TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

02/22/2023

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall located at 109 Pinckney 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-absent (Alderman Thomas arrived at the Board Meeting at 5:44 p.m). 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, City Treasurer Missy Bachamp, and City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez. Guests in attendance were Jane Kelley (Warren County Homeless), and Adam Rollins (Warren County Record).

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order.

Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a business license requests from Amanda Lefolz, second by Alderman Cannon. Motion passed with three ayes (1 absent).

Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Cannon. Motion passed with three ayes (1 absent).

Citizens Participation:

Jane Kelley with Warren County Homeless showed a video of local people who are homeless. The video was titled “They Didn’t Choose This. Jane had prepared information consisting of statics and other information regarding homelessness. There was also a discussion on utilizing the safe room for a warming center for the homeless, and the program that is currently attempting to be put into place. Mayor Watson stated that what needs to happen would be for someone to organize and oversee a program that would work for Warren County, and propose to the Board.

Comments from the Mayor:

Mayor Watson stated that he will be attending a meeting at 5:30 pm the Warren County R-3 Central office, they will be providing a late dinner and discussing the goals of the future of the school. Mayor also informed the Board that he will be meeting with Jim Johnson on the sewer grant project.

Comments from the Board:

Alderman Thomas reported that Representative Jeff Meyers had wrote a letter in support of the state helping to fund Truesdale Avenue.

There was a discussion on the benefits and challenges on the I 70 Expansion, and how the Board believes that it would impact the growth and development of the area. Some of the discussion topics included, more sales tax, during construction there will more traffic on the service road. It was stated that the study won’t be don until mid-2024 and looking at 2026 before the project would start.

Updates on Grant: There are no updates on the Sewer Study.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

City Clerk:

Elsa reported that Gateway fiber was installed on Tuesday and Tyan is working on installing the router with the new static IP Address. Elsa informed the board that most the new telephones had been set up and that the porting date for the new phone system and training would be on February 28, 2023. Elsa provided the Board with a letter from the taxation division regarding the Marijuana tax. Elsa informed the Board of Aldermen that the City Wide Clean up has been scheduled for May 25,2023. Elsa stated that she had met with Don Huff to get the Pickleball equipment in the amount of $285.94. The cost increase was due to the additional floor tape that was requested by the Aldermen at the previous meeting. Elsa stated that she spoke with Kenney Hales, CPA (who had completed the single audit for the city) and requested to get the cost of training for utilizing Quickbooks (the city’s accounting program). Mr. Hales stated that it would be $125.00 per hour and that it would take about 2-3 hours. Elsa stated that this would be beneficial in the budget process and that she and the Treasurer could both receive the training. There was no vote taken at this time.

Treasurer:

Missy reported that she had been calculated the income and expenses for the Truesdale Safe Room and the currently the city is ahead by approximately $2000.00. The expenses only consisted of the reoccurring costs.

Public Works:

Mark provided a report for the Board of Aldermen, the report stated that the wood train at Bruer Park will be power washed on 02/23/2023 and stained on 02/25/2023 and the cost is $750.00.

Mark requested approval to purchase gravel 120 ton of 1” clean with delivery for $2,088.00 and 18 ton of 1” minus with delivery for $250.20, a total of $2,338.20. Alderman Green made the motion to purchase gravel, with the cost of $2,338.20, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with a 3 yes.

Mark reported that Well# 2 Will be getting a visual inspection on 2/23/2023. Mark informed the Board that he had purchased a STIHL Power washer in the amount of $779.99, he also informed them that the notice for the bid requests for the removal and replacement of the asphalt will be ran in the Warren County Record for the next three weeks. The opening of the bids will be on March 20, 2023.

Mayor Watson and Mark both confirmed that they have not been successful on getting the wrap replaced at the safe room. After trying multiple to contact the contractor, the information was turned over the City Attorney.

Mark requested to set up a work session to discuss the cost of the Smith Street, the Board decided to schedule the work session for 2-27-2023 at 5:30 pm.

Attorney: Attorney Joyce stated that the person who was charged with illegal dumping was apologetic and Attorney Joyce asked for probation versus a fine.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Doyle reported:

Dodge Charger: The Charger was taken to Mike's Towing on Monday for an engine replacement. It's expected to be completed by Friday. The entire project will be covered under warranty. Due to this being a replacement engine, I've inquired if we can purchase a new warranty, which was previously $250.00.

AED Superstore: The replacement parts for our existing system have shipped. The new AED is on backorder and no estimated date was given for delivery.

Incident Numbers: 2

Calls for Service: 102

Citations: 6

Warnings: 8

Planning and Zoning: Elsa reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission is currently working on the zoning ordinance, existing land use map, a public survey that will be sent out to the residents.

Mayor Watson gave a report on the TAC meeting, and also talked about the Cross Guard on Highway M almost getting hit by a car. There was discussion on what could be done, it was suggested that maybe there be two Cross Guards in that area, or to add a flashing speed sign.

Bills/Ordinances: There were no Bills to be passed.

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 7:12 p.m.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez -City Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor