TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

02/26/2025

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a Board of Aldermen Meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 5:15 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall located at 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO 63380. Mayor Cannon Called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm. A roll call was taken, Alderman Brooks-present, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Hartley-present; there was a quorum present. Those attending on behalf of the City of Truesdale were Mayor Jerry Cannon, City Manager/City Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez, City Attorney Amber Bargen, Public Works Lead Steve Harlan, and Treasurer Missy Bachamp. Citizens in attendance were Philip & Shelby Weinrich (Truesdale Residents), Robert Green (Truesdale Resident), Greg Lane (Truesdale Resident), Kelly & Robert Riehl (Truesdale Residents), Amanda Lefholz (Truesdale Resident), Tammy Markman (Truesdale Resident), Bart Korman (Lewis-Bade), and Jack Underwood (Warren County Record).

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Invoice No. 8056486 from Gilmore Bell, second by Alderman Brooks. Motion passed with 3 ayes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Brooks. Motion passed with 3 ayes.

Mayor Cannon started the meeting be honoring Alderman Justin Naranjo and requested a moment of silence.

Citizens Participation:

Bart Korman gave an update on the Smith Street Improvement Project, he started off by saying that all the concrete is down, and JBC entrance, the city only paying for the first 20 feet and JBC is paying for the rest. He stated that there will be some grading, and picking up debris, in the next couple of days and adjusting water meter tops. Bart stated that Mr. Nolan expressed how he wanted his lot done.

Bart stated that they were pretty much done except some grading, seed and mulch. He stated that the deadline expired, and he came to request an extension on the contract for completion. Steve asked if the boulders were going to be set back on the easement like they were before. Bart told him that the boulders cannot be on the city right a way, and that they have to do some terracing so that they can set them up and trying to get him as much room in his parking lot as possible. Elsa asked Bart if there was anything that the city would have to do anything extra in order for the boulders to be set back up. Bart stated that there would need to be some rip rap quantity adjustment for a gentler slope. Elsa asked if that was in the original plan. Bart stated that the original plan was gravel all the way to the curb, and more a gentle slope out. Rip rap is slightly more expensive than gravel and there would be less than a $1,000.00 adjustment. Elsa asked if it was the city’s responsibility to pay for that. Alderman Hartley stated she doesn’t have a problem with the boulders being put out as long as they are not in the way, but she doesn’t think the city should have to pay for them to sit up right. Mayor Cannon stated as far as they are sitting upright that one thing, but his parking lot was a mess, it was torn up. Bart said he doesn’t think its going to be very much because in the field by St. Louis Skylights, it wasn’t necessary for the grade layout, in the adjustment. Were going to have to do gravel in the area anyway, and an increase in the whole area due to the traffic. Alderman Brooks stated that it would be great if the rip rap was reallocated. Bart stated that he believed it would almost be a wash by reallocating. Bart has been working with all the property owners on working on their issues.

January 16th was the original deadline for the completion of the Smith Street project, one thirty-day extension was granted, making the deadline February 16th. Alderman Thomas asked if there were any extra costs to the city and Bart stated no, just days. Alderman Thomas asked John Choinka if he had a chance to walk through, John stated that yes he did and they are at a substantial completion all the major items are finished other than cleaning issues. Alderman Thomas made the motion for a thirty day extension for TS Banze to complete the Smith Street Improvement Project, second by Alderman Hartley. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes and Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion Passes with 3 yes vote.

Elsa stated that there would still be a need to grant an additional extension for Philip Weinrich coming into compliance with the chicken ordinance. Alderman Thomas made the motion give Philip Weinrich an extension to get into compliance with the chicken ordinance until March 26th, second by Alderman Brooks. With a roll call vote as follows, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion carried with 3 yes votes.

Comments from Mayor Cannon:

 Mayor Cannon stated that he had being trying to get with people from Refresco and getting information from them, Steve Etcher and Jason Terry and would like to have a work session. Attorney Bargen will tell Refresco that there will be a work session.

Mayor Cannon stated that Public Works Lead Steve Harlan has been working on a couple things, he has patched the street by Pinckney and Highway M.

Mayor Cannon stated that there were more comments from the former Paintball property, and people potentially interested in the property.

Comments from the Board of Alderman:

Alderman Mike Thomas stated that he spoke with Steve about some of the yards that were scraped by the snowplow and that there would be a resident that would request sod versus seed and straw. Kelly Riehl stated that Steve did a great job and the entire crew.

Alderman Brooks asked if the Kruckey property had been taken care of, Mayor Cannon informed him that it has not been and he will make contact with them.

Alderman Thomas stated that the company looking to purchase the 16 acres located on E. Veterans Memorial Property had agreed to allow a walking trail on their property. Alderman Thomas stated that he would need to figure out how to route the trail.

Grant Update: Elsa stated that all the grant funds had been received $49,500.00 and the final paperwork has been submitted for the USDA Grant.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

 Building Inspector (contracted):

 John gave a report of the building permits that have been issued. He stated that Boone Ridge Manor is really going to start building homes out there. He stated that he had a call from TR Hughes about a guardrail by a retention pond and if the city would consider changing the guardrail to landscape boulders. John stated that with the speed limit being 20 miles per hour that a guardrail is not required, but he does not see an issue with landscape boulders if they are spaced properly and it would look better. He doesn’t see any safety issues. There were no issues with utilizing the landscape boulders.

