TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

March 10, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen met on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO for a regular board meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was requested and was answered as follows: Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Joseph Brooks-present, Alderman Mike Thomas-present, and Alderman Jerry Cannon-present. A full board was present. The following also attended the meeting for the City of Truesdale: Mayor Chris Watson, Attorney Katie Joyce, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez and Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. Visitors were Daryl Todd Green Gardens, Adam Rollins of Warren County Record, and Bart Korman from Lewis-Bade Inc.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an ordinance concerning the crime policy for the City. Motion was second by Alderman Cannon, with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the regular meeting held on Feb 24, 2021, motion second by Alderman Thomas, with all Alderman approving.

Citizens Participation: Marie Beyer was on the agenda to attend the meeting, but she has asked to have it moved to the March 24th meeting. She wants to discuss future events in Bruer Park.

Daryl Todd is the owner of Green Gardens. They recently purchased the property that is located to the east of their present location and plans to expand. They plan to have an entrance off of South Depot Street and will need to have the concrete curb removed. Mayor Watson and Public Works Supervisor will meet with Daryl on site to inspect the area and what will be needed moving forward. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the cutting of the street if the Mayor and Public Works Supervisor agrees on the necessary requirements and Daryl agrees to follow these requirement, motion was second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed: 4 yes/0 no votes.

Comments from Mayor Chris Watson: Mayor Watson reported on a meeting he recently attended concerning the homeless population in the area and what can be done to provide help for these individual. A committee is being formed and at this time Mayor Watson will attend the meetings.

Mayor Watson stated he recently spoked at the Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce meeting and gave an update on things within the City including the Safe Room, Shop with a Cop, and other items.

National Night Out was discussed. Elsa stated she had reached out to Marthasville but they are not interested in doing it at this time. Mayor Watson stated he would reach out to the Mayor of Warrenton to see if they wanted to host it. Elsa stated she would be glad to be a liaison to help with it and to answer any questions they may have.

Comments from Board of Aldermen: The situation of two residents in Heritage Hills that has water issues in their back yard was discussed. it was noted that the builder. Jeff Jaeger, had dug a ditch to help with the issue. One resident has his sump pump going on to the neighbor’s property. The Board stated it is similar to the problem in Dieckman Farms and it would be a civil matter between the two involved.

There is an issue with a fence at 213 Cynthia that does not meet the City ordinance but it is a temporary fence due to weather. A fence permit for a permanent fence has been submitted.

Alderman Thomas stated Heritage Hills is working on their neighborhood street party and it is tentative set for September 25, 2021.

Mike Shilharvey from the Fine Art Council had reached out to Alderman Thomas about a concert in the park this year but it will be hard to plan one with both projects within the Park. It was suggested the Fine Art Council could help sponsor Buddy Jewell for the Railroad Days Event. Mike Shilharvey will follow up with this request.

Grant Updates

SAFE ROOM: Bart Korman from Lewis Bade provided a update as of February 2021 on the progress of the project. Several items was discussed including two ways for the piping for the air conditioning unit pipes. One will have all sock pipe and the other will be a combination of sock and spiral piping. It was suggested to do it the recommended way if the cost is $5,000 or under. This would be done as a change order. The hole in the mezzanine area was discussed and the Board stated it wanted to keep it looking nice with the railing as in other areas. Bart informed the Board the generator will not work the AC in the main multipurpose area. It is for necessary items only such as the fans and lights. Mayor Watson stated the park is still open for the public’s use and wanted to make sure the Contractor is aware of this and securing the project area to prevent anyone getting hurt. Bart stated the orange fencing should be up on the week-ends and he will follow up with this issue.

The Department of the Interior National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant:

Bid opening for this project will be on March 19, 2021, 2:00 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall. Bids will then be reviewed by the engineer and recommendation presented at the March 24th meeting. The Board can agree on the winning bidder but notice of award can not be given until approval is received from Department of Natural Resources. At that time, notice of award will be issued. The notice to proceed on the project will depend on the status of the Safe Room Project.

Sewer Study Grant: Michael Hartman stated funds are starting to come into Missouri and he requested updated financial information from the City of Truesdale.

Report from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

Administrator/City Clerk: Work should begin on the budget and is requesting a workshop be set up to obtain information from the Board. A workshop will be set up for March 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss budget information and other items.

The Girl Scouts have requested the use of Bruer Park in the evening of April 20th for a recruitment event. They will not need to open the pavilion. The Board stated the Park is available for use. The Administrator did open and stay at City Hall for the Girl Scout meeting on the 1st of March.

It was reported that the graduation from MRWA journeyman class for Mark Bennett will be held in Jefferson City on May 4th and it will be open to the public as it will be held outside.

Treasurer: Elsa stated she would like to set up a Railroad Days meeting to start planning the event for October 2, 2021. She has been in contract with Mike Daly from the Central Missouri Railroad Association. Calls have been received for vender information. The meeting was set up for March 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. It was suggested that if the projects at the park are delayed, to see if we could possibly join the Central Missouri Railroad Association and use part of Rebecca Boone especially for the Buddy Jewel Concert. This will be discussed more at the RailRoad Days event.

Attorney: Attorney Katie Joyce stated she has been in contact with Warrenton’s Attorney Chris Graville but there have been some scheduling conflicts. She does expect a letter will be coming from the City of Warrenton.

The new charge codes have been used on the newer cases and court is scheduled for this month. Attorney Joyce will work with Elsa to get information on the court system on the City’s web page.

Public Works Supervisor: Mark reported that due to the construction at Bruer Park, he has closed off part of Market Street from Laura Street to the AmerenMissouri storage area for the electrical posts. He did notify the businesses in the area.

The light for the dump truck has been ordered from Specialty Auto Body and will be installed by the City workers.

Mark stated he has talked to John Struckhoff from the City of Warrenton and he will be meeting with him to discuss the City’s Diamond Maps,

Chief of Police:

Hiring Process: The Police Department will be working toward filling two openings for patrol officers, which will bring our staff to 10.

Promotional Process: The Police Department will be holding a process to promote two patrolman to a supervisory rank.

Training: Ptn. Malta will be attending Street Cop Training- Proactive Patrol Tactics in Illinois on March 15th

Incident Reports: 4

Citations: 24

Warnings: 31

Calls for Service: 85

Report from Various Committees:

TAC Meeting: The next TAC Meeting will be May 19, 2021

Chamber Board Meeting: Alderman Thomas reported on the Chamber board meeting held on March 3, 2021. The license bureau and the Chamber itself is doing very well. The Chamber Golf Tournament will be held in May. He stated he did suggest the Mouse Races usually held in November could possibly be held in the Safe Room if completed in time. Mike stated he also attended the Chamber meeting and stated Mayor Watson did a great job addressing the Chamber.

University Extension Meeting: Next meeting will be March 22, 2021.

Greater Warren County EDC Meeting: Next meeting will be March 23, 2021.

Bills and Ordinances:

Alderman Green introduced Bill #3-2021 for the first reading, second by Alderman Cannon: An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Truesdale to execute an agreement between the City of Truesdale and Missouri Rural Services for a Crime Policy for the period of April 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes. Alderman Green introduced Bill #3-2021 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed: 4 yes/0 no votes. This will now be Ordinance #940.

Alderman Green introduced Bill #4-2021 for the first reading, second by Alderman Thomas:

An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Truesdale to execute an agreement between the City and Continental Utility Solutions, Inc (CUSI) annual maintenance and technical support for the period of 04/30/21-04/30/22, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed:4 yes/0 no votes. Alderman Green introduced Bill #4-2021 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes. This will now be Ordinance #941.

Alderman Green introduced Bill #5-2021 for the first reading, second by Alderman Thomas: An ordinance authorizing payment to the Missouri Rural Water for legislative assessment, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes. Alderman Green introduced Bill #5-2021 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes. This will now be Ordinance #942.

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

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Approved on date written above

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Chris Watson-Mayor