TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

April 24, 2019

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was requested: Alderman Mike Thomas-present, Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, and Alderman Stanley Brookshier-present. A full board was present. Others attending the meeting for the City were Attorney Tim Joyce, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Chief of Police Rich Black, Treasurer Esther Smith, Deputy Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez, and Administrator/Clerk MaryLou Rainwater.

Mayor Chris Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of discussion on the Community Garden shed. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the April 3, 2019 work session and April 10, 2019 regular board meeting. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas with all approving.

Comments from Mayor Watson: It was discussed that a citizen complained about the cost of a building permit for a ramp and stated she planned to attend the meeting to discuss the issue with the Board. However, no one attended the meeting. It is required due to the ADA requirements for a ramp for the safety of the ones using the ramp as a building inspector permit.

Police Department has recovered two bikes that had been abandoned at Rebecca Boone School. Photos of the bikes have been placed on the City’s Face book page to see if the owners can be located.

Mayor Watson stated grants for a police car and the park continue to be worked on as needed.

It was noted Dieckman Farms and Heritage Hills subdivision held a small Easter egg hunt at the park and anyone was invited to attend. It was a good turnout.

Mayor Watson and Alderman Thomas attended the Red and White Banquet. Jim Edmonds (a former St. Louis Cardinal) attended the banquet, and a total of $55,000 was raised.

A discussion followed on the complaints being received from the citizens on builders and the City’s concerns, especially in Heritage Hills. They are leaving trash and it is going into other yards, not getting permits before building, not contacting MO One Call, blocking streets, not obeying traffic signs, and other items. It was decided to hold a special meeting on May 6th at 5:30 to meet with builders and realtors to discuss the issues. The storm drain causing damage on Austin was discussed. It was decided to block the street in this area for safety reasons and to place a sign at the north end that the street is not thru street. Lewis Bade is working on bid specs and the City will bid out the project as soon as the specs are ready. The cost estimation for the project is $92,977.11.

Alderman Brookshier stated that there is an interest in using the pavilion for a Girl Scout “Cross Over” ceremony on May 19th. The rules and regulations for Bruer Park need to be completed.

Alderman Brookshier suggested the Board make a list of projects that may need to be done so they can be listed and completed as time and money permits. Being pro-active instead of reactive is how the State Highway Department plans their project when possible.

Comments from Aldermen: Alderman Thomas reported that he has be able to get Aaron Goodvin to come for a couple hours for National Night Out. He was the Canadian Country Music Association Award winner and now lives in Nashville.

Report on bid openings and current projects:

Bids received on the swing set were reviewed:

1. Toledo Physical Education Supply. They sent the quote for the swing set but no mat. When City Administrator contacted them, they stated they did not have access to the mat.
2. SwingSetMall.com. Via email, they notify the City Hall they would not be able to bid on the swing set as their supplier automatically make their frames in 12’ length and would not customize that part.
3. Bluegrass Playground: Total price is $5,576. and if a credit card is used it would be an additional charge of 4%.
4. Custom Property Solutions Total $5,879.60

The difference was $303.60 between Bluegrass Playground and Custom Property Solutions. The the Warren County Developmental Disabilities Board that has granted a $25,000 grant to the City has requested the City buy local if possible. Custom Property Solutions is located in O’Fallon, Missouri. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the purchase of the swing set with platform wheelchair swing and the ADA mat from Custom Property Solutions , second by Alderman Thomas, and voted as follows :Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brookshier-yes. Motion carried:4 Yes/0 no votes.

Bids for 4 ADA steel picnic tables were reviewed.

1. The Park Catalog $2,633.76
2. Park Tables $3,314.80
3. Custom Property Solutions LLC $4,270.00
4. Global Industrial $2614.43

Alderman Green made the motion to approve the bid submitted from Global Industrial with one set of table frame protectors, second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes. The picnic table frame protectors for $68.95 are to prevent rust and corrosion; also makes for easier table movement. It was also approved to order BBQ grill

Report from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

Work on the budget is continuing but information is needed from the Board. Budget will be discussed during the special meeting on May 6th.

Information has been received from Da-Com on the copies. The City will need to pay for the shipment of the machine, the insurance to cover it, and to remove all confidential information from the storage media devices. There is a purchase option for the machine at $1,187.00. After a brief discussion, Alderman Thomas made the motion to purchase the copies and provide it to the Police Department for its use. Motion was second by Alderman Green, with roll call voted Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes.

The Administrator advised the Board the City Hall has received telephone calls concerning prescription marijuana and how the City plans to handle it. The City needs to be sure the current ordinance does not conflict with the new law. Also, there is a concern that Federal law still does not approve of marijuana use even if it now legal for prescription marijuana in Missouri. A question on how the Police Department will proceed. More research needs to be done on this issue.

Deputy Clerk’s Report: Elsa has been looking into different options for website building. GoDaddy is the best one she has found. It has a five-year business grade website for $550.01 and with the dot.org is $20.98 per year for a total of $104.90 for a total cost of $654.91 or $10.92 per month. Right now the City is paying $25.00 per month. It is recommended to pay the full amount for the five years promo offer. It would save the City $849.09 in the five-year period.

Elsa is working with Margy Miles who is presently overseeing the website.

Treasurer’s Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Attorney Joyce’s Report: Attorney Joyce stated he has been working on the case where the City Police received a summons concerning a stolen vehicle from Chicago. It was bought by someone else who did not know it was stolen and was held at May’s Auto Service for over a year. As of now, the issue is being worked on and the outcome hopefully will be the new owner will get the car returned to them.

The issue of work being done without a permit was discussed (Raygoza) and it was confirmed by the City Administrator that she had received a call from Kevin Gerloff stating that he has been hired to work on this project. The court date is the end of April.

Public Works Supervisor’s Report: Mark reported that the pole for the basketball goal is up and the backboard should be up on Friday. He has requested fence bids for the fence to be placed behind the basketball hoop.

“Revive a deck” has completed power washing the train in Bruer Park. It will need to be dry for a minimum of 3 days before it is stained.

Mark met with a representative from Instituform Technologies USA, LLC who inspected the storm drain on Austin Drive. They will submit a bid for the work sometime next week.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Black reported that they are doing ordinance violations checks.

He reported that Dan McCory took off work to do a telephone conference with Cisco, but they never called. This is the second time this has happened. They are still working out an issue with MULES.

Mayor Watson asked if the seat belts were fixed in both cars, and it was reported that one car still had issued. Mayor Watson requested this be repaired as it is a safety concern for the officers.

Report from Aldermen or City Representatives on various Committee:

1. TAC Meeting: The next TAC meeting will be May 15th and Administrator Rainwater will attend this meeting.
2. University Extension Center: Alderman Green and Alderman Cannon attended this meeting together so Alderman Cannon could be introduced as Alderman Green’s replacement. They discussed various items especially the NAR grant for a portable classroom. Alderman Green stated the shed at the Community Garden area was destroyed during high winds. The Master Gardeners have raised $400 of the $600 for a new shed and since the shed is on City’s property, the City could pay the balance. It was suggested the funds raised be donated to the City and the City then purchase the shed.

It will be a better built shed than the previous one.

1. Chamber meeting: Alderman Brookshier was unable to attend the last Chamber meeting and the next one will be in May.

Being no other business to discuss, Alderman Green made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Thomas. Meeting closed at 7:40 p.m.

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor