TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2020

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held their first meeting in 2020 on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A roll call was requested: Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Stanley Brookshier-present, Alderman Mike Thomas-present, and Alderman Jerry Cannon-present. City Administrator reported a full Board was present. Others attending for the City were Mayor Chris Watson, Attorney Tim Joyce, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Treasurer Elsa Smith, and Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. Visitors were Rodger Wells and Wesley & Jane Kelly.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the December 11, 2019 board meeting and the invoices from December 2019. The motion was second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving.

Mayor Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting and wish everyone a Happy New Year. He stated 2019 was a great year for the City and hope good things continued in 2020.

Citizens Participation: Wes and Jane Kelly addressed the board concerning the property at 743 Wabash Street. The property contained 3 lots (50’ X 180” each) running north and south. They are interested in purchasing the property, placing three mobile homes on the lots, and then selling them. A discussion followed on the sewer connection. The main sewer line is on the north side of Smith Street (which is a new concrete street). It is up to the customer to connect the line and pay for crossing or boring the city street and putting the street back in the same or better condition. The sewer is a 8” line. It was stressed that each mobile home should have their own sewer line in case there was issues in the future, who would be responsible if there was only one line for all three homes. It was discussed running a 6” sewer to the property line and then each home would connect to this line. Mark will look into pricing of doing this work. Another discussion was on the portion of West Street that is at the west end of the property. It is a dedicated street but has never been opened or used. It was asked if the City would open the street or would they consider closing it. The Administrator stated if a street is closed, the property of the street is split between the owners on each side. The Board stated they would decide at the next meeting.

Comments from Mayor Watson: Things have been busy but nothing to report at this time.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen: Alderman Thomas stated he has received and forwarded photos from the Givogues concerning the ditch between Mike Drive and Cynthia Drive. She is very concerned about the debris at the end of the creek blocking the flow of the water. Most of this is from the builders. Alderman Thomas stated he felt it was time to consider taking legal actions against the builders as they are ignoring the City’s efforts to clean out this area. Mayor stated the Board has met with the builders several time but still no action being taken by the builders to correct issues. Mark also informed the Board that a house was started by Jaeger without calling Missouri One Call. This was discussed at one of the meeting and the Administrator informed Dwayne Andrews in person. Alderman Brookshier will check the ordinance because he stated there was something about blocking natural water ways. There was a concern about wash out around the creek. Mayor Watson stated he talked to Scott from MKA concerning this and Scott stated he could not get equipment into the area to place the large rocks at this time. Alderman Brookshier reported that a port-a-potty was blown over in the recent windstorm. There is a way to anchor these down and the builder needs to secure it.

Alderman Cannon stated the street survey was placed in the residential water bills. They can turn in the paper copy or do a survey online. The Board discussed placing a ½ of one percent sales tax for transportation on the April 7, 2020 election ballot. This tax could only be used for street related expenses. The Board discuss the need of street repairs throughout the City. Alderman Thomas made the motion to place the transportation sales tax ½ of 1 percent on the ballot. Motion was second by Alderman Green and roll call votes as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brookshier-yes. Motion carried:4 yes/0 no.

Alderman Thomas stated he is working to get someone to be at National Night out for entertainment. He has to see who would be available at that time.

REPORT ON BID OPENINGS AND CURRENT PROJECTS: The final invoice from MKA was received for the Austin Drive storm drain work. There is still final things to be completed such as the sealing of the concrete. The total invoice is $148,772.46. It was stated the City can hold back 5% or $7,438.62 until everything is completed on a punch list. Alderman Green made the motion to pay $141,333.84 to MKA, holding back the 5% of $7,438.62 until final work is completed and approved. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried 4 yes/0 no votes.

Mayor Watson planned to meet with Chad Eggen from Boonslick Regional Planning Commission concerning the grant for the safe room with several questions, including pay schedule, additional funds to help with the City portion of the grant, and a few other items.

The City needs to set up a time to rate the four Request for Qualification for engineer for the Safe Room project. It was decided to have a special meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to rate the qualifications, and at the same meeting to discuss the hiring of a part time utility clerk and to pass the ordinance for the sales tax issue to be placed on the ballot. The Administrator will contact Missouri Municipal League for additional information on placing the issue on the ballot.

Alderman Thomas stated he will ask Mike Shilharvey to attend the next meeting to discuss the Concert in the park and set a date for the City of Truesdale to host one at Bruer Park.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

Administrator/City Clerk: Copies of the CPA Audit completed by Charles Montgomery was provided to the Board for their review. It covers the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

It was discussed to get the City’s record on the Cloud for storage to protect them in case of a disaster at City Hall. The Truesdale IT Daniel McCory has everything in place to move forward with this project. Some equipment will be needed A Synology NAS service will be used at a cost of $969.99. and then the cloud back up service will be approximately $353.34 annually depending on how much data we need to back up. This is the best way to protect the City files.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approving the setting up and the equipment for cloud storage for the City Hall, second by Alderman Green, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes, 0 no votes.

The solar system needs three new communication modules to restore communication at a total price of $359.58. Straight Up Solar sent it to the City’s insurance company, but it is less than the City’s deductible. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the City paying the $359.58 for the required modules, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call as voted: Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed: 4 yes/0 no votes.

A copy of the CodeWatch 2019 bulletin from General Code was provided to the Board and the Chief of Police. This is a brief summary of statutory provisions that have been revised or added.

It is provided as information only and does not necessarily represents all new enactments.

The renewal for the Warren County Wed-GIS is due. The City Hall and the Police Department both use this site to obtain information. The fee is $250.00. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the payment of the $250 for the renewal for the Warren County Web-GIS usage, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brookshier-yes.

The Administrator has been in contact with someone from Bunker Hill cemetery where Mr. Truesdale is buried. She is researching what information she has on him and will send information when available. It was mentioned that it is believed that Mr. Truesdale does not have a tombstone at this time. Alderman Cannon stated he knows a civil war organization that may help obtain one for him.

Invoices from Missouri Water Association for legislative assessment for $175.00 and from the Missouri Municipal League for annual membership for the year of 2020 at $473.20 has been received. Introduction of Bills to pay these will be later during this meeting.

Treasurer: Elsa reported that all accounts are balanced and up-to-date. The IT Daniel McCory has been working on the computer and it is also updated.

Attorney’s Report: Attorney Joyce stated he has a busy court day with 25-30 tickets.

Public Works Supervisor: Mark discussed an issue concerning a lot on Austin Drive at the west end in the cul-de-sac. It is the middle lot and at this time there is no home on it. However, there is no water service to this lot. He suggested the City run a line across the area of the driveway before work is done on the lot. Tyler Null from T & D stated he would be working on the next lot and he would run the needed line for $100 if the City would provide the material. Mark checked and the material would be $388.48. This include putting the water line that will be under the driveway into conduit pipe to protect it. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the work and purchase of material up to $750, second by Alderman Thomas, 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.

A letter was submitted to AmerenMissouri requesting a small bucket truck be donated to the City when one becomes available. A reply has been received and it states the City will be put on the priority list for a truck.

Mark has met with someone who is interested in purchasing and developing the acreage just east of Heritage Hills. It would be part commercial, apartments, and homes.

There has been damage done to the pavilion by juveniles and the incident was recorded on the City’s cameras at the park. The restroom door was damaged and the door cost $485.20 to replace and then there is a cost of painting the door. The roll up door into the kitchen area has a lot of dings from rocks being thrown at it but it still works. Warrenton Steel will be contacted to see if a steel mesh grate could be constructed that can be put on the louver to make it harder to damage them.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Doyle stated the incident at Bruer Park happen on December 24 and 25, 2019. One of the children that the Police Department did “Shop with the Cop” was involved. Also, two girls stole two traffic cones. It was requested to order signs warning that cameras are is use. It was suggested the park be checked every day.

Chief Doyle reported the first “Shop with A Cop was a success. A total of $911 was collected, presents for three children and their family and groceries were purchased.

Chief Doyle reported an incident around CEF where Truesdale assisted another agency concerning a male with a gun. After locating the suspect, he had a knife, but Officer Sutton was able to talk to him and end the incident.

There was a total of 13 incident reports, 17 calls, 55 citations, and 80 warnings issued since the last meeting.

Committee Reports: The next TAC meeting for the Administrator will be February 20th.

Alderman Brookshier reported on the Chamber board meeting and stated that Sam Richardson is now the President. The license office will be moving to the mall upon the consent of the State Representative that is do to inspect the site. Full time employees should get benefits in the future.

The next meeting of the University Extension center will be January 27, 2020 (instead of the 28th as reported). Alderman Cannon will attend.

Mayor Watson reported the Kiwanis club is planning a literary program and plan to have an event the first weekend in March to raise money to purchase books. More information will be available in the future.

Bills/Ordinances:

Alderman Green introduced Bill #1-2020 for the first reading, second by Alderman Thomas:

An ordinance authorizing payment to the Missouri Rural Water Association for Legislative Assessment, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried:4 yes/0 no votes. Alderman Green introduced Bill #2-2020 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried:4 yes/0 no votes. This will now be Ordinance #898.

Alderman Green introduced Bill #2-2020 for the first reading, second by Alderman Thomas:

An ordinance authorizing payment to the Missouri Municipal League for Annual Membership for the year of 2020, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-es, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman-Brookshier-yes. Motion carried:4 yes/0 no votes. Alderman Green introduced Bill #2-2020 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes. This will now be Ordinance #899.

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

Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor