TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2019

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was requested and answered as follows: Alderman Mike Thomas-present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, Alderman Robert Green-present, and Alderman Stanley Brookshier-present. A full board was present. Others attending the meeting for the City was Mayor Chris Watson, Attorney Tim Joyce, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Treasurer Esther Smith, Deputy Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez, and Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. No one from the public was present.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Thomas with all approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Cannon, with all approving.

Citizens Participation: No one from the public attended the meeting.

Comments from Mayor Watson: Mayor Watson reported Railroad Days on October 5th was a big success…good turn out and he has received great feed back from citizens. The boy scout troop made over a $1,000 profit. Someone did mention they would like to have shirts for the event available for purchase. This and other items can be discussed during the “wrap up” meeting yet to be scheduled.

Mayor Watson presented Esther with a proclamation upon her retirement as of October 11, 2019. She was thanked for the 18+ years of service to the City.

Comments from Board of Aldermen: No comments at this time.

Report on Bid Openings and current Project: The Public Works Supervisor reported on the stormwater improvement project in Heritage Hills. Man holes have been ordered and plans are to start on the project on October 21st. It was suggested to put lights in the area to alert traffic and pedestrians on the construction area. Alderman Thomas had a question on markings within his yard, and Mark stated he would check with Scott to see what the markings represent. Mark did inform the Board that he will be gone October 23 and 24th for training at MRWA and Hal will be checking on the project during these two days.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

Administrator/City Clerk: An update was provided on the grants. The City did receive the SEMA grant for a Safe Room and will have 30 months to complete the project. Booneslick RPC will be the project manager for the grant. This is a 90% SEMA and 10% City match. Chad from Booneslick stated the City should get a CDBG to help with the City share of the project. If not, a low interest loan from Rural Development is another option. The City also received the Land and Water Conservation Grant from Department of Natural Resources. This is a 50/50 grant but it is a reimbursement grant. The City pays for it and then gets reimbursed.

No reports from Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, and Attorney.

Public Works Supervisor: A discussion followed concerning the erosion control in Heritage Hills. It was stated that Fred will need to look at a package for builders. Anu lot over 10,000 square feet must provide an erosion plan for erosion control. It is stressed that construction can not cause neighbors yard to be affected. The Board wants to have a meeting with Fred to review how things are being completed and how to move forward to prevent issues such as a variance required on Morrow’s property that was never requested at the time of construction. Another recommendation is to have the City contacted prior to final inspection. Mayor Watson stated it is not legal to stop construction.

It was reported the City had a major water line leak near South Depot. Although the company laying cables were working in the area, it cant be stated specifically if they caused the leak. A new 12” Kennedy valve, gaskets, 6 inch coupling, and a 6 X 12 inch reducer was used. A section of pipe 48” long was replaced. It is estimated the City loss 43,000 gallons of water. It took over 4 hours to repair. Null was not available to help with repairs but Scott of MKA worked on the leak and will send an invoice. It was agreed the City would pay for the repair as liability cannot be proven.

A discussion on the live Christmas Tree for Bruer Park was discussed. It is shown as part of the grant and cannot be purchased and used as part of the City’s match until paperwork for the grant is complete.

An inspection was done at Bruer Park on the Scrap Tire Grant the City received from Department of Natural Resources. Photos was taken.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Doyle provided his report. He also stated that the Police Department could be more involved with violations with building permit violations if requested by the building inspector.

Mayor Watson requested to have two police officers on duty for Halloween night.

Committee Reports:

MaryLou Rainwater: Next TAC meeting will be November 21st.

Alderman Brookshier reported on the Chamber meeting. There is 180 members. The license office is looking for a new building. At this time, there is 4 full time and 2 part time employees. The local office keeps about $10,000 per month.

Alderman Cannon’s next University Extension office meeting will be October 28th.

New Business: Mayor Watson informed the Board the contribution for the Greater Warren County EDC will increase from $5,000 to $7,000 annually. They do not have an many private donators as in the past.

Bills/Ordinances:

Alderman Green introduced Bill #38-2019 for the first reading: An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Truesdale to execute an agreement between the City of Truesdale and Blue Valley Public Safety Inc for siren maintenance for the period of November 1, 2019-October 31, 2020. The motion was second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes. Alderman Green introduced Bill #38-2019 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Brookshier-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes. This will now be Ordinance #895.

Being no other business to come before the Board, Alderman Green made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Thomas, with four yes/0 no votes.

MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor