TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

01/25/2023

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall located at 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 that a is quorum present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Chris Watson, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Attorney Kathleen Joyce, City Treasurer Missy Bachamp, Utility Clerk Elise Morris and City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. Guests in attendance were Rhonda Colombo (Truesdale Resident), John Colombo (Truesdale Resident), Robert Fulgham, Erin Weller, Jim Johnston, Kelli Adcock, William Addcock, Jeanie Butler (Truesdale Resident), Steve Etcher (GWCEDC), Tyler Wolf (Wolf Painting Co.) Gary Butler, Carl Farris, and Adam Rollins (Warren County Record).

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order.

Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Thomas. Motion passed with all ayes.

Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Thomas. Motion passed with all ayes.

Citizens Participation:

Tyler Wolf attended the meeting to request a business license from the city of Truesdale. The business is a painting business and would be located at 902 B. East Highway M. Tyler stated that he has 5 employees and has been in business for about 2 years. He stated that he would be using the space for an office space an office and storage space. It was a concern that the items he would be storing would be flammable. Tyler assured the Board that the products would mostly be latex paint, and Elsa stated that it would be necessary for Tyler to obtain an occupancy permit. The occupancy permit would ensure that the space is suitable for what he was looking to use it for. Alderman Green made the motion approve the business license for Wolf Painting Co., second by Alderman Thomas. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/ 0 no vote.

William and Kelli Adcock attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of annexing 17 acres that they own into the city limits of Truesdale. William stated that they are looking to build two homes on the property one for themselves and one for his mother. William stated that the property had been annexed into the City of Warrenton approximately 25 years ago, and the city of Warrenton has not provided the property with city services and zoned the property as mulit-residential. The Aldermen had some concerns about annexing the property into the city limits of Truesdale, such as, providing water and sewer to the property, the potential of any abandoned structure to the property, the railroad, and the tree line by Heritage Hills. Attorney Joyce stated that in order for the City of Truesdale to annex the 17 acres, the property would need to be DE annexed from Warrenton first, or an agreement with the City of Warrenton and the City of Truesdale must be made. It is up to the current property owner to approach the City of Warrenton. Alderman Green made the motion to support annexing the 17 acres owned by the Adcocks, pending and agreement with Warrenton, or being DE annexed from Warrenton, a utility waiver of city services, and maintaining the integrity of the tree line between the property and Heritage Hills Subdivision, second by Alderman Cannon. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas- No, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes/0 no votes.

Rhonda Colombo approached the Board of Alderman on behalf of Robert Fulghan seeking a variance for a 1990, 14x80 mobile home. Rhonda Colombo stated that the home would be located in the Countryside Mobile Home Park, it is currently located at Country Cove. Rhonda provided pictures of the home and stated that the inside had been remodeled. The homes is structurally sound and they spoke to a moving company who is ready to move it if they get the ok from the City. They have received the ok from Scott Keeven. The Aldermen stated that it would need to be power washed, repainted, and have new skirting. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the mobile home variance, with the home being properly skirted, power washed and repainted, and approval of the property owner second by Alderman Green. A roll call vote was taken Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes / 0 no vote.

Jeanie Butler attended the meeting to discuss the sewer issue she is having at her residence. On Christmas Eve the sewer had backed up and she had to call to get assistance from a plumber. It was discussed that while looking into the sewer issue that it was discovered that her neighbor’s line was connected to hers. Ultimately, there would need to be an agreement made between Jeanie and her neighbor. It was also discovered that it was a possibility that Gateway Fiber had pierced her sewer line causing the back up. Mayor Watson suggested calling Gateway Fiber to assist with repair of the sewer and that he would make an additional phone call to them if needed.

Steve Etcher attended the meeting for a couple reasons. The first was to discuss that Refresco has acquired land for a possible distribution center and the question would be what to do with Truesdale Avenue. Steve stated that the state has money to prepare for community development and that the city would be a good candidate to receive the money. He talked about different possibilities for Truesdale Avenue. Mayor Watson stated that he did not want any city funds going to rerouting Truesdale Avenue. Steve proposed an engagement agreement for consulting services to assist the city in getting a grant to reroute Truesdale Avenue. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the engagement agreement for consulting services, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no.

Steve Etcher also provided a report for the Truesdale Incentive Framework, the report is included in the minutes.

Jim Johnston approached the Board of Aldermen to discuss potential grant opportunities for a Box wastewater treatment plant. Jim talked about the process of obtaining the grant and Trane would oversee the grant. There were no decisions made at this time.

Comments from the Mayor:

 Mayor Watson stated that he and Alderman Cannon spoke and would like to present an award to those who helped our Truesdale Resident during a house fire.

Updates on Grant:

Elsa gave an update on the sewer study grant. She stated that Michael Hartman is no longer our contact and he has been replaced with Jason Hartke. Jason stated that the reimbursement process would not eliminate the possibility of Truesdale to receive funding to future sewer development.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

City Clerk:

Elsa stated that to cost with the Crime Bond renewal would increase only ten dollars to add the Faithful Performance Coverage to the bond. The Board was satisfied with the dollar amount, Elsa stated she would have the ordinance prepared for the next meeting.

Elsa gave the Board information about the Pickle Ball equipment, the cost was around $200.00. Aldermen Brooks requested to purchase a few more additional court tape rolls. Elsa stated that she would have Mr. Huff check the list over before purchasing the items.

Elsa requested to set a public hearing for the vacation of the utility easement on lot #165 in Heritage Hills. The public hearing date is February 8, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

Elsa requested approval to purchase a new router for city hall and the police department in the amount of $299.99 to increase security and the network speed. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the purchase of a new router in the amount of $299.99, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote as follows, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes /0 no vote.

Elsa requested approval to become a member of the IIMC. By becoming a member there are opportunities for training on Elections, Meeting Administration, Management of by-laws, Ordinances or other legal instruments, Human Resources Management, Financial Management, Custody of the official seal and execution of official documents, and much more. The annual cost is $185.00. Alderman Green made to motion to approve the IIMC membership for Elsa Smith-Fernandez, second by Alderman Thomas. 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/0 no vote.

Elsa brought up the need for new vest for the Cross Guards and would also like to order each CrossGuard coats. The coats would provide the proper visibility needed for the job they are doing. Ultimately, the goad is to keep them and the children seen and safe. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the purchase of vests and coats for the Cross Guards, second by Alderman Cannon. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Elsa stated that there was a barrel train listed for auction on the Schneider Auctioneers website and inquired if the Board is interested on bidding on it. Don Smith had checked it out and stated that it was in good condition and would need to be power washed and painted. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the bidding and possible purchase of the barrel train but not exceed $1000.00, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman-Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes. Motion Carried with a 4 yes/ 0 no vote.

Treasurer:

Missy stated that the six-month financial report had been completed and will be in the paper.

Public Works:

Mark reported that Gaus Acoustics will be coming to install the panels on January 25th and January 26th, weather permitting.

Mark informed the Board of Aldermen that he had made contact with Jared from TS Banze about the wrap for the muffler on the generator at the safe room. Jared stated that he will contact the owner of the company again.

Mark stated that he ordered a STIHL concrete saw with blades for the cost of $1469.03. This will help him make cuts to the streets for repairs, as well as sidewalks that need to be replaced.

Mark stated that regular preventative maintenance on the tractor and sent the Toro lawnmower to Mordts for some major work. He will get an estimate before the work is done.

Mark provided information about a utility truck parking on E. Banner and damaging the street, it was suggested that the police department look into the situation.

Attorney: There is nothing to report at this time.

Chief of Police’s Report:

Chief Doyle requested to purchase a new AED and a battery for one of the city owned AED’s, along with training for the employees.

AED / CPR Training for all City Employees

Instructor fee: $100.00

Employee fee: $36.00 ($396.00) Total training: $496.00.

The AED operated by the police department has a non-working battery and is unserviceable due to its age. The total estimated cost to replace the unit is $1,350.00.

An existing AED in the City Hall has an expired battery, adult pads and pediatric pads. The replacement cost for the parts is estimated at $434.00.

Total estimated project cost: $2,280.00

Alderman Green made the motion to approve the purchase of the AED, new battery, and employee training, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Residential Fire: The police department responded to a structure fire within the city limits, in which a resident was injured and transported to the hospital for treatment. Due to an injury and unknown reasons for the cause of the fire, the Missouri State Fire Marshal's Office was contacted, and they will be conducting an investigation. The police department provided video evidence from Bruer Park and officer body cameras to the Fire Marshal to assist in their investigation.

Incident Reports: 4 Calls for Service: 61 Citations: 4 Warnings: 16

Planning and Zoning:

The minutes from the previous planning and zoning meeting was included in the packet.

Bills/Ordinances:

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of BILL#3-2023, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading of BILL#3-2023 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND RINGCENTRAL FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES AT TRUESDALE CITY HALL, THE TRUESDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MAINTENANCE SHED.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion Carried with a 4 yes/ 0 no vote.

Alderman Green made the motion for the second reading of BILL#3-2023, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading of BILL#3-2023,” “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND RINGCENTRAL FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES AT TRUESDALE CITY HALL, THE TRUESDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MAINTENANCE SHED.” A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/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 7:58 p.m.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

City Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor