rollins (Warren County Record) and Dustin Loeffler (GG Sports Park).

Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda, motion was second by Alderman Thomas, motion passed with all present Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Thomas, motion passed with all present Aldermen approving.

Citizens Participation: Dustin Loeffler attended to request approval for a temporary firework stand permit. The stand would be made of two containers, with windows, and would be locked up. Mr. Loeffler stated that he will be getting the containers from Hunter Module in Jonesburg. Mr. Loeffler stated that he has turned in the paperwork to City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez, with the exception of the insurance that he will be receiving this Friday. The temporary firework stand would be under the name of Wooden Spoon Fireworks DBA Bang For Your Bucks, located at 1600 East Veterans Memorial Parkway and currently has a business license within the city of Truesdale. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the temporary firework stand pending the insurance certificate, second by Alderman Thomas. A roll call was taken, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Comments from the Mayor: Mayor Watson asked if the annexation of Mr. Loeffler’s property on South Spoede would require the city to take over part of the street.

Mayor Watson stated that he met with representatives from T.R. Hughes and that they are requesting a (NID) Neighborhood Improvement District for the property they looking to build on. The discussion consisted of who would be responsible for the bond, what would be the total amount of the bond, and how would the bond be paid? The bond would fall on the homeowner as a special assessment tax, then the developer, and then the bank, and lastly if the homeowner, developer and bank all went under, it would fall on the city. A NID is a common practice used in other cities and counties for the development of new homes. The amount of the bond is unknown at this time and would be paid by the homeowner on their special assessment taxes and will drop off once the bond is paid in full.

Mayor Watson stated that the kitchen at the saferoom looks great.

Update on Grants:

Sewer Study Grant: Elsa stated that she had contacted Michael Hartman regarding the reimbursement for the sewer study grant. Elsa set up correspondence between Josh Hartsock and Michael Hartman.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

City Clerk:

Elsa discussed the request that was received from the Warrenton Downtown Association to work together on the Christmas events, since both events would potentially be on the same day. The city would provide a liaison to attend the planning meetings.

Public Works:

Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett reported that Neil with Ameren is going down the line to replace the streetlights.

Mark stated that he received the invoice from MKA Contracting, LLC for ditch cleaning and rip rap placement for the purpose of the proper draining of storm water on Sandra Drive. The invoice was for the amount of $3256.00. It was also discussed that it would be necessary to have MKA do the same thing on Austin Drive, due to the storm water not flowing in the area and concerns over standing water. Alderman Green made the motion to hire MKA Contracting, LLC to clean the portion of the creek by Austin and place rip rap to help the flow of the storm water, second by Alderman Cannon, with a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Thomas-abstained. Motion passed with a 3 yes/0 no/1 abstained vote. Alderman Thomas abstained due to the work is being done in close proximity of his property.

Mark informed the Board that he was contacted by one of the crossing guards about making a walkway from Smith Street to the parking lot and then from the bend in the sidewalk to Market Street, so children are not walking to school in the road. Mayor Watson, asked Mark to see if Eckenfels would be able to do the work while they are working on the other concrete in Bruer Park and if the cost is under $2000.00, go ahead and do it.

Mark also reported that a younger gentleman is interested in helping the city during the summers. Mayor stated that Boonslick has a program that would take care of hiring and the pay, he suggested for Mark to reach out to Boonslick.

Attorney: Attorney Joyce briefly discussed the NID request, and the future plans of Refresco.

Chief of Police’s Report:

Chief Doyle reported that there would be two Truesdale Officers attending Railroad Days and that there were three additional people interested in participating as additional security at the Railroad Days Summerfest event. Elsa reported that she spoke with another city in regard to how the additional security would be handled as this was the first year the city would be utilizing additional security. Elsa informed the Board of Aldermen that she had provided Chief Doyle with the W9 forms that would need to be filled out, and that the city would 1099 the individuals who are providing additional security for the event. Alderman Green made the motion to hire additional security for the Railroad Days Summerfest, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Bills and Ordinances:

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of BILL#15-2022, second by Alderman Brooks, Elsa read the first reading of BILL#15-2022 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND NICK’S BARNYARD BUDDIES”. A roll call vote as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Green made the motion for the second reading of BILL#15-2022, second by Alderman Thomas, Elsa read the second reading of BILL#15-2022 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND NICK’S BARNYARD BUDDIES”. A roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of BILL#16-2022, second by Alderman Thomas, Elsa read the first reading of BILL#16-2022 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND O’FALLON SEWER”. A roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

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 Previous Business: Missy reported that she would send an email to the 22 vendors we have for Railroad Days Summerfest, informing them of the items that are going to be sold. The Mobile Teddy Bear Bus will be there and there will be a donation of funds to purchase bears for door prizes.

Being no other business to come before the Board, Alderman Green made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Cannon, with all Aldermen approving. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

City Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor