TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

November 10, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 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, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Utility Clerk Elise Morris, and City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The visitors were Julie Meyers (Tri-County Agency) and Chad Eggen (Boonslick Regional Planning Commission).

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda, motion was second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving. The consent agenda included the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on October 27, 2021.

Citizens Participation: Julie from Tri-County Agency stated that there was very little change with the cost of the general liability insurance for the city. There was a rate increase of 3.5% due to the increase of hours worked that fell under the water department. The invoice total is $39,636.00 to renew the Policy. This amount does not include the safe room or the terrorism policy. Alderman Thomas made the motion to pay the invoice of $39,636.00, second by Alderman Green. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 No vote.

Chad Eggen presented a comprehension plan from another city to show the Truesdale Board of Alderman an example for the consideration of a comprehension plan for the City of Truesdale. It was suggested that the Board would consider including the cost for one in the next budget. Chad stated the cost could be $12,000.00 to $20,000.00.

Comments from Mayor Chris Watson: Mayor Watson stated Jane Kelley had reached out to him inquiring about the possibility of using the Truesdale Community Center for a warming shelter when temperatures got below 20 degrees. The time the shelter would be available would be from 8pm-8am. Mayor Watson suggested that the Attorney could create a contract that would require them to have their own staffing, clean up, food etc. A discussion was held about the need for security cameras and what kind of liabilities would this cause for the city. Alderman Cannon stated that we need to be prepared to open up for the whole area included places outside of Warren County. Mayor Watson stated that we would need to stay within FEMA Guidelines and that he would contact Jane Kelley for more information.

Mayor Watson declared that there will be an election held on April 5,2022 and that two Aldermen seats were up for Election.

Mayor Watson discussed the sign for Bruer Park, and that he requested three different designs for costs from $5,000.00 to $20,000.00. A discussion was held on how the sign would look.

Comments from Board of Aldermen: Alderman Cannon presented a sample of what headstone for Mr. William Truesdale would like. The cost would depend on the size, $1260.00 for a 24”x36” base and $1674.00 for the $30 x 42” base. The headstone could be ready 2 weeks after the order was placed. It was suggested that the bigger size would be better for the headstone. Alderman Cannon stated that the City of Bunker Hill would like to do a dedication ceremony with the City of Truesdale. It was decided that the spring of 2022 would work out best and would give time to collect donations to cover the remaining cost of the headstone. It was mentioned that the Police Department could possibly do a gun raffle to help raise funds.

Alderman Green stated that Dance Variations would need a 27’x 20” area to preform at the Truesdale Community Christmas, and that 14 girls would there. With Santa being available from 3pm-5pm they could preform at 4:00 pm.

Alderman Cannon discussed a hazardous situation on Smith Street and North Water Street. There are complaints of people running the stop signs located in the area and there are pictures provided that a car went off the road into Alfred Wheelers yard. Due to the concern for the residents in the area it was suggested that another guard rail be put up on the Eastside of N. Water Street at the intersection. Mark stated he could put it up for around $650.00 for parts and materials and he would do the work. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the placing of the guard rail at the intersection of Smith Street and N. Water Street, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed with all Aldermen voting yes.

Update on Grants:

Safe Room:

Alderman Green made the motion to pay Banze’s pay app 12 in the amount of $37,368.62, Alderman Thomas second. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Thomas – yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Bart submitted the Construction Inspection Report for October 2021.

Mark received information from Bart to request a 15-day extension from the Board. Mark reported that Monday they would be testing the fire alarms. A discussion was held on extending the completion date of the safe room.

 Bruer Park Improvements: Elsa reported the DNR came and did their inspection and there were two things that needed to happen, 1. a LWCF sign needed to be placed at the entrance of the park 2. The mesh picnic tables needed to be moved under the pavilion in order to make the park handicap accessible. Elsa stated she ordered the sign and it was $34.50 and Mark stated he had moved the picnic tables under the pavilion.

Sewer Study: Mark stated that he will be sending the current wastewater treatment contract to Mark with Klinger and that Mark with Klinger would like to attend the Board meeting on December 8th to discuss the contract with the Board of Alderman.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

City Clerk/Treasurer: Elsa reported that she has put ad for treasurer in the newspaper.

Public Works: Mark received an email with a bid from Banze to put in a 10’ wide concrete staircase from the sidewalk on the south side of the saferoom that leads to the safe room entrance. The bid came in at $19,378.00. There was no decision made at this time.

Also, mark received a bid from Banze for a 5” wide sidewalk from the new safe room west to the existing pavilion slab for the cost $4,032.00. There was no decision made at this time.

Mark submitted the Safe Room punch list items the needs to be addressed and provided a copy for the Board.

Attorney’s Report: It was suggested that the Golf Cart ordinance would be compared to the neighboring cities, this would help with confusion for the public when crossing city lines. Attorney Joyce stated that she would speak with Attorney Chris Graville

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Doyle reported the Shop with a cop program had received an additional donation of $450.00 today. Chief informed the Board that he is looking to hire another officer and he has one that is almost done with his field training. He reported that there have been complaints about people running stop signs.

Report from Various Committees:

Chamber: Mike reported that they were 2 members short of Jan’s goal of 200.00 and he also reported that Stephanie Thomas would be taking Jan’s position.

University of Missouri Extension Center: Next meeting is on November 29th.

GWEDC: Next meeting is on November 30th.

Bills and Ordinances:

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of BILL #35-2021, second by Alderman Cannon. Elsa read the first reading of Bill#35-2021, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING TE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION FOR THE LOW-INCOM HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP).” A roll call was taken Alderman Brooks-yes, Aldermen Thomas-yes, Aldermen Cannon-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote. Alderman Green made the motion for the second reading of Bill#35-2021, second by Alderman Cannon-yes. Elsa read the second reading and a role call vote was taken, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with all Alderman voting yes.

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of Bill#36-2021, second by Alderman Cannon. Elsa read the first reading of Bill#36-2021 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND START INSURANCE COMPANY. FOR PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE OF NOVEMBER 9, 2021, THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2022.” With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes/0 no votes. Alderman Green made the motion for the second reading of Bill#36-2021, second by Alderman Cannon. Elsa read the second reading of Bill#36-2021, with a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4yes/0no vote.

It was decided that with the holidays that there would not be meeting on Wednesday, November 24th, or Wednesday, December 22nd.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

City Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor