TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

12/14/2022

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at the MaryLou Community Center located at 821 Market Street, Truesdale, MO. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was requested: Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, Alderman Joe Brooks-present, and Alderman Mike Thomas-present. City Clerk reported that a is quorum present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Chris Watson, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Attorney Kathleen Joyce, and City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. Guests in attendance were Jason Terry (Gilmore & Bell), Jim Sharp (Warren County EMA), Michelle Bernth (Agape), Bart Korman (Lewis-Bade Inc.) Adam Biondo (Truesdale Resident), Brad Goss (Representative for T.R.Hughes), Cathy Lenihan (Gateway Fiber), and Adam Rollins (Warren County Record).

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.

Comments from Mayor Watson:

Mayor Watson asked the Board if they had a chance to review the email from Steve Etcher, and if there would be a date they would like to meet with Steve to discuss the framework for incentives. The Board agreed on the date of January 10, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Truesdale City Hall. Mayor Watson informed the Board that he had attended the Annual Boonslick Regional Planning Commission Meeting/Dinner, it was held at Ranken Technical College in Troy. Mayor Watson stated that it was a nice dinner and facility.

There was a discussion held on an informal request for voluntary annexation of some property that shares a boundary with the city limits of Truesdale. There were some concerns from the Board of Aldermen, such as providing utilities to the property or having an agreement for the city to not be responsible to provide utilities. There is also a concern about the entrance to the property needing an agreement with the Railroad. Attorney Joyce mentioned that potentially if a Neighborhood Improvement District is created, then it this property could join. It was decided that Mayor Watson would contact the Mayor of Warrenton to discuss the request.

Citizens Participation:

Michelle Bernth with Agape approached the Board of Aldermen to discuss the usage of the MaryLou Community Center as a warming center. Michelle thanked the Mayor and the Board for the consideration of using the building, she stated that people have been working on getting a warming center in Warren County for the past four years. Last Friday, a meeting was held with multiple agencies and organizations to talk through what having a warming center in the county could look like. The goal would be to start late January 2023. The hours would be from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. with the doors locking at 10 p.m. with the last smoke break at 10:45 p.m. Agape would take care of the food resources, and if there was a rental at the building, agape would pick up the supplies (cots, etc..). Alderman Green asked where would people go after 7 a.m. would they be hanging out at the park, or pavilion? Michelle stated that there are places where people feel the safest and that’s where they would return. Alderman Cannon expressed the concern of with a 7 am release time, that would fall during the time children would be walking to school. Another obstacle in this area is transportation. Elsa confirmed that she had received the certificate of insurance listing the safe room. Mayor Watson asked Attorney Joyce is she would be able to put together a contract. Alderman Green made to the motion to approve the usage of the MaryLou Community Center for purpose of a warming center, pending a transportation and a no pet policy, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Updates on Grant:

There were no updates on the Sewer Study.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

City Clerk:

Elsa provided a list of the Planning and Zoning Commissioners and the Commissioners in their designated officers for the Board of Aldermen to approve. Alderman Cannon made the motion to approve the Planning and Zoning Commissioners, including the Chairman, Co-Chair, and Secretary, second by Alderman Green. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/ 0 no vote.

Elsa provided an email from Warren County Collector Julie Schamburg. The email read “Ladies and Gentlemen, In regards to the proposed project, I am requesting Fixed Pilot Payments to be done. Please refer to Exhibit B (see attached) showing fixed Pilot Payments in the previous Bond in 2017. In speaking with Jeff Hoelscher, Warren County Treasurer, we feel that it would be more straight forward than a depreciation schedule. Please consider calling us if you haven any questions.” It was discussed that the agreement had called for a 50% of the evaluated taxes, and that with the timeline it would be necessary to move forward with the current agreement.

Elsa requested approval from the Board of Aldermen to change the current package that the city holds with Charter Spectrum. Elsa explained that currently there is cable tv, fax, phone, and internet included in the package. It is unnecessary to have the cable tv, and Gateway Fiber is willing to provide the City with free internet up to 1 gig. Alderman Green made the motion to make the changes to the Charter Spectrum package, and to utilize the free internet from Gateway Fiber, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 4yes/0 no vote. Elsa stated that she is looking into upgrading the phone system, and has met with one company so far, and plans to meet with another. If we went with the company that she had met with, potentially the city would save around $1800.00 per year.

Alderman Green made the motion to select Lewis and Bade Inc. for the engineering services for the Smith Street Project, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes. It was decided that a meeting with the engineers, Board, and Public Works Supervisor would be held on January 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Elsa reported that she had spoke with John Knoll with the Farmer’s Market. He stated that the Farmer’s market runs from April to the end of October 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursday and possibly on Saturdays from 8 am to 12 p.m. The Board stated that they would absolutely be interested in having the Farmer’s Market at Bruer Park.

Elsa informed the Board that the audit has been done and now we are waiting on the report. The only thing we are waiting on for the LED outdoor sign is the electrical drawings for the permit.

Adam Biondo approached the Board of Aldermen and asked for an extension on his delinquent water bill,due to health complications in the family and he just started working again. Alderman Green made the motion to approve and extension for January 3, 2023. On January 3, 2023, Mr. Biondo would need to bring his account current, second by Alderman Cannon. Motion passed with all Aldermen approving.

Public Works:

Mark stated that Colin with Gaus will provide an estimated delivery date for the acoustic panels, and that it would only take about two days to install.

Mark reported that the fence at the safe room had been completed and requested the remaining balance of $1600.00 to be paid to Complete Fencing. Alderman Green made to motion to pay the $1600.00 to Complete Fencing, second by Alderman Thomas. 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.

Mark informed the Board that CK Power came out and test ran the generator at the MaryLou Community Center, and at the Lift Station. There were some problems that could result in additional costs.

Mark provided the report of the visual inspection for Well#1 and Well#2.

Attorney:

Attorney Joyce presented the development agreement for the Elkhorn Ridge Subdivision. Attorney for the Elkhorn Ridge Subdivision, Brad Goss, stated that there had not be any changes from what was previously discussed. Alderman Green made the motion to move forward with the Development Agreement, second by Alderman Thomas. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion Passed with a 4/0 no vote. There will be a bill introduced for the agreement at the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Doyle reported that the police department had collected $3596.00 for the Shop with a Cop program and that the event will be held on December 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Chief Doyle informed the Board of Aldermen that currently he is working on solidifying the Policy for the Cross Guard Cameras and he plans to hold a meeting with them the first week of January.

Chamber of Commerce: Alderman Thomas stated that the Chamber Banquet will be held on January 13, 2023 and that nominations are out.

Bills/Ordinances:

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of Bill#40-2022, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the first reading of Bill#40-2022”AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE COMPLETION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF TURESEDALE.”. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0no vote.

Alderman Green made the motion for the second reading of Bill#40-2022, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the second reading of Bill#40-2022” AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRUESDALE AND BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE COMPLETION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF TURESEDALE.”. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of Bill#41-2022, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the first reading of Bill#41-2022 “AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TRUESDALE, MISSOURI, TO ISSUE ITS TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (REFRESCO BEVERAGES US INC. PERSONAL PROPERTY PROJECT), SERIES 2022, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $22,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF EQUIPPING AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY; APPROVING A PLAN FOR THE PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS AND TAKE CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.” With a roll call vote as follows, 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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New Business: Aldermen Cannon reported that there were 493 participants in the raffle at the Community Christmas.

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 6:48 p.m.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

City Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor