TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

January 22, 2020

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, Missouri.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Watson requested roll call of the Alderman Mike Thomas-present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, Alderman Robert Green-present, and Alderman Stanley Brookshier-present. A full Board was present. Others attending the meeting for the City were Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez, and Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. Visitors were Rodger Wells and Bart Korman (Lewis-Bade Inc).

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve agenda, second by Alderman Thomas with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda (the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting and special meeting on January 13, 2020). Approving the consent agenda also stated the Board has received the Treasurer’s report for the month of December 2019 and it will be filed for audit purpose. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving.

Citizens Participation: Rob Hamlin (Warren County Organics) did not attend the meeting.

Wes and Jane Kelly did not attend the meeting. The Board discussed closing the portion of West Street from Wabash Street to Smith Street. This will be discussed again at the next meeting with an ordinance being prepared to pass if the Board decides to close it.

Mayor Watson asked to move the agenda around to discuss items with Bart Korman. Lewis-Bade Inc has been approved by SEMA as the engineer on the project. There is now a time crunch as the plans needs to be submitted to SEMA by March 24th. That is going to be a tight deadline to meet. Bart stated Andrews Engineering will be doing geotechnical site investigation for a fee of $12,500. As this is a sub under Lewis-Bade Inc. the Board will approve payment to them but under the same ordinance as Lewis-Bade Inc. Lewis-Bade Inc fee will be $95,000. Alderman Green introduced Bill #4-2020 for the first reading: An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Truesdale to execute an agreement between the City and Lewis-Bade Inc for engineering services and other professional services for the construction of a FEMA 361 Tornado Safe Room in Bruer Park. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed:4 yes/o no vote. Alderman Thomas introduced Bill #4-2020 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Green, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Brookshier-yes. This will now be Ordinance #901. The need for a staging area when the work is started was discussed. Several options will be reviewed. Mayor Watson stated it is very important to stay within the budget.

It was discussed to have a pre-design meeting to review the original plans and how best to design the building. The date of Wednesday, January 29,2020 at 4:00 p.m. is a tentative date. The Administrator will check with Chad Eggen and Drew at Booneslick RPC to see if they can make the meeting at this date and time.

Mayor Watson and Alderman Thomas stated the water was flowing properly with the work done on Austin Drive and no calls was received.

Comments from Mayor Watson: Mayor Watson stated he had dinner with Representative Bryan Spencer and the Mayors from St. Peters, New Melle, and Wright City.

Mayor Watson addressed the Warren County Planning and Zoning on behalf of Agape and their plans to move to the former American Legion Hall on Highway W if approved. Mayor Watson stated this is a really great organization that does a lot of good things for the area. Their plans were approved.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen: Alderman Thomas presented Chief Doyle with a Missouri House of Representatives Certificate of Recognition with a photo of Truesdale Police Officer James Plackemeier with five-year-old Jacob Cunningham during National Night Out in Truesdale on August 6, 2019.

Alderman Cannon stated he heard the bakery owner may be wanting to sell it in the future. Nothing definite yet.

Report on Bid Openings and Current Projects: The grass has been established. Some settling has occurred and MKA has filled in around the manhole. Alderman Thomas stated there are concrete pieces in yards that still need to be removed. Bart stated if it is 2” or larger will need to be picked up. It was noted the concrete will not be sealed until weather warms up.

The City reviewed the contract proposed by Cochran for the Bruer Park Land and Water Conservation Grant. Mayor Watson and City Administrator MaryLou Rainwater had a telephone conversation concerning the original contract sent and requested changes be made. After reviewing the new contract, the changes suggested had been made. The contract was reviewed by Chad Eggen from Booneslick and he gave his approval. The City can accept the contract, but final approval will be needed from the DNR Grant Provider. Alderman Green introduced Bill #5-2020 for the first reading, second by Alderman Thomas: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND COCHRAN FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR BURER PARK WITH THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Alderman Thomas introduced Bill #5-2020 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Green, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. This will now be Ordinance #902. The approved contract will not be provided to Cochran until approval has been received from the Grant Provider.

The Board discussed the hosting of the Concert in the Park, National Night Out, and Railroad Days during the construction of the two projects. Alderman Brookshier reminded the Board that he has reserved two golf carts for Railroad Days. Alderman Brookshier will provide the contact information to the City Administrator.

Reports from Departments, Boards and Committees:

Administrator/City Clerk: The Administrator reported that she received a call from Dewayne Andrews inquiring why he could not park his dump truck and other equipment on an empty lot in the subdivision. Chief Doyle stated it says vehicles can not be parked on an unpaved area, the dump truck vehicle license expired in December 2019. Also if there is a public nuisance and the owner does not comply within the certain number of days given to comply, the City can clean it up and put a lien in the property. Mayor Watson stated the City has been lenient with the builders, but the complaints are still being received. A discussion followed concerning the unpaved parking as most of the driveways within the City are not paved. Chief Doyle, Elsa and MaryLou will review the ordinance and the Administrator will have an ordinance ready for the Board’s review at the next meeting. The Administrator also advised him about the requirement to call Missouri One Call and the penalties for not calling before excavating. Andrews stated Jaeger had put a stump onto Andrews lot without permission. The Mayor agreed that this is a civil matter between the two builders. The brush pile was discussed and Andrews stated he would have it gone with two weeks (either by burning it or removing it.

The filing deadline for the position of Aldermen in the April 7, 2020 has passed. The City has four candidates that have filed: Michael Thomas, Rodger Wells, Joe Brooks, and Rhonda Colombo.

An update was provided to the Board on the street survey. The City has received 34 surveys as of January 22, 2020.

Tentative meeting for the Concert in the Park is set for May 15th. Mike Shilhavey will come a Truesdale meeting to discuss the details in the near future.

Treasurer’s Report: Nothing to report at this time. Mayor Watson stated he suggested and approved a second monitor for the treasurer and the administrator.

Attorney: Attorney did not attend the meeting as he was out of town.

Public Works Supervisor: Mark was getting things ready to plow snow. He did submit the quote from Negwer Door Solutions for the replacement door for the park at a cost of $502.83. Mark was checking to see on the cost of painting the door and Mayor Watson stated he would paint the door himself.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Doyle stated all suspects have been identified that did the damage at Bruer Park-they are juveniles. Parents have been contacted and one parent has agreed to pay for the damage but would need to make a payment arrangement. Chief Doyle stated this would need to be approved.

Plans are to install the cameras at City Hall this week.

The Truesdale Police Department will now be using the National Incident Base System and the Chief will attend training on the system in February.

Since the last meeting, there has been 8 incidents, 76 calls, 22 tickets. and 28 warnings given.

Alderman Green asked about one of the comments on the street survey requesting more drive by in the area of Wabash, Market, Smith Street due to reckless drivers, not stopping at stop signs, and speeding. Chief Doyle stated they can increase patrol in this area. Alderman Brookshier stated there is a need for lane lines on Wabash Avenue as cars crest the hill over into the other lane. Rodger Wells stated there are speeders on Conrad and E. Banner, coming this way to avoid the signals, and there are no sidewalks in this area.

Reports from various committees:

TAC committee meeting will be February 20th, next Chamber meeting will be February 5th, and the next University Extension Center Meeting will be January 27th.

Being no other business to discuss, Alderman Green made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving.

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor