TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

07/27/2022

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 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 Mike Thomas-present, Alderman Joe Brooks-Present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, and Alderman Robert Green-present. City Clerk reported a quorum present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Chris Watson, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Treasurer Missy Bachamp, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, and City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The guests in attendance were Adam Rollins (Warren County Record), Leland Moloney (Warrenton Oil Company), Dustin Loeffler (Good Game Sports Park) Mark & Karen Reighard (Righteous Rides/World Brew Café), and Chad Eggen (Boonslick Regional Planning Commission).

Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Greater Warren County Economic Development Committee invoice, 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: Mark Reighard approached the Board of Aldermen to request a modification to the current business license for Righteous Rides. This modification would allow Righteous Rides to extend their business services to include the World Brew Café. Righteous Rides is a nonprofit and is sales tax exempt. Mr. Reighard stated that the World Brew Café would be doing business under the same Missouri Tax ID number as Righteous ride and would also be sales tax exempt. Alderman Cannon stated that he had visited the café and that there was a minimum donation required for purchases. Alderman Cannon questioned the legitimacy of the café being a non-profit due to the minimum donation required, and that it is an unfair practice as there are other businesses in Truesdale that offer the same service (Olive’s Bakery) that have went the proper route of requesting a business license first. Mr. Reighard stated that he was unaware of the need to add the café to the business license. Mr. Reighard stated that the café has since changed the policy on donations, they are no longer required, the donations are recommended or appreciated. Mr. Reighard stated that they have been serving coffee to missionaries for years and wanted to serve the community to raise awareness of the services provided. Aldermen Green stated that the grand opening of the café was prior to city knowing about it and failure to have all the information they needed from the state. Mr. Reighard submitted an email from the Missouri State Taxation Division, the email states” From what you provided and that I can only five you the taxability to your situation, if you are giving out coffee, water, etc for free and accepting donations, the transactions would not be considered taxable. This would fall under the organization’s charitable, civic and religious activities.” Alderman Thomas made the motion to modify the current business license for Righteous Rides to include World Brew Café, second by Alderman Green. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/ no vote.

Leland Moloney approached the Board of Aldermen to request an additional business license for the Warrenton Oil Company for gas pumps and a car wash. Mayor Watson stated that when a representative from Warrenton Oil attended a Board meeting in the past, they asked for a variance for a gravel parking lot versus a concrete parking lot, for this project. There was no mention of a gas pump or car wash opening to the public. Leland stated that the business has been operating for about six months. Alderman Green stated that this comes back to being transparent about what the plans for the company are. Alderman Cannon stated that there are procedures that need to be followed. Alderman Green made the motion to approve a business license for the gas pumps and car wash at Warrenton Oil located at 2229 South Spoede Lane, Truesdale, MO 63380, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Chad Eggen attended the meeting to provide information on the installation of a Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Truesdale. The first step would be to set an ordinance creating the commission and Chad suggested that the city have a work session to iron out the details.

Comments from the Mayor: Mayor Watson stated that he had met with Steven Coffman from Refresco and addressed some concerns that the city may have. Mayor Watson stated that Mr. Coffman expressed they would like to have a strong partnership with the city. Mayor Watson informed the Board that he will be attending the Fire Departments Award Ceremony.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen: Alderman Thomas mentioned the concerns that the residents have over the new subdivision.

Alderman Green talked about the GWCEDC and gave an update on some of the active projects.

Alderman Cannon stated that he would be speaking about the Railroad and Mr. Truesdale at Oak Point at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2022.

Update on Grants: There were no updates on the Sewer Study.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

City Clerk: Elsa requested approval to pay the invoice from the Greater Warren County Economic Development Council Invoice#1201. Alderman Thomas made the motion to pay the Greater Warren County Economic Development Council Invoice#1201, second by Alderman Green. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Elsa presented a letter from Ann Owen the owner of S&R Animal Control, informing the Board of a counter contract that would consist of 24 visits to the city per year. The visits would need to be requested by the city only. Residents would need to contact the city to get assistance from S&R animal control. Elsa reported that last year there were 9 dogs and 4 cats picked up, with 7 warnings given. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the new contract from S&R Animal control for 24 visits per year, with a monthly cost of $300.00, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote. Elsa stated she would have an ordinance ready for the next meeting. Alderman Cannon stated that the city would need to get word out to the residents to contact the city to get in touch with animal control.

Elsa presented a quote from General Code to codify and supplement the updated legislation for the City of Truesdale. The quote is for six ordinances (ordinance numbers 949, 950, 978, 980, 989, and 990) with an estimation of $629.00 and $721.00. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the quote of $629.00 to $721.00 for the codification and the supplementation for the legislation for the City of Truesdale by General Code, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote was taken Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Elsa gave the Board a quote for a pole sign outside of City Hall. For a monochrome sign it is $33,558.06 and for a full color pole sign the cost would be $35,658.06. Alderman Thomas asked about the possibility of the sign getting “hacked”, Elsa stated she would talk to the company.

Elsa informed the Board of Alderman that the new computers have been installed in city hall, the cost was approximately $3300.00, about $2,200.00 under budget.

Elsa reported that the six-month financial statements have been completed and will be in the newspaper.

Elsa stated that there was a workshop on August 10, 2022, for SEMA Substantial Improvement/ Damage reporting. This is the same day as a public hearing and Board meeting. Elsa said that she spoke with Elise Morris to take minutes for the public hearing and Board meeting and Elsa would attend the Board Meeting but would be late.

Elsa reported that she had received information on the licensing needing to be obtained for the purpose of the city hosting movie nights. Elsa stated that the city would not be able to obtain an annual license since movies that are shown with an annual license would need to be indoors and could not be advertised. Fees for licensing: 200-500 people $665.00-$700.00 and less than 200 people $435.00-$465.00 per showing with specific times and dates.

Elsa reminded the Board that August 2nd is National Night Out, August 3rd the Board has a work session, and August 4th there is a tour at the Good Game Sports Park. Elsa stated that we are still looking for cross guards. The Warrenton Downtown Association will have a meeting on August 24, 2022, at noon that she plans on attending.

Elsa stated that the city was notified that there would a 2-to-4-week delay in the mail and that this could affect the water bills getting to the residents and businesses in a timely manner and asked about the possibility of delaying disconnections. The reason for the delay in the mail is due to the flooding that occurred in the St. Louis area and the St. Louis post office suffered from flooding and an electrical fire. Alderman Green made the motion to delay disconnections for the month of August 2022 only, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Public Works: Mark reported that the steps at the MaryLou Community Center were installed and that the handrails would be installed in the next two to three weeks.

Mark informed the Board of Aldermen that Vandevanter Engineering pulled the pumps at the lift station and that the worker stated the pump would be good for two to three years, but the salesperson stated that the city may want to purchase a new one.

Mark stated that the baby changing tables and signs have been installed, one at Bruer Park and one at The MaryLou Community Center.

Mark reported that the signs in Heritage Hills have been installed.

Mark informed the Board that he is still waiting on a bid from Eckenfel’s Flatwork for the concrete pad and extension to the sidewalks at Bruer Park.

Attorney: Attorney Joyce was not in attendance.

Chief of Police’s Report: Elsa submitted a letter of appreciation for Chief Doyle, from the Warrenton Police Department. The letter expressed appreciation for Chief Doyle’s assistance in the Active Killer Defense Training.

Chief Doyle informed the Board of Aldermen that there have been multiple complaints of activity happening at the park late at night. Chief Doyle requested permission to add an audio cable to one camera under the pavilion. Adding an audio cable under the pavilion would help capture events happening under the pavilion and could help deter illegal activity. There were no objections to adding a audio cable under the pavilion.

 Bills/Ordinances: There were no bills or ordinances

At 7:11 p.m., Alderman Green made the motion to enter executive session, pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) of the RSMO: hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:28 p.m., Alderman Brooks made the motion to enter back into regular session, second by Alderman Green. A roll call vote as follows, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4yes/ 0 no vote.

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 7:30 p.m.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

City Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor