TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

MAY 12, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

 Roll call was requested: Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Joseph Brooks-Present, Alderman Mike Thomas-Present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-Present, and. A full board was present. Also attending the meeting on behalf of the City of Truesdale were Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Attorney Katie Joyce, City Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez, Utility Clerk Elise Morris, and City Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater

Adam Rollins (Warren County Record) was the only visitor.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving.

Citizens Participation: Bill Moir (East Central Broadcast) was scheduled to attend the meeting but was not present. He is working on the placement of a radio tower. Alderman Thomas shared general information on towers with the Board.

Comments from Mayor Watson: Mayor Watson shared a telephone conversation she had with Flavia Everman. She stated there was a possible grant that could help with the sound in the Safe Room and a type of rack to hang artwork. Then the building could be used for an art show exhibit. More information to be available soon.

Mayor Watson stated he met with Rick Gastorf of Gastorf Chevrolet. He is interested in a trunk and treat event in October in Truesdale. His suggestion is to have the churches and businesses along the service road to participate. Rick wants to get more involved in the community.

Mayor Watson informed the Board he has received the resignation as City Administrator/City Clerk from MaryLou Rainwater effective October 6, 2021.

Comments from Board of Aldermen: The planning of railroad days is going well.

An update was given on the Safe Room project. It was noted that children have been seen inside and around the building. It is a safety concern and requested Mark informed Bart Korman of this issue.

Grant Updates:

1. Safe Room: An invoice from T.S. Banze in the amount of $240,347.53 was submitted for approval. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the payment of the invoice, second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed:4 yes/0 no votes.

 The next topic to discuss was the fire alarm company for the safe room. The City has two bids. Johnson Controls $840 per year with a five-year contract

 Tiedeman Bank Equipment, Inc. $600 per year with a three-year contract

 After reviewing the bids, Alderman Thomas made the motion to enter into an agreement

 with Tiedeman Bank Equipment for $600 per year with a three-year contract, second by Alderman Green and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passes:4 yes/0 no votes.

 The City also received a bid from Tiedeman Bank Equipment for monitoring alarm. They presently provide this service at City Hall. The cost would be $1,025 for the equipment and to set it up, including the three doors. Monitoring would be $29 per month or $348 per year. Alderman Green made the motion to approve entering into a contract with Tiedeman Bank Equipment for monitoring alarm service, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed:4 yes/0 no votes.

 Both services would not be needed until the building is completed. Another topic on the safe room was the automatic unlocking of the door during threatening weather. It is still unknown who would be responsible for unlocking the doors automatically from a computer or some type of device.

 The Department of the Interior National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund.

1. A change order from Cochran in the amount of $1,700 was submitted to the Board for their approval. The change order will revise the site improvement plans and project specifications to include the existing swing set structure into the Bruer Park 3 Phase three improvements and ensure the design meets all ADA and playground design requirement. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the change order, second by Alderman Brooks and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Breen-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes.

 Sewer Study grant project: More information has been provided to Klingner & Associates for their preparation to proceed with the study. They are waiting for new equipment to arrive but should be in contact with us in the next couple of weeks to set up time to meet with Mark. Alderman Green inquired if information has been received from Warrenton and Attorney Joyce stated not yet but she has been in communication with their Attorney.

 REPORT FROM DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:

 Administrator/City Clerk: The issue of a tent that has been set up on Market Street was discussed. It appears that someone is living in the tent as there is a cord running electric from the mobile home to the tent, a chair is there, and a small portable BBQ grill is set up. Photos has previous be provided to the Board for their information. In the last few weeks, there was a lot of trash in area, but it has been removed. This is the same location that a canopy with tarps around it was set up last year but was destroyed by a storm. The City ordinance requires any building occupied as a residence or commercial requiring a minimum of living space. Alderman Cannon stated he has seen the area and the power cord being run to the tent creates a fire hazard. The administrator has reviewed ordinances covering tents in other cities but most of the cities have planning and zoning. The information she has been able to obtain was sent to the Aldermen and Attorney Joyce for their review. It was stressed that this is not to stop camping out for a weekend for the children in the area. The City could grant a permit for longer camping if there is a need, like for a girl scout or boy scout camp out. City Attorney Joyce suggested setting a number of days a tent can be erected. This would still allow tents to be set up for a weekend camp out. It was suggested to set up a limit to how many times a tent can be set up in a year. An ordinance will be worked on and sent to the Board for their review.

 American Trust has covered some of the cost of the repair of Well #1. The total cost was $26,788. They deducted $10,590 due to the age of the pump and column pipe was replaced as a preventive measure as they were already doing work on it. The City’s deductible is $1,000, so the claim payment check was for $15,198.00.

 Treasurer: It was reported the City of Warrenton will do the National Night Out this year. Elsa stated she is available to share what the City of Truesdale has done in the past and with other details. Sgt Clark is overseeing the event.

 Elsa announced the free yoga class on Saturday morning is going well.

 She is putting the garage sale information and the spring clean up on the City’s website and face book page.

 Grace Hauling is running out of toters and to be sure a new customer has a toter, the public worker has been taking toters from Bruer Park for their temporary use. Once the customer’s toter is delivered by Grace, the City picks up the Park toter.

 The next Railroad Days meeting will be June 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall. Three vendors have already signed up. The Committee does plan to have a float in the Warren County Parade on July 4th.

 Attorney Katie Joyce: Attorney Joyce stated she has talked to Warrenton’s attorney Chris Graville and he stated the 80% capacity included things already in Planning and Zoning. Alderman Green stated the DNR permit did not show this capacity, and he

 wants to see Truesdale to be able to grow along with Warrenton. He said the Greater EDC is still presenting sites in Truesdale but does not know this will work if they can’t obtain sewer service.

 Public Worker Supervisor Mark stated he had talked to someone and said Warrenton has areas where it is known that down spouts are connected to the sewer system. Mayor Watson stated he will reach out to Warrenton’s Mayor to discuss several issues. It was noted the CMOM report is completed except for the capital improvement budget. This is being worked on as part of the current budget.

Public Works Supervisor: Mark graduated and received his journey certification on May 4th. He was awarded his certificate by Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe. This is the first graduation class from Missouri (five graduated). The certification course was offered and taught by Missouri Rural Water Association. All congratulated Mark on this achievement.

Mark has set up a meeting with someone from the Corp of Engineers to visit the area with the creek between Mike Drive and Cynthia Drive. He is wanting to discuss what options the homeowners would have as this is not an issue the City is responsible to fix. He is just trying to help the homeowners.

Eric from Missouri Rural Water Association came and tested certain areas on Mike Drive, Austin Drive and Smith Street for possible leak. No leaks were found in any of the areas.

Sean Smith has contacted City Hall about developing the property he owns along the service road just east of NAPA and behind it. He was made aware of the issue with the sewer. Mark will meet with Sean on site to discuss the property.

Chief of Police: Chief Doyle provided the following report:

Dodge Charger: Contact was made with Mike's Towing and the Charger will be available on Friday, May 14th.

Donation: The Police Department received a beverage donation from Coca-Cola for the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. The donation consist of 10 cases of water and 10 cases of powerade for the athletes. May 27th, 2021,

Grant: The Police Department has completed the necessary paperwork to apply for a $5,000 equipment grant through a local business. Any grant funding will be used to purchase new ballistic vest and medical equipment for officers. The business can award amounts between $250 to $5,000.

Ord Violations: The Police Department has initiated enforcement of code violations and will be coordinating some notices with the scheduled city-wide cleanup day on June 16th.

Incident reports: 3

Calls for Service: 60

Citations: 4

Warnings: 8

Report from various committees:

1. TAC meeting: next meeting will be held on May 20, 2021 but MaryLou will not be able to attend. She will obtain information from Boonslick RPC.
2. Chamber meeting: Alderman Thomas reported 88 members, and the new guide is now available. Two ribbon cutting for new businesses was held. June 8th Chamber meeting will before the nonprofit organizations to share their programs with the Chamber members.
3. University Extension Center: Alderman Brooks stated the meeting was mainly discussing preparation for the Warren County Fair.
4. Greater Warren EDC meeting: Alderman Green did not attend the meeting but reported they are still looking into sites for an auto manufacturing related businesses with 900 and 3,000 jobs available. Another project did not proceed due to the excessive amount of water required daily.

Resolution: A resolution was reviewed for the City of Truesdale to adopt the Warren County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan. The City worked with other cities, county, and especially with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission on the plan. Alderman Green made the motion to adopt the resolution (Resolution 1-2021), second by Alderman Brooks, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. The motion passed: 4 yes/0 no votes.

New Business: Alderman Green inquired on the property owned by Warren County Concrete located on Lou Gunther Street. He stated the property would be useful for the City for future events if he does not plan to operate his business on this property in the future. Alderman Green stated the City should check with the owner to see what he plans to do on the property. The Administrator will contract the owner.

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.

A small reception was held after the close of the meeting to honor Mark Bennett for receiving his journeyman certification and for MaryLou Rainwater for her 39th year with the City as of May 7th.

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor