TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

October 13, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was requested and answered as follows: Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, Alderman Joseph Brooks-present, and Alderman Mike Thomas -present. City Clerk reported a quorum present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Chris Watson, Attorney Katie Joyce, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The visitors were Jim Galvin (Galvin Construction LLC), Steve Cassells (Refresco Beverages), Adam Rollins (Warren County Record), and Bart Korman (Lewis Bade).

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of a business license request for Refresco Beverages. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Cannon, with all Aldermen approving. The consent agenda included the minutes of the September 22, 2021, meeting and the minutes from the special meeting held on September 27, 2021.

Citizens Participation: Jim Galvin informed the Board of Alderman that he will be installing sewer services on the property located on Smith Street that is owned by Wes and Jane Kelly. Smith Street had already been cut by the previous contractor that was hired by the Kelly’s and Mr. Galvin would continue to follow the plans that the previous contractor was using. Mr. Galvin requested to close a portion of Smith Street for 2 weeks, starting November 1st, to allow for the connections to be completed and repairing the saw cuts in the road. Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett didn’t see a with closing Smith Street for 2 weeks, as there are no driveways that would be affected. Alderman Green made the motion to close a portion of Smith Street for 2 weeks starting November 1st. Alderman Cannon second, and a roll call vote was taken. Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried with 4 yes/0 no votes.

Steve Cassells with Refresco Beverages approached the Board of Alderman to request a business license. Refresco is a bottling company, Mr. Cassells stated that Refresco has signed a 10-year exclusive contract with Coca Cola for bottling services. Refresco will be taking over the current Coca Cola building. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the business license for Refresco Beverages, pending all paperwork and fees be paid. Second by Alderman Thomas, a roll call vote was taken: Alderman Brooks- yes, Alderman Cannon- yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. The business license was approved with all Aldermen voting yes.

Comments from Mayor Chris Watson: Mayor Watson talked about how great that Bruer Park looks and that there were kids playing over there. He said that Railroad Days turned out great, and that he did attend the banquet for the Pregnancy Options Center and that it was really nice.

Mayor Watson stated that the Trunk or Treat that was being held by the Elks Lodge, Gastorf, and Creekside was going to be on October 30th from 4:30-8:00 pm.

Comments from Board of Aldermen: Alderman Cannon suggested that city should consider adding steps on the south side of the community building from the sidewalk to the door. He stated that it could be a safety concern if someone tried running through the grass to get into the building during a storm. He also stated that the steps should be wide and ADA compliant with a railing. Bart stated that he could have Banze put together a bid on that.

Alderman Cannon stated that the city could hold a holiday event for Christmas, to show case the Christmas tree lighting. Alderman Thomas suggested a meeting to recap Railroad Days and we could discuss a plan for a holiday event. The meeting date was set for October 19, 2021, at 5:30pm.

Grants Update:

Safe Room: Bart requested an approval for a change to the fire alarm system. The change consisted of adding 5 strobe lights required by the Fire Marshall. The lights would need to be placed in each of the 3 bathrooms, in the multi-purpose area, and the mezzanine area and cost $4940.00.The lights would be hardwired and programed. Alderman Green made the motion to approve $4940.00 for the 5 strobe lights for the community building, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Bart submitted a Construction Inspection Report for September 2021 for the Truesdale Community Safe Room Project. Bart suggested that an insulated wrap go around the muffler in the generator room, the suggestion is because the muffler is close to the light and the fire suppression line.

Bruer Park Improvements: Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett stated that there had been damage done to the playground equipment by the contractors and that it was caught on camera. Freise Construction requested that the city conduct a substantial inspection for the Bruer Park Improvement Project. The Board of Aldermen and Mark would meet either Thursday or Friday at Bruer Park to conduct the inspection. Alderman Green made the motion to pay the pay app 004 for Friese Construction in the amount of $83,792.83, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with all Aldermen voting yes.

Sewer Study: Elsa reported that she had received an email from Brandie Walters the City Administrator for the City of Warrenton and the Warrenton Board of Aldermen would like to set up a meeting with the Truesdale Board of Aldermen to have the engineers explain the sewer studies. The Truesdale Board of Alderman suggested that we reach out to Klinger and Associates to see when Mark Ross and Josh Hartsock would be available to attend the meeting. No meeting date was set at this time.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

City Clerk: Elsa reported that she had received another email from Brandie Walters with the City of Warrenton. The email stated that the Warrenton Board of Aldermen decided not to sell the property the City of Warrenton owns that is located in the City of Truesdale at this time.

Elsa reported that she has received information about placing a dumpster at Bruer Park. A 4-yard Dumpster would be $80.00 per month and the next size up a 6-yard dumpster would be $110.00 per month, with once-a-week pickups. It was decided that there is not a need for a dumpster at Bruer Park at this point.

Elsa reported that the city has received a participation agreement from The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). The program will provide up to $750.00 for water and wastewater (sewer). This would apply to disconnections fees, penalties, arrearages, etc. The client can only utilize the program once a year, and the payments would be made directly to the participating utility agency. If the utility agency does decide not to participate then the program is not available to the client. The Board of Aldermen questioned if it would be an issue that our utility bills include trash service, and the program only covers water and sewer. If the client did not pay the trash service, their water and wastewater can still be disconnected. Chief Doyle asked how the program is being funded. Elsa stated that she would contact Missouri Department of Social Services to get answers to these questions. A decision was not made to enter into an agreement as a participating agency.

Public Works Supervisor’s Report: Mark reported that he had taken the dump truck to Mark’s Automotive to get it ready for winter. He stated that he will need to purchase more salt for the streets, he does have enough for the first couple of snows.

Mark extended the invitation to the Board to learn how to do water sampling.

Attorney’s Report: Stated that she spoke with Bruce McCall with Coca Cola and that she should be receiving the bond information next week.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Doyle stated that the DEA sponsored Drug Take Back event is scheduled for October 23, between 10am and 2pm. The Police Department will be participating in a trunk or treat at Gastorf Chevrolet on October 30th, from 430pm to 830pm. The Police Department will be putting together bags of candy, police department patch tattoos, stickers, pencils and mini TPD flashlights for kids in the community. The Police Department's new Officer has started working and is currently in field training. He is expected to complete field training by December 31, 2021.

Report from Various Committees:

Chamber: It was reported that the Chamber Golf Tournament will be on October 14th. Jan will be retiring November 1st and will train the person who replaces. The Chamber is interested in utilizing the community building in January.

EDC: Aldermen Green reported that there are a couple projects going on, Project OZ and Project Group.

Bills and Ordinances: Alderman Green requested the first reading of Bill#34-2021, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read “ANORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 320 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 320.060 TRAFFIC SAFETY ZONE”. A roll call vote as follows Alderman Cannon- yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes.

Alderman Green made the motion for the second reading of Bill#34-2021, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the second reading of Bill#34-2021. A roll vote as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with all Aldermen voting yes and Bill#34-2021 will now by Ordinance No. 971.

Previous Business: There was a discussion held on rental fees for the community building rental fee. Elsa presented some prices that other comparable rental halls charge. No fees were set, and Elsa stated she would check to see if a rental agreement has been started.

Being no other business to come before the Board, Alderman Green made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Brooks, with all Aldermen approving.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

City Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor