Truesdale Board of Aldermen Meeting

July 28, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a board meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Watson requested roll call: Alderman Robert Green-absent, Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, Alderman Joseph Brooks-present, and Alderman Mike Thomas-present. Elsa reported that a quorum was present. Attending the meeting on behalf of the City of Truesdale included Mayor Chris Watson, Attorney Katie Joyce, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, and Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez. Guests in attendance were Paul Heggeman (Holy Rosary Cemetery) and Adam Rollins (Warren County Record).

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Brooks; motion passed with all present Aldermen approving. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Brooks; motion passed with all present Aldermen approving.

Citizens Participation:

Paul Heggeman approached the Board to inform them of the plans to expand the Holy Rosary Cemetery. Mr. Heggeman stated that MKA contracting has started excavation the property on Pinckney Street and that when they are done it will essentially make a lawn. Mr. Heggeman would submit a building permit through the city that would include an entrance to the south of the property and a 24-foot-wide cul-de-sac. Mr. Heggeman also requested the city to waive the permit fees due to Holy Rosary being a non-profit organization and that the permit is for the cemetery.

Mayor Watson stated that due to the city contracting out for a Building Inspector, the city would not be able to waive all permit fees, because 80% of the building permit fees goes to the contracted Building Inspector. Mayor Watson stated that the Board of Alderman would be able to waive the city portion of the building permit fee due to the nature of the permit and Holy Rosary being a non-profit organization.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve waiving the city portion of the building permit fee for the Holy Rosary Cemetery, due to being a non-profit organization and the type/nature of the permit, pending approval of building permit, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Green-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Comments from Mayor Watson:

Mayor Watson reported that he would be on LiveWire on August 3rd, with other mayors and commissioners.

Mayor Watson asked Elsa to give a report on the city’s involvement at the National Night Out event hosted by the City of Warrenton that will be held on August 3, 2021. Elsa reported that Chief Doyle confirmed that two Truesdale Police Officers would be in attendance and that we would have a booth set up. The contents of the booth would include promoting the drug take back program, handing out bags with public relations items, and a photo opportunity with a cardboard cut out of a police car.

Mayor Watson stated that there would be a meeting with the City of Warrenton on August 4,2021 at 5:30 pm to discuss where we are at with the sewer situation. Mark asked if the Board of Alderman would like for Klinger Associates to attend the meeting also. The Board agreed that it would be a good idea have the engineers at the meeting.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen:

Alderman Thomas reported that there is a lot in Heritage Hills owned by Jaeger builders that needs to be addressed due to the contents on the lot.

Alderman Cannon stated that the Board would need to start looking what items would be needed for the safe room, such as tables and chairs.

Alderman Thomas reported that Mike Shilharvey from the Warren County Fine Arts Council will be meeting with him and the mayor in a couple of weeks to discuss potential use of the safe room building, sound panels and other topics.

Grant Update:

Safe Room: The first payment for the lease purchase will be due on 09/03/2021 to First State Community Bank in the amount of $13105.87. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve payment for the lease purchase, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green- absent. Motion passed with all present Aldermen voting yes.

DNR Land Grant: Friese sent an email with an update. The playground equipment has been delayed again and is expecting it to arrive the week of August 16th. The rubber surface will be installed the week of August 30th. Grading will be done the week of August 9th, and all concrete, basketball goad and flagpole installed the week of August 16th. In the email, Tom from Friese stated he hopes to be done the week of September 6th.

It was reported that the quarterly report has been submitted by Boonslic RPC; the city should be reimbursed $25,388.79

 Report from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

Administrator/City Clerk:

MaryLou was not in attendance, but she did leave notes for the Board.

Elsa reported from the notes:

Marylou stated that a single audit of the grant funds would not be required this year. The City must receive $750,000.00 from grant funds before a single audit is required. With the two grants, the city has received $744,759.14. The city is $5240.86 under the required $750,000.00.

The city has not received any applications for crossing guards. MaryLou spoke with the Superintendent of the school, to see if the school would be interested in allowing students to work as a crossing guard as this is done in other cities. The Superintendent was not interested in having the students work as crossing guards.

The city has received five resumes for the City Clerk position.

The city has received the invoice from General Code for the updates on the City’s ordinance books. MaryLou had received the updates and will work on updating the ordinance books when she returns to the office. Alderman Thomas made the motion to pay the invoice from General Code in the amount of $1201.91, second by Alderman Brooks. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-absent; motion passed with a 3 yes/ 1 absent vote.

Treasurer’s Report:

Elsa reported that the financial statement for the last six months has been submitted to the Warren County Record to be included in the newspaper.

Elsa officially submitted her resume for the position of City Clerk for the City of Truesdale.

Attorney’s Report: Attorney Joyce stated there was nothing new to report at this time.

Public Works Supervisor’s Report:

Mark Bennett informed the Board of Aldermen that he had received a quote from TS Banze to provide a GFI out on the exterior retaining wall for a price of $542.50. This would include wiring from the outlet to a J-box above ceiling for 3 circuits (on for the future), 20-amp breaker and associated labor. Banze would the cost of the inuse WP Box cover, GFI outlet, J-Box, and associated labor. Alderman Cannon made the motion to approve payment of $542.50 for TS Banze for electrical work, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes and Alderman Cannon is absent. Motion passed with all present Aldermen voting yes.

Chief of Police’s Report: There were no reports were given at this time.

Bills/Ordinances:

Alderman Thomas introduced Bill #24-2021 for the first reading, second by Alderman Brooks: “An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Truesdale to extend the agreement between the city and Grace Hauling Inc. for the sanitation service for the City of Truesdale for two additional years as stated in the original agreement”, a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-Absent. Motion carried:3 yes/ 1 absent votes. Alderman Thomas made the motion to introduce Bill #24-2021 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Brooks, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Green-absent. Motion carried:3 yes/1 absent votes. This will now be Ordinance #961.

Alderman Thomas introduced Bill#25-2021 for the first reading, second by Alderman Brooks: “An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Truesdale to execute a service agreement between the City of Truesdale, Missouri and the Greater Warren County Economic Development Council”. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-absent. Motion passed with a 3 yes / 1 absent vote. Alderman Thomas made the motion to introduce Bill#25-2021 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Brooks. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-absent. Motion passed with a 3 yes/ 1 absent vote. This will now be Ordinance #962

Being no other business to discuss, Alderman Thomas made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Cannon. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

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Chris Watson-Mayor