TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was requested: Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Stanley Brookshier-present, and Alderman Mike Thomas-present. A full board was present, and Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda after the removal of the Treasurer’s report for the month of October 2019. Consent agenda included the minutes from the special meeting October 22, 2019, regular meeting on October 23, 2019, the bill list for month of October 2019, and approval of payment to General Code for codification of the City’s code in the amount of $1,546.76. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving.

**Citizens Participation:** Judy Cozart of Cozart Homes addressed the board. She is building a home on the corner of Naomi Drive and Conrad Circle in Dieckman Farms. A contractor received tickets for parking in a no parking zone and parking facing the wrong way.. She stated it would take 3 to 4 months to complete home and she wanted to see if the “No Parking” sign could be removed or not enforce during this time. She stated parking on Conrad Circle is dangerous because it is a very busy street. Chief Doyle stated the ordinance allowance for parking for deliveries and to grant a variance would be needed city wide-not just for an individual. Suggestions made by Board would be to use the driveway, park on Naomi going the right way outside of the No Parking area. It was the consensus of the board they did not want to grant a variance, remove the sign, or exempt anyone from obeying the law. The Board did thank Judy for coming in to address these concerns. Parking on Conrad Circle was again given as an alternative but was stressed the cars need to be parked facing the right direction and not in a no parking zone. A vehicle can not park and block the stop sign. It is required to be 30 feet back from an intersection. A copy of Chapter 400 Article III. Erosion and Sediment Control was provided to Judy.

Scott Frankenberg from MKA Contracting addressed the Board. Mark Bennett (Public Works Supervisor) had requested information on replacing the 4 sections of concrete in the work area that has cracks the angle cut will be running through. The removal of the cost of compaction testing would be close to the estimated amount of $3,437.00 for the removal and replacement of the four concrete slabs. It would be necessary to do two change orders: Change order #2 would have the removal requirement for compaction testing and Change order #3 would be to add the removal and replacement of the 4 concrete slabs. Alderman Green approved the two change orders, second by Alderman Cannon, and voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed: 4 yes/0 no votes.

There has been concerns about the drainage in the creek area due to the elevation. The pipe is already in the water 10” deep. The way it is engineered now, the Contractor and the City’s Public Work Supervisor are concerned with standing water and the water backing up in the pipe causing issues. It was suggestion to set up a meeting on site with the City Board, the contractor, the Public Works Supervisor and the engineer to discuss the concerns and to obtain information from the Engineer. The meeting will be posted as a meeting as a majority of the Board will be attending. The City Administrator will contact Bart Korman (the engineer) and will inform all others when the meeting is confirmed.

Chad Eggen addressed the Board. Booneslick Regional Planning Commission will send an invoice to the City for the remainder from the Neighborhood Stabilization project and ReUse Project in the amount of $14,177.58. Alderman Green made the motion to approve payment for this amount when the invoice is received. Motion second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Brookshier-yes. Motion approved:4 yes/0 no votes. Chad also invited the Board to attend the annual dinner meeting on December 4th in Troy, MO. The place is not decided at this time.

The selection of the project manager for the safe room can be procured without formal bidding as Booneslick RPC is a quez some Alderman Green made the motion to select Booneslick Regional Planning Commission to be the project manager for the Safe Room project. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed: 4 yes/o no votes. The engineering and design will be Phase 1. Drew Struttmann will be the person from Booneslick overseeing the grant project.

The procedure for the selection of a project manager and the engineer for the Bruer Park grant from DNR is still unknown and SEMA needs to provide the information before the City can proceed with the selection. However, approval of the grant has been received and the City can plant a Christmas Tree within the park.

The City Administrator informed the Board that she has submitted a request to the Warren County Developmental Disabilities Board, Inc. for the remainder of the unused portion ($8,640.12) that was granted in 2019 for Bruer Park. The grant was for 2 ADA parking area $6,030 and $2,610.12 for the walking trail meeting ADA guidelines. The Board needs to pass a resolution authorizing the submission of the grant prior to funding approval. Alderman Thomas made the motion to pass the resolution authorizing the submission of the grant application, second by Alderman Green, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed:4 yes/0 no votes.

A copy will be provided to the Warren County Developmental Disabilities Board, Inc.

**Mayor’s Comments:** Mayor Watson declared a General Municipal Election for April 7, 2020. First day to file will be December 17, 2019 and the last date to file will be January 21, 2020. The alderman sheets currently held by Mike Thomas and Stanley Brookshier will be up for election.

The meeting for November 27 (the night before Thanksgiving) and the meeting on December 25th (Christmas Day) was discussed. The first meeting in December will be the 11th of the month and will be the Christmas get together for officials, employees, and family. (all food is provided by the ones attending). Alderman Green made the motion to cancel both meetings, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed: 4 yes/0 no votes.

Mayor Watson stated a special meeting will be set up to meet with representatives from the Greater Warren County EDC to discuss the City’s future with the organization. The issues of concerns to the City Board is (1) the Railroad spur and the matter of the loan with the company,

(2) the project in Truesdale being proposed, work being done on the property without the City being informed on any aspect of the project. When Warrenton’s worker knew the possibility of the project having BOD that would require certain things and yet Truesdale was still not informed including the amount of water the company would require. and (3) the membership fee being increased from $5,000 per year to $7,500 and how to justify this with the citizens. The City has not paid its $5,000 fee for 2019 yet. It was stated that a few of the key private individuals are no longer members. It was discussed if the GWEDE expects the government agencies to make up the difference. The City also put in the requested streetlight out by the railroad spur at the City’s cost.

**Board of Aldermen’s comments:** Upon the Board’s request, information was provided by the City Administrator on transportation sales tax as well as other ways the City receives funds. It has been discussed to place a transportation sales tax on the ballot that could only be used for items related to streets. It was suggested to do a survey and have a public meeting to address this with the citizens of Truesdale prior to placing it on the ballot for the April election. Alderman Cannon volunteered to work on the survey that would go out in the water bills. It was shown that in 12 months from July 2018-June 2019, the City received $65,523.66 with the ½ capital improvement tax. The transportation tax can not exceed the one-half of one percent.

A discussion on the situation between Dewayne Andrews and the Morrows was discussed. Attorney Gorman stated the City should not take any further action as it is a civil matter between the two parties.

**REPORT FROM DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:**

**Administrator/Clerk:**

General Code has completed the update of the codification of the City code books. The total cost was $1,546.76. Alderman Thomas made the motion to pay the invoice to General Code, second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brookshier-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes.

The membership fee of $100 for Chamber membership is due. Alderman Green made the motion to pay the fee to the Chamber, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried:4 yes/0 no votes.

The City has been contacted by a couple who is interested on the three lots on Wabash Street to put in a pad to park their travel home 2 to 3 months twice a year as they visit family in the area. They would be connected to water, sewer, and electricity. The Board requested more information such as the size of the home and how the home would be tied down. Attorney Gorman reviewed the ordinance and will inform Attorney Joyce on the discussion.

A copy of the Booneslick RPC newsletter was shared as it had an article on Bruer Park and the grants received.

The Board was informed they were invited to the Missouri Bank Holiday open house on December 12, 2019 from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Elsa stated she had talked to the manager of the Wabash Apartments concerning the furniture by the dumpster. Debbie from the MDS Group was meeting with the owner on side to look at the issue. It was suggested the City consider requiring enclosure for dumpsters.

Charles Montgomery has completed the preparation for the CPA audit this week by reviewing documents, receipts, reports, and minutes and will prepare the report.

All accounts have been reconciled for the month of October. The All Account Balance reports for the last several months are being worked on by the treasurer and Esther Smith.

**Attorney’s Report:** Attorney Gorman did not have anything to report at this time.

**Public Works Supervisor’s Report:** Mark Bennett is attending his journeyman training and was unable to attend the meeting tonight. He provided a report for the Administrator to provide to the Board. Well #2 is scheduled for a wash-out on Friday, November 22, 2019. He is still waiting on the results of the Bac-T sample taken on November 6, 2019.

Water loss for the month of October was 5.23% and in September it was 7.97%. A percentage of 10% or less is considered good.

The water service at Bruer Park has been shut off for winter and the building winterized. Removing the wheelchair platform swing was discussed and approval has been granted to take it down for the winter.

**Chief of Police’s Report:** A written report was given to the Board. An update was given on the Drug Take Back Day held on October 26 2019. 75 pounds was taken in that day and a total of 2,944.6 has been taken in since the start of the program in 2011.

The Police Department is doing shop with a copy this year and are currently accepting donation to help with the program. They have received $250 to date. They plan to provide Christmas for two families residing within Truesdale. There are 6 officers signed up to help with the project. Chief Doyle also informed the Board the Rebecca Boone school store is now closed.

Three winter coats were purchased for the officers to use while on duty at a cost of $454.00.

the incident reports were updated at the meeting with 121 calls for service, 6 incident reports, 29

citations, and 31 warnings.

**Reports from Committees:**

TAC meeting: the next TAC meeting will be November 21st and the administrator plans to attend.

Chamber: Alderman Brookshier reported on the Chamber meeting held on January 6, 2019. The Chamber is looking into moving the office to the outlet mall if state approval is received. This will be in March 2020. The move would provide more parking, especially ADA parking.

University Extension Center: October 28, 2019. Most of the discussion was on Prop J for the tech school in Warren County that was voted down on November 5th. Warren County is high on the list for fall injuries to the elderly.

**Bills and Ordinances:** Alderman Green introduced Bill #39-2019 for the first reading, second by Alderman Thomas: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO DECLARE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY FOR TRUESALE APRIL 7, 2020 WITHIN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE, and voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried 4 yes/0 no votes. Alderman Green introduced Bill #39-2019 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion carried:4 yes/ 0 no votes. This will now be Ordinance #896.

Being no other business to come before the Board, Alderman Green made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Thomas. Meeting closed 8:20 p.m.

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Chris Watson-Mayor