TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

APRIL 28, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

 Roll call was requested: Alderman Joseph Brooks-Present, Alderman Mike Thomas-Present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-Present, and Alderman Robert Green-Absent. A quorum was present. Also attending the meeting on behalf of the City of Truesdale were Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Attorney Katie Joyce, and City Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez. Minutes were recorded by City Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez. Visitors were Nathan Buehrle (Cochran), Bart Korman (Lewis – Bade Inc.), Adam Rollins (Warren County Record), and Julia Coulon.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Cannon, with all present Aldermen approving. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Cannon, with all present Aldermen approving. The consent agenda includes the minutes of the regular meeting on April 14,2021 and the March 2021 bill list, and the Treasurer’s report for the month of February 2021.

Citizens Participation:

1. Julia Coulon approached the Board of Aldermen seeking additional time to keep a total of twelve (12) dogs (2 adult dogs and 10 puppies). Julia is looking for a new residence that will be out of the city limits of Truesdale. Alderman Thomas made the motion to give Julia sixty (60) days to keep the twelve (12) dogs, this will allow her time to find a new place to live outside of city limits. Second by Alderman Cannon, with a roll call vote follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Green- Absent. Motion passed with a 3 yes vote. It was stressed to Julia that the extended time granted by the Aldermen does NOT override the rules of the mobile home park, where she lives.
2. Brad Corder did not attend the meeting.

Comments from Mayor Watson: Mayor Watson informed the Board of Aldermen that he would be attending a meeting for the Warren County Homeless on 4/29/2021 at 9:30.

Comments from Board of Alderman: Alderman Thomas reported that there had been a skateboard and other items stolen from the residents in Heritage Hills. Alderman Brooks commented that there have been multiple people speeding in Heritage Hills. Alderman Thomas stated that he believes that the builders and their workers are contributing to the speeding problem.

Grant Updates:

Safe Room: Alderman Cannon made the motion to approve the additional cost of the added HVAC and Electric Option B, Second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Green-Absent. Motion Passed with a 3 yes/ 1 absent vote.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to pay the invoice from Lewis and Bade Inc. for $8,000.00 for February and March 2021, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote was taken: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-Absent. Motion Carried.

Information was given to the Board of Aldermen about the fire alarm systems. Elsa reported that there were two quotes that came in, one from Tiedemann Bank Equipment and one from Johnson Controls. Tiedeman Banking quoted the city of Truesdale for a price of $600.00 per year with a three-year contract. Johnson Controls gave a quote for $840.00 per year with a five-year contract. It was also reported that there would be an initial fee of $995.00 for installation, but that was for the door monitoring not the fire alarms. The Board of Aldermen tabled the decision to select the company that would assist with the fire alarm until they were able to review more information.

Bruer Park Project: Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve an invoice from Cochran for overseeing the project at Bruer Park and for quality control in the amount of $787.50, second by Alderman Brooks. A roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Green- Absent, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed.

Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett reported that there is a cost increase for the Bruer Park project. There is an area where the existing swing set is that will have soft play poured, but the issue is, is that in the bid it was only requested that 276 yards would be covered with the soft play. The 276 yards did not include the fall area of the swing set that would be necessary to keep the swing set and area in compliance with the ADA regulations and would cost an additional $13,000.00-$15,000.00. Mark had given the City Attorney a copy of the contract between Cochran and the City of Truesdale for her to review the information on the playground area. The Board of Aldermen did agree that they wanted to the playground area and the swing set to match with the soft pour and play. The Board of Alderman did not approve the additional cost at this time, as there were questions on what part of the additional cost would the grant cover.

 Sewer Study Grant: Mark stated that the Capital Improvements budget is almost completed, but there are no further updates.

Report from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

Administrator/City Clerk: Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of bill #10-2021, AN ORDINANCE AUTORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GENERAL CODE FOR UPDATE TO CITY’S CODE, second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-Absent. Motion carried:3 yes/1 absent. Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of Bill #10-2021, second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Green-Absent. Motion carried: 3yes/1 absent votes. This will now be Ordinance #947.

 Treasurer’s Report: There are some updates for Railroad Days, that will be given during that meeting on May 11.

Attorney’s Report: Mayor Watson asked Attorney Katie Joyce if she has received a reply from the city of Warrenton, about the letter sent from the city of Truesdale. Attorney Joyce stated that she had not heard anything as of today.

Public Works Supervisor’s Report: Mark Bennett presented four submittals for the Bruer Park Project from Friese Construction Co. The submittals included the flagpole, benches and tables and the concrete mix design and the basketball hoop. Alderman Thomas Made the motion to approve the substitution of the basketball hoop from First Team Legend Basketball Hoop to the Endurance System GP105A72 only if there would not be an increase in cost, second by Alderman Brooks. Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-Absent. Motion passed with the 3 present Alderman voting yes. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the submittals of the flagpole with a halo, and the tables and benches, second by Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Green-Absent, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with a 3 yes/ 1 absent vote. Alderman Cannon made the motion to approve the concrete mix design, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-absent, Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed with all present alderman voting yes.

Mark reported that Gateway Fiber would be starting work to install fiber optics in about two weeks in the city of Truesdale, and that he has been working with their employees to layer their cable maps with our maps.

Mark informed the Board of Alderman that a visual inspection would be done on May 4, 2021 and that Hal with assist with opening the gate as Mark will be at his graduation.

Chief of Police’s Report:

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Dodge Charger: The Charger has been taken to Mike’s Towing for repair. It is expected return date is May 7th.

Drug Take Back: The total amount of medication received by TPD was 254.2 pounds, and it will be transported to the DEA in St. Louis for disposal.

Law Enforcement Torch Run: The police department will be assisting with traffic control for the event, which will take place on 05/27/2021.

Incident Reports:2

Calls for Service: 79

Citations: 2

Warnings: 12

Bills/Ordinances:

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of Bill#11-2021, Second by Alderman Cannon. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GEORGE PORTZ AND THE FRIENDS OF BLUEGRASS. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-Absent. Alderman Thomas motioned for the second reading of Bill#11-2021, second by Alderman Cannon. Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Green-Absent. Motion carried: 3yes/1 absent votes. This will now be Ordinance #948

Resolution: Alderman Thomas made the motion to table a resolution adopting the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan, second by Alderman Cannon. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman-Absent. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

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New Business:

Alderman Thomas nominated Alderman Green to remain President of the Board of Aldermen, second by Alderman Brooks. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas. Motion Passed with a 3 yes/1 absent vote.

Alderman Thomas will continue to attend the Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Alderman Brooks will attend the University Extension Center meetings.

MaryLou Rainwater, Mayor Watson, or Alderman Thomas will attend the TAC meetings.

The Park Committee will consist of Alderman Cannon and Alderman Thomas.

The City Permits Committee will consist of Alderman Cannon and Alderman Brooks.

Alderman Green will attend the Economic Development Committee meetings.

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

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

Treasurer

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Chris Watson-Mayor