TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

10/26/2022

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 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 Treasurer reported a is quorum present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Chris Watson, Utility Clerk Elise Morris, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Attorney Kathleen Joyce, and City Treasurer Missy Bachamp. The guests in attendance were DeMarcus Tunstall, Jack Hanff (T.R. Hughes), Karl Schmitz (Refresco).

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 Thomas, motion passed with all Aldermen approving.

Citizens Participation:

DeMarcus Tunstall stated he had several questions about his water bill. He always forgets to pay his bill all his other bills are auto withdrawal from his credit card. The city does not have auto withdrawal for credit cards just a bank account. He asked if the city could do auto call or text message when bills are due. He stated the bills read wrong to him. He stated that he called Detroit, and they do credit card withdrawals in that city. He stated that the late fees were rather high Missy Bachamp explained why the credit card will not work and it must be a bank account. The credit card companies will not allow the extra charge from Utilipay (company that does auto withdrawal). Missy also stated that you can pay your bill online or call city hall. Elise Morris said when a person is on the shut off list for the first time, she does call them. Alderman Thomas suggested that DeMarcus set up a utility account at the bank. Alderman Thomas suggested that the city post on the Facebook page shut off day. Mayor Watson said the board has waived fees for people in hardships when they communicate with the city. Mayor Watson stated that the board could revisit the fees, but right now could not refund fees then the city would have to go back and refund everyone’s late fees. Alderman Cannon said that Ameren stop adding fees. Alderman Cannon asked how many people where on the list for the $100.00 fee. Elise Morris said maybe three people. Demarcus asked what if there was no fee would the city be hurting for money. Mayor Watson said the city would be fine with out it. Alderman Cannon asked Demarcus do you read your bill. Damascus said I just read it as it comes and do not unfold it. Alderman Green stated that we are all responsible for paying our bills on time. The board can examine the fees but ultimately the bill is your responsibility. We ask resident that can not pay to communicate with us. Alderman Thomas stated that you signed a contract when you signed up for water service, and we give our residents 45 days to pay your bill. Mayor Watson stated that there is always room for change and the board will re visit the fees.

 Jack Hanff form TR Hughes stated that they have addressed most of the city’s maintenance supervisors’ concerns. Fresh plans were delivered today 10/26/22 to city hall. The fencing materials have been revised to reflect what was asked. There will be a backup pump provided for the Heritage Hills lift station. “Contractor shall supply one additional Flyght NP-3153 3phase 15 horsepower pump for city’s use.” The water service and meters have been revised to be ¾”.

Alderman Thomas asked about a public meeting for Heritage Hills Subdivision, and Jack stated they wanted to make sign to put up for that meeting as well as have the meeting at the Mary Lou building. Date was set for Nov. 10th at 6 pm. Attorney Joyce said inspection needs prices and plan in place but do not delay the start of the clearing. Fred Lee (city inspector) told Elsa Smith-Fernandez that the plans are good, and it would be his recommendation that they are approved.

DeMarcus asked if he could get his late fees back and Mayor Watson said no then we would have to do that for all resident’s late fees.

Mayor Watson thanked Karl Schmitz from Refresco for donating the drinks for the truck or treat for 10/29/22. Mayor also thanked him for contracting everyone on the board personally after the last meeting. Karl Schmitz asked if the board had any questions for him. Alderman Green made a motion to move forward with the resolution of official intent of the City of Truesdale, Missouri, toward the issuance of industrial revenue bonds to finance an industrial development project and authorizing certain actions relating thereto. Alderman Thomas 2nd the motion. Roll call vote Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Cannon- yes. Motion passed 4yes votes/0 no vote. Karl spoke with the board and thanked them. Mayor Watson said to make sure to keep sending Karl to meetings and Karl spoke with Alderman Cannon and said he would not want to be making this decision.

Mayor Watson stated that he spoke with Michelle Berenth from Agape about the Mary Lou Building being used as a shelter she said she was not coming to the meeting she needed to put more things in place for future discussion. She was reaching out to other agencies for volunteers and help.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen:

Alderman Brooks spoke about the Zigland Sign all the alderman said the 10 pixel was just clear and nice looking. Alderman Green made a motion to go with the 10 pixels for the Zigland sign. Alderman Thomas 2nd the motion with a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes votes/ 0 no vote.

Updates on Grant:

There were no updates on the Sewer Study.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

City Clerk:

Missy Bachamp reported what City Clerk had

Blue Valley Inspection of the Tornado Siren-gave the board the paper to read

Street Update: The requests for Qualifications for engineering will be in paper starting next week and will run through November, with a deadline of December 5th, 2022, to be brought to the Board on December 7, 2022, board meeting for a decision.

Planning and Zoning: Krishna would like a meeting November 9 or 16, 2022 for planning and zoning. She stated that the session would not take long and contact those interested in serving on the commission to attend and go over responsibilities, meetings, etc. The board decide that November 16, 2022, would work best set it for 5:30pm. They asked Attorney Joyce to be there.

City Treasurer

Missy Bachamp stated that she spoke Gateway fiber for internet and phone service. When Gateway came to a meeting and asked to put service in the city, they offered the city free service. The phones lines would $25.00 each so $100.00 plus fees a month. The board said to go ahead and bring the contract to next meeting.

Public Works:

Missy Bachamp read what Mark Bennett had asked her to

Zigland Sign: Mark had reached out to other electricians and no response. He had one bid from Roger Owenby. His opinion would be Option #2, so we have extra outlets if we want to decorate the area. Alderman Green made the motion to have Roger Owenby be the electrician with option #2 for Zigland Signs. Alderman Brooks 2nd the motion with a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. The motion passed with a 4 yes/ 0 no vote.

Gaus Acoustics: The analysis is done they are working on the quote. He has a Zoom meeting with them on Nov. 2nd, 2022, if anyone of you would like to join in on give Mark a call. The zoom meeting will be on the quote, materials, and layout for the acoustics.

Attorney:

Attorney Joyce stated she had nothing to add at this time.

Chief of Police’s Report:

The Chief of Police Casey Doyle gave a report to the Board of Aldermen that consisted of: The Dodge Charger was looked at on October 17, 2022, and there are some value issues and are working on a date for repairing.

There are 2 Trunk or Treats one Friday October 28, 2022, and one Saturday October 29, 2022, at Gastorf there will be officers handing out candy at each of those. There will be officers at the Monster Bash the City is having on Saturday October 29, 2022.

The police department is all ready to go for the DEA Drug Takeback on October 29,2022 from 10am to 2 pm.

The department is going to start doing preliminary donations for Shop with a cop. He is hoping that all donations be kept for Truesdale residents that are in need.

Chief Doyle and Elsa meet with EOC on October 20, 2022. They went over Emergency Disaster Preparedness and what each entity had to offer to the county and work together as a whole. They could use the Safe Room for an emergency preparedness room. They went over what the standard of FEMA and Salvation Army are in a disaster. Jim Sharp will help us become better Emergency Prepared.

The police department participated with the special task force again on October 6 and October 26 each operation was successful.

Chief stated that there has been 15 Citations and 27 warrants.

Bills/Ordinances:

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of Bill#34-2022, second by Alderman Thomas. Missy read the first reading of BILL #34-2022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRCTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND STAR INSURANCE COMPANY. FOR PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 9, 2022, THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2023. 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#34-2022, second by Alderman Thomas. Missy read the second reading of BILL #34-2022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRCTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND STAR INSURANCE COMPANY. FOR PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 9, 2022, THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2023. 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 first reading of Bill#35-2022, second by Alderman Thomas. Missy started reading the first reading and Alderman Brooks said there is a mistake on the dates. Due to the incorrect date the ordinance was not passed and will be submitted on the agenda for the next boarding.

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of Bill # 36-2022, second by Alderman Thomas. Missy read the first reading of BILL #36-2022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY INC. FOR SIREN MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIORD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2023. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes / 0 no vote.

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Previous Business:

Missy gave an update on the Truesdale Monster Bash.

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 7:20 pm.

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Missy Bachamp

City Treasurer

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Chris Watson-Mayor