Public Works:

Public Works Lead Steve reported the new light is up at Heritage Hills and thought the light was dim. Steve stated that it can go up to 200. Alderman Brooks asked what Elkhorn was and it is the same as the Heritage Hills. Alderman Hartley stated that she would guess that it was uniform to the rest in Heritage Hills.

Steve informed the Board that there were little issues with the plow and salt spreader, he stated they have patched the quite a few pot holes. Steve asked about maintaining Countryside Mobile Home Park Streets, the city has no authority to maintain those streets. Steve stated that he will be gone next week for MRWA training in Branson.

Mayor Cannon reported that salt spreader would be going to Mark’s or B&R and the plow is still under warranty.

City Attorney:

Attorney Bargen stated all the pieces are starting to flow in for Refresco so we just need to have the work session.

Police Department:

Chief Doyle was not in attendance.

City Treasurer:

There is nothing to report at this time.

City Manager/City Clerk:

Elsa provided information on the first invoice for the Neighborhood Improvement District Payment in the amount of 183,257.49.

Elsa requested payment for Invoice#26089 Lewis-Bade, Inc. in the amount of $26,500.00. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve Invoice#26089 in the amount of $26,500.00 to Lewis-Bade, second by Alderman Hartley. Al roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with a 3 yes vote.

Elsa provided the sample ballot for the April election.

Elsa requested payment for Gilmore Bell in the amount of $1,300.00 Invoice#8056486, this invoice is to submit the annual report to make sure we are in compliance with the NID. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve paying the invoice#8056486 to Gilmore Bell in the amount of $1,3000.00. Motion passed with 3 ayes.

Elsa reported that Olivia Clancy from Olive’s Bakery is looking to have RedCross at her event on April 26th and is needing 50 commitments. The Truesdale City Hall will be a place people can sign up to commit along with Olive’s Bakery.

Elsa reported that next Wednesday, she and Chief Doyle will be meeting with representatives from Pathfinders to discuss possible participation in their work program.

Elsa reported that she will be attending the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association from March 9th to March 13th and will be on vacation from March 26th through the 31st.

Elsa informed the Board of Aldermen that a certified write in candidate would need to file with the county clerk and the deadline for that would be March 28th at 5:00 pm.

Elsa provided a list of commitments and costs for services for Railroad Days.

Planning and Zoning:

Alderman Hartley gave an update on the Planning and Zoning meeting that was held on February 19, 2025. She stated that Clarkson Construction attended the meeting to discuss potentially purchasing 16 acres on East Veterans Memorial Parkway. They had provided a lot of background information, and from Kansas City but have wanted to expand to this area. They had expressed that they were open to concerns from Heritage Hills, and the walking trail. Alderman Hartley stated that Planning and Zoning Commission informed them of the process of submitting a site plan to the zoning administrator.

Bills and Ordinances:

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of BILL#5-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading of BILL**#5-2025**: “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OFTRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BAX ILLUSTRATION FOR CARICATURE ARTIST SERVICES AT RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2025”. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of BILL#5-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading of **BILL#5-2025**: “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OFTRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BAX ILLUSTRATION FOR CARICATURE ARTIST SERVICES AT RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2025”. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

 Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of BILL#6-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading of **BILL#6-2025**: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND KLANCE UNLIMITED FOR MOBILE STAGING SERVICES FOR RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2025. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of BILL#6-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading of **BILL#6-2025**: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND KLANCE UNLIMITED FOR MOBILE STAGING SERVICES FOR RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2025. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of BILL#7-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading of BILL**#7-2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND VOYAGE 75 FOR MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES FOR RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2025. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-Abstained. Motion passed with 2 yes votes 1 Abstained. With 2 Aldermen voting yes, and one abstained Mayor Cannon may the tie breaking vote- Mayor Cannon voted yes. Motion passed.

Alderman Brooks made the motion for the second reading of BILL#7-2025, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the second reading of **BILL#7-2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND VOYAGE 75 FOR MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES FOR RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2025. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-Abstained, and Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 2 yes votes 1 Abstained. With 2 Aldermen voting yes, and one abstained Mayor Cannon may the tie breaking vote- Mayor Cannon voted yes. Motion passed.

Alderman Brooks made the motion for the first reading of BILL#8-2025, second by Alderman Hartley. Elsa read the first reading of **BILL#8-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SWAIN PRODUCTIONS FOR MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES FOR RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of BILL#8-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading of **BILL#8-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SWAIN PRODUCTIONS FOR MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES FOR RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of BILL#9-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading of **BILL#9-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CONTINENTAL UTILITY SOLUTIONS, INC (CUSI) ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF 05/01/25-04/30/26. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of BILL#9-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading **BILL#9-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CONTINENTAL UTILITY SOLUTIONS, INC (CUSI) ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF 05/01/25-04/30/26. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Hartley-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of BILL#10-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the first reading **BILL#10-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BACKYARD PARTY RENTALS FOR RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2025 A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the second reading of BILL#10-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Elsa read the second reading **BILL#10-2025:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BACKYARD PARTY RENTALS FOR RAILROAD DAYS SUMMERFEST 2025 A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

New Business:

A work session is schedule for March 5,2025 at 5:30 pm to discuss the chicken ordinance and the Refresco Abatement.

An event planning meeting was scheduled for March 20th at 5:30 pm.

Being no other business brought to the Board, Alderman Thomas made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Brooks. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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 Elsa Smith-Fernandez

City Manager/City Clerk

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Jerry Cannon-Mayor