TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

December 08, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 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, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, and City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The guest in attendance were Adam Rollins (Warren County Record), Denise Balducci, Khrissohara Waters, Tim Churchill (Boonslick Regional Planning Commission), Linda Buschman (Boonslick Regional Planning Commission), Michell Ritlee (St. Joachim & Ann Care Services), Mark Bross (Klinger & Associates), Josh Hartsock (Klinger & Associates), and Brian Nolan.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda, motion was second by Alderman Thomas, notion 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: Michelle with St. Joachim & Ann Care Services approached the Board of Aldermen seeking approval to use Bruer Park as a site to use for a mobile food pantry truck. They would like to utilize the blacktop area (parking lot) to set up tables consisting of fresh produce, general foods, and dry goods. The goal is to decrease food insecurities in the area and to provide resources for those who may need them. Alderman Green made the motion to allow the use of Bruer Park for a parking site for St. Joachim & Ann mobile food truck, second by Alderman Cannon. Motion passed with all Aldermen in agreement.

Brian Nolan attended the meeting to inform the Board of Aldermen about his interest in purchasing 801 Smith Street and what his intention would be with the property. Mr. Nolan has a contract on the property and wanted to share is short term objectives and long-term goals. He is the owner of Friendship Brewery in Wentzville, MO. His short-term objective would be to use the building for personal storage for his brewing company and vehicles. His intent would be to clean the property up and rent out the front half of the building. His long-term goals would be to have a hybrid business of classic cars, a bar, and utilizing a food truck, live music and possibly introduce retail. Mr. Nolan stated that a contractor ran a camera through the sewer line to the east of the property, and the line is in pretty bad condition. The problem is that the line is on the neighboring property. Mr. Nolan mentioned the possibility of the city waiving fees for the connection of a sewer line. Mayor Watson stated that Boonslick Regional Planning Commission is very helpful in finding funds to help the public with projects like this one. There was no vote on waiving any fees.

Denise Balducci and Khrissohara Waters approached the Board of Aldermen seeking a variance on a mobile home that does not fit the requirements of the city ordinance. The mobile home is a 1996 and handicap accessible that currently is located in Country Cove Mobile Home Park. Denise stated that the home is power washed every year and needs to be out of the ark by the 31st of this month. Denise provided pictures of the home to the Board. Alderman Cannon made the motion to approve the variance pending the repair of a piece of fascia, second by Alderman Brooks. Alderman Thomas -yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes /0 no vote. It was stated that proof of the repair to the fascia should be brought to city hall.

Update on Grants:

Tim Churchill stated that he will be retiring next Wednesday, December 15th and wanted to introduce Linda Buschman. Linda will be assisting the city with completing the SEMA Safe Room Grant.

Safe Room:

Alderman Green made the motion to pay Banze’s pay app 13 in the amount of $20,613.96, Alderman Thomas second. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green – yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote. The cost to the city is $4,005.00.

Alderman Green made the motion for approve payment for Banze’s Pay app 14 (Retainage), second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green- yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/ 0 No vote. The cost to the city is $29,347.31.

Elsa reported that the Board of Aldermen have a copy of the Operations Safety Manual for the Safe Room, and the city can make any changes that the Board sees necessary.

Elsa requested authorization from the Board of Aldermen to Mayor Watson to sign two letters that are required for the close out package for the Safe Room. The first letter is a confirmation letter stating that there was no income generated during construction or any other activities held at the safe room. The second letter consists of the acceptance of the safe room building prior to the completion date from SEMA of March 2022. Alderman Green made the motion to give the mayor authorization to sign the letters for the close out package for the SEMA Safe Room Grant, second by Alderman Cannon. Motion Passed with all Aldermen in agreement.

Bruer Park Improvements:

Alderman Green made the motion to pay Inv#M12060 from Cochran for $700.00, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes.

Sewer Study: Mark Bross and Josh Hartsock attended to the Board of Aldermen meeting for the purpose of the reviewal of the Truesdale-Warrenton Wastewater Contract. Mark made suggestions on items of interest to be negotiated . Josh stated that he has a meeting set up with Public Water District #2 to discuss the regionalization option to treat Truesdale sewer.

Comments from Mayor Chris Watson: Mayor Watson stated that he attended the annual meeting for Boonslick Regional Planning Commission and had a great time.

Mayor stated that Matt Horn will have a rough draft of the sign to be placed in Bruer Park, but that it was 2 to 3 days out.

Comments from Board of Aldermen: Alderman Cannon stated that he had been emailing with the city of Bunker Hill and it was agreed upon that the dedication for Mr. Truesdale’s headstone would be April 9th, 2022, at around 10 am and should last for about 15 minutes.

Alderman Thomas stated that there is one area in Heritage Hills that is not lit up very well on Sandra Drive. Mark stated that he contacted Ameren, and they pay for the light and conduit to be ran, and the city would need to pay a connection fee. Mark stated that he would talk to Marvin with Ameren to get a cost.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

City Clerk/Treasurer: Elsa reported that the remote access of the Safe Room is up and running.

Elsa also reported that an invoice from Dan McCory was paid for the computer located at the safe room, in the amount of $300.00.

Elsa informed the Board that the city had received a quote from OZARK FIRE SPRINKLER CO. Qoute#199297 for the inspection of the fire protection system and backflow at the Safe Room. The contract is annually and is for $300.00. Alderman Green made the motion to move forward with the quote from OZARK FIRE SPRINKLER CO. second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion Passed with 4 yes /0 No vote. Elsa stated she would have an ordinance prepared for the next meeting.

Public Works: Mark reported that maintenance had been done on Well#1 and that his plan is to get it up and running before Christmas and that Well#2 has been painted and inspected.

Mark also reported that the guard rail for N. Water Street had come in and he will get that set-in place soon.

Attorney’s Report: Attorney Joyce was not present.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Doyle was not present for the meeting, but Elsa reported that Officer Taylor took a total of four families shopping for Shop with a Cop. The plan is to also provide each family with Christmas dinner. Depending on funds, the Police Department with hold another round of Shop with a Cop this coming weekend.

Report from Various Committees:

TAC: The topic of conversation was over pass project at Stracks Church Rd.

Chamber: Mike reported that the chamber exceeded the membership goal of 200 by 2 totaling 202 members. Mike also talked about the banquet that will be held on January 14th 2022 at the MaryLou Community Center in Truesdale. The cost is $40.00 per person or $300.00 for an 8-person table.

Previous Business: On November 10,2021 at the regular Board of Aldermen meeting a discussion was held on granting a 15-day extension to Banze for the completion date for the safe room . A vote was taken through email at a later date. The results were as follows: Aldermen Thomas-yes, Aldermen Green-yes, Aldermen Cannon-yes, and Aldermen Brooks-yes. Extension was granted with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Aldermen Green made the motion to close the regular meeting and enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows: Aldermen Brooks-yes, Aldermen Thomas-yes, Aldermen Cannon-yes, and Aldermen Green- yes. Motion Passed with a 4 yes/ 0 No vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Aldermen Green made the motion to adjourn from the closed meeting and enter back into regular session, second by Aldermen Brooks. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Aldermen Brooks-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Aldermen Thomas-yes. Motion passed with all Aldermen voting yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

City Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor