TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

10/12/2022

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 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: Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Mike Thomas-Present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, and Alderman Joe Brooks-present. City Clerk reported a is 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, Attorney Kathleen Joyce, and City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The guests in attendance were William Moir (Hickory Ridge Family Trust), Steve Etcher (GWEDC), Steve Kaufman (Refresco), Adam Rollins (Warren County Record).

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order.

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

Citizens Participation:

Steve Kaufman started the discussion by apologizing for missing the last meeting as he was in Florida, during Hurricane Ian. Steve then proceeded to talk about Refresco and their assistance to the community during Hurricane Ian and the stated that Refresco is not Coca Cola and that they are passionate about their business and employees. Mr. Kaufman stated that by the jobs that are created at the Truesdale plant it would benefit the whole community, from people purchasing goods, and homes in the local community. By creating employment and making donations Refresco would be investing in the community. Refresco would be spending about $30,000,00 in equipment for the Truesdale plant to make it a viable and growing plant. Mr. Kaufman stated that the Board would not want to see the plant empty. Mayor Watson stated that we were blessed that Truesdale was one of the plants that remained open. Mr. Kaufman also said that they would consider extinguishing the current abatement and start of with a clean slate. Alderman Cannon stated that the school district would take a big hit and that is hard for the Board. The bottom line is that the individuals pay their taxes and we have needs in the community and the problem is there is going to be a request for one tax abatement after another.

Steve Etcher stated that he would be available to discuss the issue further and look at other options to find some common ground. It was determined that another work session would be beneficial prior to deciding, the work session is scheduled for October 20,2022 at 5:30pm at City Hall. Alderman Green made the motion to postpone the decision for the Refresco Tax Abatement until the next Board of Aldermen meeting, second by Alderman Cannon. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes. Motion to postpone the decision passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

William Moir attended the meeting to give the Board of Aldermen an update on the Tower located at 1290 East Veterans Memorial Parkway. Mr. Moir stated that Ameren provided a map and will have the lights installed next week and graveled. Alderman Thomas asked if there was any change in location, Mr. Moir responded that there was no change in location. He stated that the FCC mandated bird reflectors on the guide wires and currently there are no cell phone tenants looking to utilize the tower.

Mayor Watson informed the Board that there is work being done at Warrenton Oil, such as concrete being poured and possible grading. Elsa stated that she would contact Fred for his recommendation and contact Warrenton Oil to verify the work being done.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen:

Alderman Brooks stated that there was a deer blind facing Austin Drive.

Alderman Green asked about the five homes that were demolished in Belaire Mobile Home Park. Elsa stated that she would contact MDS in regard to the permits needed.

Update on Grants:

There were no updates on the Sewer Study.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

City Clerk:

Elsa reported that her and Mark met with the owners of Clean Queen Cleaning, and they were on board with only cleaning after each party if requested by the renter for the additional fee of $110.00 and the Quarterly cleanings of the MaryLou Community Center for $225.00. Elsa stated she has an ordinance prepared for the meeting.

Elsa reported that she and Chief Doyle met with the cross guards to discuss the increase in incidents, such as two cross guards almost got hit by drivers within a short period of time. When incidents happen, we request that they are reported and that license plate numbers are taken. This would require the crossguard to take out their phone and try to get the license plate number, which can prove to be difficult when crossing children. It is the recommendation of the City Clerk and Chief of Police to supply the Cross Gaurds with body cameras in hopes to make their job easier and to give them the tools they need to help them do their job to the best of their ability. Elsa presented the Board with a body camera to purchase, the cost is $49.99 each. This camera comes with a micro memory card, Elsa stated that we would also need to purchase additional cards and a hard drive. Chief Doyle stated that we would need to have a policy in place and part of the discussion with the cross guards was to inform them to that everything they say or do will be on camera. Elsa stated that cost of everything needed would be around $500.00. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the purchase of body cameras for the Cross Guards, along with the hard drive and additional memory cards, second by Alderman Cannon. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Elsa provided the bids for the outdoor LED sign at city hall. The bids are as follows:

Ziglin Signs: Full Color 16mm $34,777.42

Ziglin Sings: Full Color 10 mm $36,488.74

United Signs: Full Color 16mm $32,800.00

Blink Signs: Full Color 15mm $35,323.75

A discussion was held that Ziglin Signs is considerably more local and being able to assist quickly in emergency situations (the other companies are in Georgia and Utah), Alderman Thoams made the motion to approve the Ziglin Signs bid for $34,777.42, second by Alderman Brooks, 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 requested payment for the general liability insurance/ renewal of policy#CP0861777 to Tri-County Agency in the amount of $50,823.00. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the invoice from Tri-County Agency in the amount of $50,823.00, 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 requested payment for Utility Service Co. Inc. in the amount of $6,218.08 for the Semi- Annual Inspection of Well #1. Alderman Green made the motion to pay the invoice from Utility Services Co. Inc. in the amount of $6,218.08, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call 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.

Elsa informed the Board of Aldermen about an issue with the availability of electric when renting the pavilion at Bruer Park. A gentleman rented the park pavilion with the assumption that there would be electric available. The electric at the pavilion has been shut off due to the misuse of it. No where in the rental agreement does it say that there will be electric available. Elsa presented the Board with a metal weatherproof cover that has a lock on it, and for rentals of the pavilion we could issue a key if electric was needed. The Board agreed that moving forward we could offer electric, and Alderman Cannon made the motion to purchase weather proof outlet covers costing a total of $133.14, second by Alderman Green. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Public Works:

Mark reminded the Board of Alderman about the meeting with Gaus Acoustics for the analysis of the MaryLou Community Center is on October 14,2022 at 1:00 pm and requested approval to pay the invoice of $3,000.00 to Guas Acoustics. Alderman Green made the motion approve the invoice of $3,000.00 from Gaus Acoustics, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion carried with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Mark reported that the Public Works Department is ready for winter and that he had ordered salt and requested approval for the invoice from Oakley for $2620.80. Alderman Green made the motion to pay the invoice from Oakley in the amount of $2620.80, second by Alderman Cannon-yes. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Books-yes and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/ 0 no vote.

