TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

MARCH 24, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen met on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO for a regular board meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was requested and was answered as follows: Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Joseph Brooks-present, Alderman Mike Thomas-present, and Alderman Jerry Cannon-present. A full board was present. The following also attended the meeting for the City of Truesdale: Mayor Chris Watson, Attorney Katie Joyce, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez, Utility Clerk Elise Morris and Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. Visitors were Gary Jones (104 Heritage Hills), Cole Deming (Cochran) Tyler Null (T & D Utilities) and Adam Rollins (Warren County Record).

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, and all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 10, 2021 and the accounts payable for the month of February 2021. Approving the consent agenda also states the Board has received the treasurer’s report for the month of February 2021 and it will be filed for audit purpose. Motion second by Alderman Thomas, with all Alderman approving.

Citizens Participation: Marie Beyer had requested to be on the agenda but did not attend the meeting.

Gary Jones attended the meeting. He lives at 104 Heritage Landing in Heritage Hills and has issue with water drainage from the property east of his back yard. The neighbors to the north of him also has issues with the drainage. Alderman Thomas stated the two neighbors have retainer walls in their back yard. He wanted to see if there is anything the City could do to help with the issue. He stated the property was there prior to the homes being built so the owner of that property is not at fault. He had contacted his builder (Andrews Homes) with no results. It is not a city issue-it is an issue between the homeowner and the builder. Several possible options was discussed. It was noted there was some type of pipe on the property east of him but it has washed down into a drain. Mayor Watson stated he would reach out to the real estate agent for the property and see what information he may be able to provide. It is also noted the storm drain next to the service road is probably MoDOT and not the City of Truesdale.

Tyler Null addressed the Board concerning the three lots owned by Wes and Jane Kelly on Smith Street. The Kellys have contacted him to put in water and sewer on the property. It is his understanding the original plan was to bore under the street. However, he is concerned with the gas line located under Smith Street. He stated he would rather do one cut across Smith Street, set a manhole on the south side of Smith Street and then run a 8’ line to the end of the property to connect the three properties. It was discussed that a street bond and permit would be required but the $400 bond would not be enough to repair the street if there was an issue in the future. The issue of Warrenton approving the project and if it is changed, will they need to reapprove it as it is still just the three connections. It was stated it would be up to the Kellys to get the approval from Warrenton on the change that Null is recommending. It was also stated Mayor Watson, Tyler Null, and the Kellys meet on site to look at the property together. Alderman Cannon made the motion to approve cutting the street as recommended by Null if all necessary approvals and inspections are approved and completed, second by Alderman Green and roll call as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/o no.

Comments from Mayor Watson: Mayor Watson stated he has reviewed the letter concerning the sewer expansion from the City of Warrenton. The deadline to provide the information to the City of Warrenton is August 1st. Mayor Watson stated the City would do their best to meet their deadline, but he is not happy with the current situation. Alderman Green and Alderman Cannon have both reviewed the paperwork on the grant and had several questions. The plan in 1974 showed more population growth for the two cities and the plant is still at 80%. Alderman Green stated information had been requested on this from Warrenton but has yet to be received. It is hard to watch them announce new development in various areas and we are stopped from developing within the City of Truesdale. Attorney Joyce was asked to follow up with a request for more information on the 80% capacity and what determines a development as being on their list before the concern of the 80%-is it when approved by Planning and Zoning, when the Warrenton Board approves it, or when. Mark did state the lift stations serving Heritage Hills was put in for expansion in that area. It was asked in the letter if their engineer could help with the information they are requesting and the cost, but this question was not answered also. Alderman Thomas stated he did not mind Warrenton growing but did not want the City of Truesdale’s growth to be stopped either.

Grant Updates:

Cole Deming from Cochran presented the bids received for the Bruer Park Improvement Project Phase 3. Two bids were disqualified due to errors in the bid forms, and one had made an error on their unit pricing. The lowest bidder and the one being recommended by Cochran is Freise Construction Co. with a base bid of $211,357.06 and total bid of $252,016.76 if both alternates are approved by the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the lowest bidder as recommended by Cochran including both alternates with final approval when Department of Natural Resources provide their approval. Motion second by Alderman Thomas, with roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed 4 yes/0 no votes. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the notice of award to be signed by Mayor upon approval of the bid by Department of Natural Resources, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed:4 yes/0 no votes.

Alderman Green approved the payment to T.S Banze in the amount of $215,598.19 from pay app #4, second by Alderman Thomas, 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 the Board of Aldermen: Alderman Cannon stated he has received several complaints on Grace Hauling leaving trash on ground and hitting mailbox causing damage. Elsa did state there was a new driver on the route.

Alderman Cannon also reported on the mess around the area of Missouri Hardscapes on Highway M. There is various tripping hazards, things blocking the sidewalk, and the alley being damaged due to equipment. Alderman Cannon stated he used to mow the alley but will not continue to do so because of the condition of the alley. Mark stated he had talked to the new companies in this area, and they stated they would start cleaning up around their place. They had talked about erecting a fence, but the building is up for sale by the current owner.

The spring clean up day for the City has been set for June 16, 2021. Alderman Cannon suggested doing a City-Wide yard sale the weekend before this date. That would be June 11 and 12, 2021.

Report from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

Administrator: The Administrator recommended opening the lobby up to the public. All that work in the office is ok with it, and if cases of Covid start rising, the lobby can be closed again. The Board stated it was ok with them.

The Administrator stated the Public Works Supervisor, and she has been working on the CMOM and will have most of it completed by the next meeting. The Capital improvement sheet will be completed as part of the budget process. Missouri Rural Water Representative recommended adding sump pump to the section that restricts what can not be connected to the sewer system. It is applied in the ordinance, but it was recommended to add the wording to include it. This ordinance will be prepared for the April 14th meeting.

Treasurer: Elsa provided a flyer on the Kiwanis Clubs of Wright City & Warrenton Gold tournament to be held on Sunday, May 2nd, at the Warrenton Golf Course. They are asking for donations, and these could be gift cards.

Attorney: Attorney Joyce discussed court being overwhelmed with cases and the issue of warrants and catch & release. Court is being held virtually yet. There has been more payment of the damage to the park tables.

Public Works Supervisor: Mark reported the locks are installed on the restrooms at Bruer Park and are waiting on the IT Dan McCory to set them up.

Chief of Police: Chief Doyle stated he thought the OR Warrants were useless. He wanted to see if specific bonds for specific violations could be set up. Attorney Joyce and Chief Doyle will discuss this suggestion.

Dodge Charger: In May of 2020 the Dodge Charger was taken in for service. The estimate was to replace cam shaft lifters, which requires a partial breakdown of the engine. The general estimate to rebuild the engine was approximately $5000, and a total replacement is approximately $8000. It was decided at the time to wait on the repair until later in the year. The issue has become progressively worse and will need attention soon. Chief Doyle is going to obtain a third estimate and submit them to the board at the next meeting. The Police Department received estimates from Dodge, located in Troy, and Mike's Towing, located in Warrenton.

Incident Reports: 4

Calls for Service: 97

Citations: 26

Warnings: 37

Report from various committees:

1. TAC committee-next meeting May 19, 2021
2. Chamber Board meeting- next meeting April 7, 2021
3. University Extension Meeting-March 22, 2021. Alderman Brooks stated a new chairman was selected. The Warren County Fair was discussed. The Community Garden located at Laura Street and Conrad Circle stated there are 12 lots available for $20 each. They provide the seed, the tools, and the water.
4. Greater Warren County EDC-Aldermen Green stated the meeting will be on March 30, 2021.

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.

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor