TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

03/26/2025

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a Board of Aldermen Meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall located at 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO 63380. Mayor Cannon Called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Public Works Lead Steve Harlan, Treasurer Missy Bachamp, and Utility Clerk Elise Morris. The citizens in attendance were Philip Weinrich (Truesdale Residents), Shawn Luesse and Jack Hanff (TR Hughes), Dustin Loeffler (Landowner), Jerry Pherigo and Mary Lou Rainwater (Truesdale Residents), Josh Hartley (Truesdale resident), Bark Korman (Lewis -Bade), Ellen Wortham (Truesdale resident), John Choinka (Choinka Municipal Services), and Jack Underwood (Warren County Record).

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda, 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.

Citizens Participation:

Shawn and Jack from TR Hughes are here to discuss Plats 5 and 6. Everything at this point is administrative. Shawn stated he has issued the letter of credit and the guaranteed agreement for Plat 5 this evening and he would like to pick up signed copies of Plat 5 tomorrow for recoding. He stated that he meets with John Choinka, and they have met all the requirements as far as the ordinance is concerned. With John’s recommendation he would ask for the release of Plat 5 tomorrow and have it as an ordinance for Plat #5 only at the next meeting. Alderman Thomas made a motion to approve Plats #5 and #6 and was second by Alderman Hartley. A roll call vote was taken. Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. The motion passed with a 3 yes vote.

Jerry Pherigo and Mary Lou Rainwater apologized for not getting on agenda, but we saw they seed and strawed our street today and we have several questions and concerns. First the easements we feel they passed the footage of easement that the property owners had given this is a major concern they have rocks and chunks of asphalt the last meeting they were at the contractors stated they would put a foot of soil on top of that and make sure the chunks were crushed and that was not done. The soil they put on top has rocks in it also they will be no way to mow that area. Mary Lou stated she wanted it in the minutes that they came with concern. She just did not want a ticket because we could not mow there grass, and a concern about the asphalt when it meets the concrete where the project ends there is quite the bump where the difference is. There was also a delay getting the project started but there have been quite a few beautiful days when he could have worked and he did not and then we got into the bad winter, and she stated the project rushed at the end to get it done. John Choinka stated that he told them there needs to be some sort of transition between asphalt and concrete. John also stated there should not be any rock in the topsoil they brought in. Jerry stated it was his understanding that they were going to bring in 12 inches of topsoil on top of the fill dirt. Jerry stated that his driveway is so steep where is he supposed to put his trash cans. He was wondering what the city recommends for that. He stated the city was about 12 to 15 feet above the easement.

 Mayor Cannon asked Bart if he had any answers to these questions. Bart Korman of Lewis-Bade yes there was chunks of asphalt on the Pherigo property and yes there were areas of this project that would need fill too hook up to the ditch pipe and to allow for the transition to the yard. They put soil on top of that and he did bring in some topsoil on top of that. Bart stated that yes there was a lot of clay. He stated there was soil put over the top of it. Mayor Cannon asked him so there is soil over those rocks. Bart said there where rocks and a chunk of asphalt showing this morning and he pointed it out to the guys and told them to remove all of those before strawing, he stated there should not be any rocks at the surface. Jerry stated that you said anything bigger than two inches, well have you hit an inch rock with a lawn mower.

Mayor Cannon asked Bart was 12 inches of soil were put there because that is what is in the minutes from the meeting. Jerry stated 12 inches of fill dirt on top of the clay dirt and that is not the case. Bart stated there is 12 inches of fill dirt, it is just some clay. The big pile of clay that was in front of JBC is what the used for filling dirt and it did have some gravel in it. Jerry stated that when you say topsoil you mean good soil not clay dirt that you cannot put anywhere else. Jerry stated we are not trying to be difficult, but we want it squared away so he can at least mow his yard. Mayor Cannon stated the bottom line is they need to be able to grow grass and mow it safely. Mary Lou stated it looks good on the city when they hold the contractor to what they say they will do. Usually when people work on something it looks like it did before they worked on it and this does not. Jerry stated that Branze made sure and went out of there way so that he could get out of there driveway. That was great for us. Steve Harlan stated that they workers told him they over seeded today. Bart stated that they workers had picked up a skid steer bucket full of rocks. They will come back and fix the area in Hal Pherigo’s driveway. Mayor Cannon stated he has two big issues with this, with this is the rock soil and getting out of the easement. Mayor Cannon felt that putting down the seed with the rocks in the soil was a hurry-up job and it is not okay for him, that is something that could have been taken care of with a little bit of work. Bart stated he had spoken with the owner and workers about the rocks before he received the text from Mayor Cannon. Mayor Cannon stated that if the company had paid attention to detail this would not have been an issue. He stated that when your work is wrong you go back and fix it. The city is paying them a lot of money to do a good job, bottom line is we are the customer and except a good job. Before the project started everyone sat down and it was stated to make sure this property is done right, they have taken the brunt of the drainage issue for too long. Bart stated that you have a permanent and a temporary easement in one document. The 10foot easement was permanent and the temporary easement was wherever they needed to go on the property. Jerry was upset, thought the easement was only for three feet not ten. Bart stated otherwise. Mary Lou stated we just want it fixed so there are no problems down the road. Jerry stated we need to figure out the easement out so in the future you do not come back and say we need to put something else there. The easement was for the road three feet on the Pherigo property so they would not have to dig into the side of the hill on the other side of the road where the road should go. Bart stated that if we need to go back and correct that paperwork they will. Steven asked Mayor Cannon if he should get some paver and find a place to put Pherigo’s trash cans. Alderman Thomas stated work directly with Pherigo’s to get that done. Mary Lou thanked everyone for listening to their concerns. Jerry thanked everyone and stated we just wanted the board to know there were some issues that needed addressed. Alderman Thomas stated this project began a little more involved than everyone thought. Alderman Hartley asked Bart when are they supposed to be done with this project. Bart stated they are substantially done, the transition at the end of the road will be doing that next week. There will be little things that they have to come back and do when the weather conditions are right.

Mayor Cannon asked Steven to get with Missy about the trash cans and what are we going to do about them mowing there lawn? So, we will just have to give it time and wait and see. Mayor Cannon asked Bart if he had anything else to report and Bart said they are almost done they sealed the road yesterday. Traffic has been going fast, that is a sign of a good road. Alderman Thomas asked what the speed limit was, and Chief Doyle stated it was 20 miles an hour. The problem is it is hard to find a place to sit and catch people speeding. Stevn asked does the road need to be striped for parking. Bart said no.

Josh Hartley (Truesdale resident) stated he emailed the board with an issue about a vehicle trashing their street on Conrad Circle. It looks like an oil slick, not just a leak. They have issues with a tow truck park on the street and a spectrum truck parking there as well and there are no parking signs everywhere. He feels like there is no attention being paid to that subdivision or their streets. These cause issues and make the neighborhood look like crap. He just wants to know where we stand with that. Mayor Cannon stated that he knew Chief Doyle had issued some tickets on Tuesday, if the car comes back, it will be towed, and Steven and his crew will be out there scrubbing the street. They will be sent a bill for that, and the tickets are sustainable. Chief Doyle stated that the maximum amount is $500.00. They have written tickets in the past for payloads trucks, and he will make more of an effort in that neighborhood. Josh stated that he was not starting trouble but what’s right is right. Alderman Hartley stated that a lady in the subdivision complains to her about the spectrum van all the time. Mayor Cannon stated he had several complaints about someone reviving their engine and Sergeant Kelly took care of that. Alderman Hartley stated she does get a lot of complaints, and she tries to deal with most of them herself, but she also encourages residents to call City Hall and complain so it does not look like it is just her doing the complaining. Josh stated he is not knocking what we do but the city could also get in trouble with the EPA and the car should not be on the road and should not be in the driveway cause it will still leak into the drains. Josh stated when it rained, he slide on the oil path that the car had left on the road. Josh stated we have laws for a reason and people should abide by them. Alderman Thomas thanked Josh for letting the board know he know there was an issue but not like that and we cannot fix things if they do not know. Alderman Hartley stated that they just had a house sell for $270,000 and people spending that kind of money do not want to see that in their neighborhood.

Comments from the Mayor:

True Manufacturing gave the city a picture of Justin Naranjo and he would like to put it on the wall next to officer Seals. It had a saying on it that Mayor Cannon read.

Comments from the Board:

Alderman Thomas thanked Steve for putting in the stop sign at Cynthia and Austin, he said it was going to be a big help. Light is up at the entrance to Heritage Hills, and it is bright.

Alderman Brooks stated he went to an event in Wright City this past weekend and it was a really great event, it was by wildlife command center and maybe something we could do.

Mayor Cannon asked if we could move to the bills and ordinances so some people could leave.

**BILLS/ORDINANCES:**

Alderman Thomas made the motion for the first reading of Bill #14-2025, second by Alderman Brooks. Missy read the first reading of **BILL #14-2025 AN ORDINANCE PERIORD OF APRIL 1, 2025, AMENDING CHAPTER 205 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OFNRTHE CITY OF TRUESDALE BY REPLACING SECTION 205.150 PROHIBITION OF THE KEEPING OF UNSANITARY AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF TRUESDALE.**  A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

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Mayor Cannon stated that one of the things we need to address with this giving Mr. Weinrich time to relocate his coop. Alderman Hartley asked how big his coop was a how would that work with a shed permit. She stated that part of the change is a shed fee must be 10 x 12 or smaller for a $25 fee or bigger would be a $300 permit. Alderman Hartley stated that the shed permit he currently had does not have the stipulation on it about yearly inspection. Mr. Weinrich said they would just re-apply. Alderman Hartley asked Ellen Wortham if her if she already had a permit and she is already grandfathered in. Mr. Weinrich asked if we had a list of what the inspection entails. Alderman Hartley stated they would only be looking to make sure of what is stated on the ordinance. Mr. Weinrich asked about replacing his pool deck and the board said if you are replacing no. He asked about the deck in his house, he wanted to get bigger and put a cover on it yes, he needed a permit. Josh Hartley asked what about enforcing if chicken get out do you call city hall or do you call the cops. Chief Doyle said a mixture of all of those.

Mr. Weinrich asked what procedure for the dogs to not go to the pound. Missy stated that if you come in and register your animal, we have that record and can call you. If it is an animal that is a repeat offender, we do call S & R.

**Reports from Departments:**

Building Inspector: John sent out reports, does anyone have questions.

Public Works:

Steven stated they have been busy, the concrete at the end of Austin was poured yesterday. They put up all the street signs in Elkhorn Ridge. They changed out all the meters at the Metal Recycle place while it was open. Elkhorn Ridge, they have been doing the water, and I have been doing the inspections. They are almost at a standstill because there are not enough foundations, and that will give me a little bit of a break.

City Attorney: She was not here

Chief Doyle: He has spoken with Amber (City Attorney) we have a couple of people in jail that have been there a couple of days so there will be some court bills. We spoke about this previously and it is $55 a day we have had this out as a line item in the budget for a few years know, and we will be putting that back in the budget this year. Drug take back is scheduled for April 26, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

On Monday and Tuesday, fire training called LPBO. Allows you to work at close ranges and to distance 200 yards and everyone qualified 90 percentiles. We are also looking for another vehicle grant, SRO Taylor looking at grant from Conoco-Phillips 100% funded grant for an SRO Vehicle. It would be just like the one we have but would have some decals from the school as well. It would be nice to go in that direction, he responds to home visits, he works on the roads, and he works special events at the school. If he could get the okay to move forward. They said to move forward.

City Treasurer: Nothing to report currently.

City Clerk/Manager: Email about the copier she is waiting until she gets back to deal with that, the city snow route she wanted to know if no changes she was going to send it to Amber and get it ready for the next meeting, She also wanted to discuss the “blanket ordinance “for all plats when she and Amber had time to discuss it. Missy stated how many vendors and sponsorship we had.

Planning and Zoning: Next meeting April 16, 2025, at 6:00 and Missy stated that Robert from Clarkson came in and gave us an update on where they where at in their purchasing process.

**Committees:**

TAC-no meeting until May.

Chamber- nothing to report

University Extension Meeting: Meet last Wednesday basically elected and new elected members were sworn in a Truesdale Resident Don Huff was a new member. Trying to figure out Fair Family of the year.

EDC Meeting- They had their cocktails and conversation last night and Alderman Thomas was not able to attend.

BSRP: The office staff, Mayor, and Alderman Thomas went to their training on the Sunshine Law. Mayor Cannon stated that the difference between MML training and the States Attorney General office where quite different.

With no new business to discuss, Alderman Hartley made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Brooks. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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**Missy Bachamp, City Treasurer**

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 **Jerry Cannon-Mayor**