Mark stated that the Public Works was working on changing the light bulbs in the Christmas decorations for the city. He received an invoice of $645.25 from Holiday Designs, Alderman green made the motion to pay the invoice of $645.25 from Holiday Designs for the Christmas light bulbs, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion Carried with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Mark reported that the pad for the dumpster at the MaryLou Community Center and the sidewalk extensions at Bruer Park have been poured and requested payment to KMS Landscape Curbing LLC in the amount of $5,700.00. Alderman Green made the motion to approve payment of $5,700.00 to KMS Landscape Curbing LLC, second by Alderman Thomas. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried with a 4 yes/ 0 no vote.

Mark presented three bids for fencing around the dumper pad at the MaryLou Community Center The Bids are as follows:

Complete Fencing: A. 6’ Vinyl $4,000.00

 B. 6’ Chain link with Slats $3,000.00

 C. 6’ Black Vinyl Coated Chain Link with Slats $3,200.00

STL Fenceworks: Option 1:6’ Galvanized Chain Link with Brown PDS Slats $6,127 (add 5%-10% for black powder coat)

 Option 2: 6’ Clay vinyl privacy with steel frame gates and steel post $9,023

Precision Fence & Vinyl, Inc.: 6’ Lake Land Privacy $3,560.36

Alderman Green made the motion to go with Complete Fencing for the fence around the dumpster pad at the MaryLou Community Center for $3,200.00, second by Alderman Cannon. A roll call vote as follows, Alderman Green-yes. Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried with a 4 yes vote/0 no vote.

 Mark informed the Board that the generators have not been inspected yet and hopes to have that done by November 17, he also stated that he would be at the Missouri Rural Water Conference October 26-28th and would not be attending the next meeting.

Attorney:

Attorney Joyce stated that she has been busy, she has helped Elsa on somethings, Refresco, Judge requirements and being the Warrenton Prosecutor.

Chief of Police’s Report:

The Chief of Police Casey Doyle gave a report to the Board of Aldermen that consisted of: The police department is setup for the annual DEA Drug Take back Event on 10-29-2022, from 10 am to 2 pm. The event allows for the community members to drop off unwanted medication at the police department for disposal. At the end of the event the police department will package, and transport everting received to the DEA Building in St. Louis for disposal.

New Brakes and tires were purchased and installed in the Durango. The Charger is scheduled for maintenance and possible engine repair on 10-17-2022, at Mike’s Towing.

The Police Department purchased and received two breaching tools from Jersey Tactical. The Jersey Claw was designed as a multi-use breaching tool for public safety. The cost to outfit both patrol vehicles was $959.25. These tools will afford patrol staff with better options to enter numerous local structures. Training will be necessary to fully implement these tools into service.

The Police Department ordered on ballistic shield, to be utilized by an officer while on patrol. The shield is 18x30 and is rated for level IIIA. The total cost for the shield $1c775.00. Training will be necessary to fully implement the ballistic shield into service.

Chief stated that there has been 6 Incidents, 13 Citations, and 8 Warnings.

 Bills/Ordinances:

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of Bill#30-2022, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the first reading of BILL#30-2022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GAUS ACOUSTICS FOR PROFRESSIONAL ACOUSTIC SERVICES AT THE MARYLOU COMMUNITY CENTER. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Green made the motion for the second reading of Bill#30-2022, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the second reading of BILL#30-2022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GAUS ACOUSTICS FOR PROFRESSIONAL ACOUSTIC SERVICES AT THE MARYLOU COMMUNITY CENTER. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of Bill#31-2022, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the first reading of BILL#31-2022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SWAIN PRODUCTIONS FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES AT RAILROAD DAYS JUNE 3, 2022. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-no. Motion passed with a 3 yes/1 no vote.

Alderman Green made the motion for the second reading of Bill#31-2022, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the second reading of BILL#31-2022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SWAIN PRODUCTIONS FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES AT RAILROAD DAYS JUNE 3, 2022. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Green-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/ 1 no vote.

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of Bill#32-2022: AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AS AUTHORIZED BY MISSOURI REVISED STATUTES(Section 89.070 RSMo and Section 89.320 RSMo) FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING PLANNING AND ZOING IN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE, TO CREATE, ORGANIZE, ENUMERATE POWERS AND DUTIES, AND PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND SUBDIVISION OF LAND, COORDINATED AND HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE; AND TO FUNCITION IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONSTITUTED AUTHORIIES OF INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

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Alderman Green called for the first reading of Bill#33-2022, second by Alderman Cannon. Elsa read the first reading of BILL#33-2022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE CITY AND CLEAN QUEEN CLEANING LLC FOR CLEANING SERVICES AT THE MARYLOU COMMUNITY CENTER. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Green made the motion for the second reading of Bill#33-2022, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the second reading of BILL#33-2022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CLEAN QUEEN CLEANING LLC FOR CLEANING SERVICES AT THE MARYLOU COMMUNITY CENTER. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Previous Business: Elsa gave the Board of Aldermen and update on the Truesdale’s Monster Bash and Flyer.

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 7:40 pm.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

City Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor