TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

MAY 8, 2019

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen met on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall for their first regular schedule board meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call of Aldermen was given with Alderman Robert Green, Alderman Stanley Brookshier, Alderman Mike Thomas, and Alderman Jerry Cannon all present. The Administrator reported a full board present and Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Also attending the meeting were Attorney Tim Joyce, Chief of Police Rich Black, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Treasurer Esther Smith, and Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. There were no visitors.

Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, with the April 24, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving.

Public Comment: No comments.

Comments from Mayor Chris Watson: Mayor Watson stated he attended the bid opening on May 3rd for the sidewalk and they will be discussed later during this meeting.

Comments from Aldermen:

Alderman Thomas reported on the meeting held on May 6, 2019. The first portion of the meeting included discussion issues with builders and subcontractors in Heritage Hills and Dieckman Farms. It was agreed the one responsible for the most issue in Heritage Hills did not attend the meeting, but the Administrator had reviewed issues with him at City Hall. Erosion control, traffic violations, debris in area and not following up with post-sell complaints were some of the main issues discussed.

Report on bid opening and current projects:

Bruer Park:

 Swing Set: The swing set is ordered.

Picnic Tables: The tables have been ordered and the total for the tables and BBQ grill is

$2737.75. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve payment for the tables after passing of ordinance, second by Alderman Green, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brookshier-yes. Motion passed: 4 yes, 0 no votes.

Sidewalk bids: The bids for the sidewalk was opened on May 3rd and the City received a total of 4 bids. There are as follows:

1. Matthew Concrete Concept $12,500
2. Complete Fencing $31,000
3. Eckenfels Flatwork & Excavation LLC $8,416.25
4. TS Banze $13,008.50

There was a concern about the amount of rock on Eckenfels bid compared to others, and this will be discussed with Eckenfels if they are awarded the bid. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the lowest bid of Eckenfels Flatwork & Excavation, second by Alderman Green, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed:4 yes, 0 no votes. Aldermen Thomas made the motion to introduce Bill #8-2019 for the first reading, second by Alderman Green: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ECKENFELS FLATWORK & EXCAVATION LLC FOR SIDEWALKS WITHIN BRUER PARK, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed: 4yes/0 no votes. Alderman Green introduced Bill #8-2019 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas. and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. This will now be Ordinance #865.

Report from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

A work session to work on information is needed and it was set for May 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The draft of the rules, regulations, and reservations for Bruer Park was reviewed. There are several issues that need to be addressed. Attorney Joyce will review the draft copy. A scheduled would need to be set up for unlocking and locking the restrooms. Special event permits would need to be approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Green had to leave the meeting at this time, but the City Board still has a quorum present, and the meeting continued.

Treasurer: Nothing to report at this time.

Attorney’s Report: Attorney Joyce stated the Supreme Court has set a limit on what can be charged on speeders going 15-20 over the speed limits and the Attorney can not change this/his hands are tied.

Public Works Supervisor’s Report: Mark had received an estimate from the Insituform Technologies USA, LLC for an area in Heritage Hills on Austin Drive. The estimate is for $55,785.00. It was discussed and decided not to proceed with getting bids on this type of repair. Then the Board discussed bidding the work into two different projects to allow one to be done this year and one next year. The Administrator stated there is an option to request the bid for the one phase with an alternate bid to do both. Then the Board could make the decision at that time if funds were available to do the complete project. Bart Korman from Lewis-Bade Inc will be contacted as he is the engineer working on the project specs.

Mark reported picnic tables are in and have been put together. The Barbeque pit’s delivery date needs to be checked as it has not been received yet.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Black reported that the former Police Clerk Edie Ross has passed away. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Chief Black reported that special Olympics t-shirts are in and available to purchase. He also stated Warren County Handicapped Services would work the food stand during the Concert in the park on May 17, 2019. They will have serve pull pork sandwich, walking Tacos and root beer floats. There will be two police officers available.

Alderman Brookshier asked about the seat belts in the patrol car. Chief Black stated one has been repaired and the other one has been ordered. It was over $400 for a new one but a used one was found for $97 plus shipping.

The two bikes that were found and picked by the Police Department has been returned to their owner.

Chief Black stated he is having surgery on May 23rd and will be off work for a while. No certain date to return to work was given.

Discussion followed on the medical marijuana and how it could impact the City. No action was taken.

­Report from Committees:

TAC MEETING: The next TAC meeting will be May 16th and MaryLou will attend.

CHAMBER MEETING: Alderman Brookshier will provide a copy of the minutes for the Chamber board meeting. The main topic for discussion was the Chamber Golf Tournament that was held today, May 8th. An update was given on the license office and was informed a new part-time clerk was hired. Chamber shirts have been selling and Long Row Lavender had sold 29 of them.

UNIVERSITY EXTENTION CENTER: There is no meeting the month of May and the next meeting will be June 24th. It was noted that Wanda Thomas had purchased the shed for community garden. She was told to wait until Board makes a decision on how to proceed with the purchase as part of it was paid for with donation, and Wanda paid the remainder.

Bills/Ordinance:

Alderman Thomas introduced Bill #9-2019 for the first reading, second by Alderman Brookshier:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL (4 ADA picnic tables), and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-absent, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brookshier-yes. Motion passed: 3 yes/1 absent. Alderman Brookshier introduced Bill #9-2019 for the second reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-absent, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried:3 Yes/1 absent. This will now be Ordinance #866.

Alderman Thomas introduced Bill #10-2019 for the first reading, second by Alderman Cannon: 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 Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-absent. Motion passed: 3 yes/1 absent. Alderman Brookshier introduced Bill #10-2019 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-absent, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion carried:3 yes/1 absent. This will now be Ordinance #867.

Alderman Thomas introduced Bill #11-2019 for the first reading, second by Alderman Brookshier:

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, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-absent, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed:3 yes/o no votes. Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second and final reading of Bill #11-2019, second by Alderman Brookshier, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-absent, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brookshier-yes. Motion carried: 3 yes/1 absent. This will now be Ordinance #868.

Alderman Thomas introduced Bill #12-2019 for the first reading, second by Alderman Cannon: AN ORDINANCE AUTORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOOK-N-BOUNCE LLC FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT EVENT ON MAY 22, 2019,.and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-absent, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried: 3 yes/1 absent. This will now be Ordinance #869.

Being no other business to come before the meeting at this time, Alderman Thomas made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Brookshier.

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor