Truesdale Board of Aldermen Meeting

November 18, 2020

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 5:30 p.m. in the board room at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, Missouri.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Watson requested a roll call from the City Administrator: Alderman Joseph Brooks-present, Alderman Mike Thomas-present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-attended the meeting on zoom, and Alderman Robert Green-present. A full board was reported with three Aldermen in person and one on zoom. The following also attended the meeting from the City of Truesdale Mayor Chris Watson, City Attorney Tim Joyce, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez, and Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. Visitors were Brian Gleise, Olivia Clancy, and Corinna Clancy for Olive’s Bakery LLC and Adam Rollins from Warren County Record.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda with two additional items to be added: a resolution concerning credit card used at Orscheln’s and an ordinance and contract with Lewis-Bade Inc. for construction inspection for the FEMA Safe room in Bruer Park. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, with all aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda (minutes of the October 28, 2020 meeting, accounts payable for the month of October 2020, and stating the Board has received the treasurer’s report for the month of October 2020 and it will be filed for audit purposes. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving.

Citizens Participation: Olivia Clancy attended the meeting to request a business license for Olive’s Bakery. She will be opening in the same location where Hometown Bakery was located. She plans to open on January 12, 2021. She gets the keys to the building on December 1st. She is remodeling the inside and installing all new equipment. She will be serving breakfast and lunches. Hours Tuesday-Friday will be from 5 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Saturday will be from 5:00 a.m.-noon. Plans will be to be open on Sunday in the future. Brian stated Joann Toerper and Boonslick Regional Planning Commission was instrumental in the process to make Olivia’s dream come true at the age of 23. She has completed culinary school and has worked in the food industry including at Hometown Bakery. Olivia stated she has her banner to place in front of the building to let the public know that it is coming soon. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the business license for Olive’s Bakery, second by Alderman Brooks, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion carried:4 yes/0 no votes.

Comments from Mayor Watson:

Mayor Watson also stated the administrator and he met with Bill Truesdale on November 11th. He believes he is related to the City’s founding father in some way. He has offered to donate to obtaining a tombstone for Mr. Truesdale.

Mayor Watson stated Elsa and he attended and spoke at an event sponsored by the Liberty of Warren County. The City received a 2020 Liberty Award for the City Staff. It is for responded to request such as sunshine request quickly.

Mayor Watson declared a municipal election for April 6, 2021. The first date to file will be December 15, 2020 and the last date to file is January 19, 2021. The position of Mayor and two aldermen will be up for election. The two aldermen’s seat are presently held by Alderman Cannon and Alderman Green.

Comments from Board of Aldermen: None at this time.

Grant Updates:

1. Safe Room: Mark reported the grading is almost done and the tank in the ground has been removed. It was reported the quality of the soil is good so far. They plan to put in a temporary construction road on the east side of the property. Screening and compaction is planned for next week (weather permitting). It was stated the City needs to decide on the additional work that needs to be done during the construction of the building such as additional water and sewer lines. Having a water fountain was also discussed.

Mark will talk to the contractor to find out how soon they need this information.

The contract for Lewis-Bade Inc to do construction inspection was reviewed. It was noted the inspection was part of the grant and approved up to $80,430. It would be a 90/10% split with the City’s share at $8,043.00. Alderman Green introduced Bill #40-2020 for the first reading: An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Truesdale to execute an agreement between the City and Lewis-Bade Inc. for construction inspection for the FEMA Safe Room in Bruer Park, motion second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-es, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas Yes. Motion carried4 yes/0 no votes.

Alderman Cannon introduced Bill# 40-2020 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried:4 yes/0 no votes. This will now be Ordinance #937.

1. No updates on the Park grant or the sewer study grant.

Report from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

Administrator/City Clerk: An invoice from Cochran Engineering for work on the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant project for bidding process in the amount of $875 was submitted for approval. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the payment, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion carried:4 yes/0 no votes.

The credit card company for the card at Orscheln issued a new card but could not be activated with the current password so a new resolution is needed to be passed by the Board to authorize the administrator to update the account. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the resolution, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion carries:4 yes/0 no votes.

The Administrator stated Liz Grove from Missouri Rural Water Association has completed the rate study on water and sewer for the City of Truesdale. It is suggested to set up a meeting after the holidays to discuss the results.

An email was received from the Olendorffs thanking the City for the American Flags that was displayed on Veterans Day. They stated they “appreciated the effort and expense that has been put forth for this day”.

Treasurer’s Report: Elsa reported the audit work has been completed and waiting on the results of the audit from the CPA

Attorney Joyce: Nothing to report at this time.

Public Works Supervisor’s report: Mark reviewed the proposed agreement between the City and Bobby Hoelscher for the purchase of water.

Mark reported he received a quote from ARC Locksmith for making 5 keys and installing the locks on the restroom doors at the park for $390.00. There is a metal piece that will need to be made for both doors and he would charge $50 to do this work for a total of $440.00. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the cost of $440 for work by ARC Locksmith, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried 4 yes/0 no votes. Dan McCory will program them as part of his contract with the City.

The repair of the walk way by Ecke is set for November 25th. Mark has already notified the railroad of the date.

Mark reported that several special water samples have been taken and sent off for testing.

Mark is scheduled to take the DSIII test on December 2nd in Jefferson City.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Doyle gave the following report:

**Shop with a Cop:** Ptn. Taylor is locating families who reside within the City Limits of Truesdale that wish to participate this year. We’re hoping to raise $600 from local businesses to assist local families with Christmas

**New Hire:** The Police Department hired Jose Malta-Gonzalez, who will serve as a Patrolman. Ptn. Malta-Gonzalez has three years of full-time experience and began his field training on November 16th.

Ptn. Malta-Gonzalez is expected to complete training by January

**Thefts:** Additional have been reported throughout the city and the Police Department is investigating and coordinating with other agencies.

Incident Reports: 16

Calls for Service: 145

Citations: 23

Warnings: 5

Report from Various Committees:

TAC Committee: next meeting November 19th, 2020.

Chamber Meeting, University Extension Center, and Greater Warren County EDC meeting-no reports.

New Business: Alderman Thomas reminded the Board that Aaron Goodvin will be at Deerfield’s on November 28th at 7:30 for the “Toons for Tots”. The cost to get in is a new toy. The toys will be given to local agencies for children for Christmas.

It was noted the equipment for the board room was ordered.

It was noted there would be not be board meetings on November 25 and December 23rd.

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

Meeting closed at 6:00 p.m.

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor