TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

September 22, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 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 Joseph Brooks-present, Alderman Mike Thomas-present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-absent, and Alderman Robert Green-present. City Administrator/City Clerk reported a quorum present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Chris Watson, Attorney Katie Joyce, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez, and Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. The visitors were Bart Korman, Lewis-Bade Inc. and Tim Churchill from Boonslick Regional Planning Commission.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda, with the additional of the discussion on the position of City Clerk. Motion was second by Alderman Brooks, with three Aldermen approving, and 1 absent. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Brooks, with three Aldermen approving, and 1 absent. The consent agenda included the minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting and August 2021 accounts payable. Approving the consent agenda also states the Board has received the Treasurer’s report for the month of August 2021 and it will be filed for audit purposes.

Citizens Participation: No one from the Public attended the meeting to address the Board.

Comments from Mayor Chris Watson: Mayor Watson stated he has been contacted to inquire if the City would be interested in purchasing the former Stamm’s Rent All property. It is priced between $350,000-$375,000. Mayor Watson, Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez and Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett toured the buildings, and they are in bad shape. With all the things the City has going at the present time, it was decided not to purchase this property.

Mayor Watson has talked to Rick Gasforf concerning the trunk and treat event that is being planned for October. This will involve the Elks Lodge, Creekside Church, Gastorf Chevrolet, and the Faith Christian Family Church. Plans are still being worked on, but it was asked if the Truesdale Police would be available . Mayor Watson will check on the exact date and time of the event.

Monday, September 27th, is the general membership meeting for the Boonslick Regional Planning Commission. It is at noon at the Warren County High School commons area. If planning to attend, a RSVP should be made at Boonslick RPC.

On Tuesday, October 28, 2021, Mayor Watson and Elsa will be guest on Live Wire with Mike Thomas to talk about the Railroad Days event (October 2, 2021).

Comments from Board of Aldermen: Alderman Thomas stated he has been asked if there will be a fall clean up day. The Administrator stated one was not planned but she could call Grace Hauling to see if the City could schedule one. It was suggested to have two clean up days per year.

Grants Update:

Safe Room: There were no invoices to approve. Tim Churchill from Boonslick Regional Planning Commission had sent an information report showing the budget numbers and the expenses that have been paid, and the ones remaining. It shows the remaining balance is $18,559.59 and this does not take in any change orders that are FEMA approved. The current change order that has not been paid but are FEMA eligible are $11,930 for Masonry Block Sealer, $8,510.21 for fire alarm modifications, and $5,832 for exterior sealer. These three amounts total $26,272.21 ($7,672.62 over the amount remaining). Bart stated some items listed under Banze’s invoices could be not FEMA eligible which would free up money. The city would be responsible for 100% of these items. Bart explained Change Order #9. It would be for exterior sealer at a cost of $5,832. Once this is approved and the work is completed, the contractor can do the final grading around the project. Change order #10 would be to replace the louvers that were purchased but are not hurricane rated at a cost of $5,768.00. There is two options to expedite the delivery. Option one is for 10-day quick build for $435, and the second is for 5-day quick build for $615.00. Bart stated the rated louvers were specified and submitted on the intakes. They were next to each other in all the documentation and were missed through the entire process until they questioned the anchoring methods, researched, and discovered the mix-up. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen had several questions on this and stated they did not want to waste taxpayers’ money on louvers that did not meet the specification. Alderman Green asked about receiving credit on the louvers that did not meet the rated system. Alderman Thomas stated the additional cost the city had to pay due to the delay in ordering the air conditions still bothers him, and he hates to waste any more taxpayers’ money. Also, there is a question on the metal hoods that were built for this building, and now due to the architect not liking the way they look do not plan to use them and stated they aren’t really needed. However, it was a cost to the city. After discussion, Bart stated two of the hoods could by used on the south side in the multipurpose room but the ones in the generator room he recommends not using, especially the one on the west side of the building, due to the low height and the safety issue. Another option is for the city to store all of the hoods and have a guarantee that if needed, they would come back and install them. The next topic of discussion was on the kitchen/storage area serving area. A roll-up door with countertop would be $9,310. A “kickout” window with the counter would be $3,942. However, the “kick out” part would be open towards the safe room area. Bart stated there would be additional change orders for signs, quality adjustments, and street repairs. Mark stated the city should not be charged anything for street repairs as he has provided information and photos through out the project showing the ditch, culvert, and street. This should be corrected at contractor’s expense. The Board was also informed there is a problem with the water fountain. It was installed without the electric plug necessary to operate the fountain. Some of the outside doors have to be replaced due to cracks in them (they are under warranty). Mark reported a worker had busted one of the curb stops by driving over it. These things will need to be corrected before the city will agree the project is completed. Mayor Watson stated he has received permission from the Fire Marshal to use the Safe Room for Railroad Days. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve Change Order #9 (exterior sealer), in the amount of $5,832, second by Alderman Brooks and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried: 3yes/1 absent. Alderman Green made the motion to authorize the Mayor Watson to give final approval on the louvers on a change order after obtaining the information on credit for the incorrect louvers. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas and roll call votes as follows: Alderman Cannon-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried: 3 yes/1 absent. The Board did not take any action on the door for the kitchen/storage area. The contact expiration date is March 27, 2022. Bart suggested the Board authorize a time extension to Banze due to the installation of the fire alarms may take longer. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve a 30-day extension on the contract starting October 12th with no additional cost to the city, second by Alderman Green, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-absent, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion carried:3 days/1 absent. Bart did request to the contractor the door locks be installed so the building can be secured.

The Fire Department stated the occupancy limits would be 654 for chairs only, 309 with tables and chairs, and 915 standing. This is difference then the 936 the building was designed for but Bart stated he probably did not count the entrance hall way and hallway for restrooms, which is part of the shelter (the mezzanine level is not). Bart will discuss this with the fire marshal.

The Saferoom Operations and Maintenance Plan manual is in the process of being completed. Jim Sharp, Warren County Emergency Management Director, gave suggestions on some changes and things to consider. One is how to know if an animal is a service animal. Also, the Board would need to assign people to serve certain positions. It was asked if the positions could be combined, and Tim from Boonslick stated he would check with SEMA.

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

An invoice from Cochran in the amount of $700 was submitted for Board’s Approval. This will leave a balance of $1,750 still due. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the payment to Cochran, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried:3 yes/ 1 absent.

Sewer Study: Mark and MaryLou had a phone conversation with Joshua Hartsock to discuss the flow study that was done. Mark explained the different flow readings and stated Joshua had made some suggestions to improve the city’s I and I. He also stressed all cities have I and I and the goal is to eliminate as much as you can. Mark stated he would like to release the flow study and the growth study part of the completed study to the City of Warrenton. Some of the book is not necessary to release to Warrenton. The Board agreed, and Mayor Watson stated he would send copies to Mayor Schleuter, Brandie Walters, Jon Struckhoff, and Guy Gevers. Alderman Green requested Mayor Watson asked about the amount of capacity is available for the City of Truesdale.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

Administrator and City Clerk: The City has received its first deposit from the American Rescue Act funds in the amount of $89,391.01. The second deposit expected in twelve months.

Treasurer’s Report: Elise stated a floor cleaner from Warrenton Rentals will be rented to clean the Safe room for Railroad Days. $35.00 per day, and $9 for each pads. Warrenton Oil has been contacted and stated the City can use the UPS property for barrel train rides. Elsa reported there is a new person in charge of the barrel train at the Warren County Old Thrasher Association. The cost is now $10 per car and as of now there is 7 cars available (three are being repaired). At this time the City has 19 vendors for the event. A question was asked of Attorney Joyce if the City is ok to drive the golf carts and other vehicles across Highway M, and she said the City can do it for a city event.

Alderman Thomas stated he has checked with caterers and provided information on three for the dinner with Buddy Jewell: The cost is for 40 people:

1. Lee Thomason 0f Smokin’ Butts Barbeque: pulled pork, slider rolls, baked beans, a half platter pasta salad, and a full platter of either coleslaw or potato salad to feed 40 people.
2. Oliver’s $12.99 per plate for a fried chicken dinner for a total of $519.60
3. Catering by Carlos (a new company): chicken parm, salad, and cookies for a total of $375.00

The City would need to provide drinks, plates, and utensils. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the catering by Lee Thomason, second by Alderman Brooks, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried: 3 yes/1 absent.

Attorney’s Report: Attorney Joyce stated she has a trial for a speeding ticket and Truesdale won the case.

Public Works Supervisor’s Report: Mark had photos of the signs he plans to order for the double fine traffic zone at a cost of $61.40 each. Attorney Joyce will prepare the ordinance.

Mark stated he had talked to Mitch Parrish, owner of the Warren County Concrete, and he will be sending over an agreement for the use of the property for parking for Railroad Days Event.

Mark received a quote from Wehde Landscaping Sod farm for $4,460 to do the areas of the park that was discussed during the Railroad meeting-this is also placed and watered the first time. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the sod purchase, second by Alderman Green, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-absent. Motion passed:4 yes/1 absent.

Mark reported the soft pour for the playground equipment has been delayed and will not be available before Railroad Days. The estimated date now is October 4th. Picnic tables and benches are in and will not be placed now until sod is down.

Chief of Police’s Report: Robert Parkinson has been hired as a new police officer and will start September 23, 2021. She has three officers will be working the event.

William Burgess was employed by the Warren County Sheriff’s Department, Truesdale Police Department, and was the Chief if Police for the Wright City Police Department. Mr. Burgess passed away on September 14th, and his service will be on September 23rd. A Truesdale Officer and vehicle will be in the procession.

Report from Various Committees:

TAC meeting-next meeting will be in November.

Chamber Board: Alderman Thomas stated he attended and Jan Olearnick has submitted her resignation from the Chamber effective November 1st. She has stated she would stay thru December to help with training if needed.

University Extension Center: Nothing to report.

Greater Warren County EDC Meeting: Alderman Green stated the meeting will be on the 28th. There is a possible project in Truesdale but no other details at this time.

Bills and Ordinances: (During the second readings, title of ordinances are read aloud by City Clerk).

1. Alderman Green made the motion to introduce Bill #28-2021 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 Blue Valley Public Safety Inc for siren maintenance for the period of November 1, 2021-October 31, 2022, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed:3 yes/1 absent. Alderman Green made the motion to introduce Bill #28-2021 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-absent, Alderman Brook-yes, Alderman Thomas, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried:3 yes/1 absent. This will now be Ordinance #965.
2. Alderman Green made the motion to introduce Bill #29-2021 for the first reading, second by Alderman Thomas: An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Truesdale to add an amendment to the agreement with Klingner and Associates for the additional meeting with the Truesdale Board of Aldermen to review the engineering study and report for waste facilities, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Thomas-absent. Motion passed:3 yes/1 absent. Alderman Green introduced Bill #29-2021 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call as voted: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-absent, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed: 3 yes/1 absent. This will now be Ordinance #966.
3. Alderman Green made the motion to introduce Bill #30-2021 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 Bax Illustration LLF for Artist Illustration for Railroad Days for October 2, 2021, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried:3 yes/1 absent. Alderman Green made the motion to introduce Bill #30-2021 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried:3 yes/1 absent. This will now be Ordinance #967.
4. Alderman Green made the motion to introduce Bill #31-2021 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 O’Fallon Sewer, and roll call votes as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-absent. Motion passed 3 yes/1 absent. Alderman Green made the motion to introduce Bill #31-2021 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follow: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-absent. Motion carried:3 yes/1 absent. This will now be Ordinance #968.
5. Alderman Green made the motion to introduce Bill #32-2021 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 Nick’s Barnyard Buddies, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed: 3yes/1 absent. Alderman Green made the motion to introduce Bill #32-2021 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried:3 yes/1 absent. This will now be Ordinance #969.

New Business: Mayor Watson stated that Alderman Thomas, Alderman Cannon, and he did interview three people for the position of City Clerk. At this time, the Board has agreed to appoint Elsa Smith-Fernandez for the position. An ordinance will be prepared.

Being no other business to come before the Board, Alderman Green made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Thomas, with three Aldermen approving/1 absent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Approved on date written above

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Chris Watson-Mayor