TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

JUNE 12, 2019

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO 63380. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was requested and answered as follows: Alderman Jerry Cannon-present, Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Stanley Brookshier-present, and Alderman Mike Thomas-present. A full Board was present. Other city officials and employees attending the meeting were Mayor Chris Watson, Attorney Tim Joyce, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Lieutenant Casey Doyle from Police Department, Deputy Clerk Elsa Smith-Fernandez, Treasurer Esther Smith, and Administrator/Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. Visitors were Judy Cozart, Jeff Jaeger, Larry and Brenda Burgess.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda after the addition of Cozart Homes to the agenda. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda that included the minutes of the May 22, 2019 meeting and the approval of payment for Attorney Joyce of $192 for review of Bruer Park rental agreement and preparation of memo of changes. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving. Attorney Joyce stated he waived the payment of the invoice and asked that it be donated to Bruer Park.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Watson was to present a proclamation to Karen Woodworth upon her retirement as school cross guard but Karen was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

PUBLIC: Judy Cozart addressed the board concerning a corner lot (Conrad Circle and Naomi) she owns in Dieckman Farms (lot 52) The front lines are narrow, and she is requesting a variance of 5 feet on the north side of the property next to Conrad. This would allow the homes on Naomi to be uniformed, and it would not interfere with any utilities. She presented two options, but stated option A would be the best Option A would require a 5 foot variance from 20’ to 15 feet on Conrad Circle. Option B would require a 5’ variance from the neighboring lot (from 10’ to 5”) and would recommend a letter of approval of the change from the adjacent property owner. This option would also decrease the back yard size. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the variance of 5” from Conrad Circle (Option A). Motion was second by Alderman Cannon and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brookshier-yes. motion passed:4 yes/0 no votes.

Jeff Jaeger attended the meeting requesting a variance on lot 163 to allow for a three-car garage. He submitted letters from Andrews Homes (owner of lot 164) and Yvan Givogue (owner of Lot 162) approving the variance. This would reduce the side yard down from 10 feet to 8 feet (a variance of 2 feet). Alderman Green made the motion to approve the variance, 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.

Comments from Mayor Watson: Mayor Watson discussed the on-site visit on May 17th to Bruer Park with the Grant providers to review the paperwork and to verify the facts as was stated on the grant application. It does look favorable for the City to receive the grant but will not be confirmed until September 2019. This iis the DNR Land and Water Conservation Grant for Bruer Park.

Comments from Board of Aldermen: Alderman Thomas stated he attended the planning and zoning meeting in Warrenton, Missouri as it was for the CEF property being rezoned. He stated this would be located on the South side of the railroad tracks. This would be the second time it has been rezoned recently. It was approved by the Planning and Zoning Board and will be presented to the Warrenton Board of Aldermen meeting for final approval.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. A special meeting will be held on Friday, June 28, 2019, to adopt the budget and to pass the required ordinances. The pubic hearing will be held but the regular meeting of the Truesdale Board of Aldermen will have to be cancelled on June 26th due to lack of quorum and moved to Friday, June 28, 2019. A special meeting will be held on June 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to review the budget information.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:

Administrator/City Clerk: A copy of the ordinance covering fireworks was provided to the Board members for their information on what date and time fireworks can be set off in the City of Truesdale.

The rules and regulations for Bruer Park need to be finalized. Attorney Joyce has prepared a memo with changes he recommends, and a copy was provided to the Board.

The City’s water program will have a one-day free training session on July 23, 2019 in Independence, Missouri. If both City Clerk and Deputy Clerk attend, the City Hall will need to be closed for the day. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the closing of the City Hall for July 23, 2019 to allow the two clerks to attend the training session, second by Alderman Cannon, 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.

The Warren County Fair Parade will be Sunday, June 30, 2019, from 2 – 4 p.m. Notice was received from the City of Warrenton but no one from the fair board contacted the City. It was discussed how helpful the fair board was in loaning the City picnic tables for Railroad Days. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the closing of Hwy M and Pinckney Street within the city limits of Truesdale for the parade, second by Alderman Thomas and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes. The Administrator will contact the fair board president Paul Owenby to inform him of the Board’s decision.

Deputy City Clerk: Elsa reported she has been working on the web site and so has Alderman Cannon. It is still a work in progress.

National Night out was discussed. The original time was from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. but Alderman Thomas made the recommendation to have it from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. and all approved this change. A meeting was set for July 9, 2019 to review the event and the details. It will be held at the Truesdale City Hall at 5:30 p.m. The Creekside Church will not be participating because it is not a faith-based event so will not be providing the hot dogs. Some things being considered is a bounce house, face painting, snow cones, bubble machine, and games. This is a county-wide event so Elsa is contacting agencies within the County to give them the opportunity to participate. Lieutenant Doyle of the Truesdale Police Department is working with Elsa and will be contacting the law enforcement agencies and emergency agencies within the county. The scouts and the Explorers with the ambulance district will be contacted to see if they want to volunteer.

There are three vendors already signed up for railroad days on October 5, 2019. Alderman Cannon stated Emmett Taylor will set up a field surgeon tent with instruments, he will be in and out of character during the day, and will discuss the life of a surgeon during the civil war.

Treasurer’s Report: Nothing to report currently.

Attorney’s Report: Nothing to report currently.

Public Works Supervisor: Mark submitted the bill from Roger Owenby for electrical work at Bruer Park in the amount of $3,334.12. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the payment of the invoice to Roger Owenby, 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.

The new barbeque pit has been received and plans are to install it within Bruer Park on Friday, June 14th.

The swing set has also been received and Alderman Cannon is in contact with someone he knows that puts up swing sets for school to see if he would be interested in doing this work for the City.

Mark informed the Board there was an issue with a chlorine pump on Sunday and he worked to replace it and had to work to get the chlorine readings up by flushing the system. It is estimated that 45,000 gallons was used to flush the system.

He noted a builder in Heritage Hills had hooked up to a fire hydrant without permission from the City. It was suggested to purchase a fire hydrant meter so the City could get an accurate reading on the amount of water that was used during flushing or when someone connects to the fire hydrant with permission. This would also allow the City to get a better view of the water loss for the City as right now, usage during flushing is just being estimated. It was suggested to have a deposit requirement for the use of the meter and then returned the deposit when meter is returned to the city is good working order. It was also suggested to charge a small rental fee for the use of the meter, and to bill the water used at the City’s regular set rate. Mark has checked a couple of places for the meters (Schultze Supply $1519.00 and USA Blue book for $1,209.95. There would be a need to order hose. He would connect the meter to the fire hydrant for use and the user would return to City Hall to obtain their deposit back. Alderman Green made the motion to purchase the fire hydrant meter for $1,446.20 from US Blue Book (meter is $1209.95 and hose is $236.25), second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brookshier-yes. Motion carried: 4 yes/0 no votes.

Mark informed the Board of a complaint from Brad Corder,1020 Smith Street, concerning excessive water in his back yard. Mark met with Brad and Dave O’Neil from Norfolk Southern Railroad at the location. Dave stated it was not coming from the railroad. It was suggestion to put a swell on the property to catch the water and divert it to the City street’s ditch. Mark will watch this area when there is heavy rain in the area to see if he can find out what is causing the water in the area.

Mark reported the last Bac-T sample came back good.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Watson stated the City has received a resignation letter from Chief of Police Rich Black, effective May 31, 2019 due to personal reasons and his full time job requirement. Lieutenant will be over see the department until July 1, 2019 and he will be named Chief of Police at the start of the new fiscal year.

Lt. Doyle provided a written report and it is attached to these minutes. Lt. Doyle stated the 2014 police car has now been listed on the Gov.com list for sale. They have two dates set for taser training.

The contract for Daniel McCoy for IT for Police Department will end on June 30th and a new proposal is expected soon from McCoy. Lt. Doyle stated he has been very helpful to the Police Department especially with setting up Mules and all its complication.

It was announced the City has been awarded a Community Facilities Grant from Rural Development for $33,340.00 for police vehicle. The City’s match for the grant would be $11,114.00. The City must pass a resolution and adopt the grant agreement

Alderman Green introduced Bill #16-2019 for the first reading, second by Alderman Thomas: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AGRICULTURE RURAL HOUSE SERVICE FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT AGREEMENT FOR 2019 POLICE VEHICLE, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed:4 yes/0 no votes. Alderman Green introduced Bill #16-2019 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed:4 yes/0 no votes. This will be Ordinance #873.

The Resolution of the City of Truesdale, Missouri, for a $33,340 community facilities grant from Rural Development was introduced for approval by Alderman Thomas, second by Alderman Green, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brookshier-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed: 4 yes/0 no votes.

Committee Reports:

TAC Committee/MaryLou Rainwater: The next meeting will be held August 15, 2019.

Chamber Meeting: Alderman Brookshier provided a report on the meeting and it is attached to the minutes. He did state the Warren County Fair Books are now available.

University of Missouri Extension Center/Alderman Jerry Cannon: Next meeting will be June 24, 2019.

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

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor