TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

JULY 22, 2020

A meeting of the Truesdale Board of Alderman was held Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO, with Mayor Chris Watson presiding. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Aldermen in** Alderman Joseph Brooks Alderman Mike Thomas

**Attendance** Alderman Jerry Cannon Alderman Robert Green

Also present were Public Work Supervisor Mark Bennett,

Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez,

Utility Clerk Elise Morris, and City Administrator/City Clerk

MaryLou Rainwater.

**Visitors:** Robert Truetken from Deerfield’s on Main, Keith Hock and Mike

Cleary from Bluebird Botanicals, Marie Beyer and Daniel Mckinny

from Papu’s Cuban Café and Mike Brown of Mike Brown Construction LLC

**Approval of Agenda** Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda with **and Consent Agenda** the addition of liquor license for Deerfield’s on Main for National

Night out/Railroad Days. Motion second by Alderman Cannon with all Aldermen approving.

Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving.

**Citizens Participation:** Mike Brown requested a business license for his construction company that will be located at 810 E. Highway M. He works on roofs, does siding, guttering, and decks. He does not plan to park work trailers at this location. It will be used as an office. He has five employees and hires subcontractors. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the business license. Motion second by Alderman Green, and carried with the following votes:

Alderman Thomas-yes Alderman Green-yes

Alderman Cannon-yes Alderman Brooks-yes

Marie Beyer and Robert Truetken addressed the Board. They both plan to participate in National Night Out/Railroad Days. Robert plans to provide “virgin” slushies from 10 am-2 p.m. and then will have alcohol slushies from 2:00-5 p.m. He also plans to bring 250 pounds of grapes and allow the public stomp the grapes. Later he will use it to make wine. He stated the only requirement is the Board and Elsa has to participate. Marie stated she has mascot chickens that she will bring and has donated a raffle gift. They also want to do a food and wine festival on October 24 at the park and is interested in renting the entire park. There would be a lot of activities including dancing, karate, a hearse from 1936 in mint condition, and vendors. They would like to make this an annual event. Half of their profit will be donated to the Warren County Handicap services. They will have volunteers to help with social distancing and to clean up the area after the event. They would have insurance to cover both of them. A concern was the parking. Several ideal for future events were mentioned included Chef vs Home Cook, a talent show set up like “ The Voice” with judges. It was discussed construction may be going on at the park during this period. The Board was pleased to hear about the plans. They will need to discuss the special event permits and the cost of the rental. This will be done after the special meeting on July 29, 2020.

Keith Hock and Mike Cleary from the Bluebird Botanicals attended

the meeting. They have a contract on the Hays Building in the new Industrial Park to cultivate and manufacture medical marijuana. They hope to have the building set up by the end of the year. They will employ around 40 people and have 4 security guards. Chief Doyle stated he needs to know more on how things are set up when the project is further along as the Police Department would be responding to calls. This would be wholesale so the City would not receive any sales tax. Michael did state they want to give back to the community. They will come back to the Board to apply for their business license when they are ready to proceed.

**Mayor’s Comments:** Mayor Watson thanked the Board for the zoom set up for the last meeting. He is scheduled to work during the time of the meetings. He has been using vacation days to attend the meeting when he can.

There is an issue on a canopy with tarps around it being up and used on a private residence for a long period of time. It is unknown if someone sleeps here. This is one of the items being researched by the Administrator and Chief to be reviewed by the Board. Chief Doyle stated citations had been issued at this location for other violations not related to the canopy tent. Additional items to be discussed in parking and blocking someone else’s mailbox and repeat nuisances offenders.

It was reported that the Facebook page of Truesdale and Warrenton Police Departments were taken down. Mayor Watson stated he has a contact with Facebook, and he will follow up with him to see what information can be provided. At this time, it is unknown why it was taken down. It has been used to provide valuable information to the citizens.

**Board of Aldermen’s** Alderman Green stated he will be attending the next meeting of **Comments** the Warren County Greater EDC in Wright City on July 27, 2020.

It was discussed about the Warren County Fine Arts program and the presentation on July 16th at the pavilion at Bruer Park. It was well attended, and Flavia Everman was praised for the great program and wrap up event.

It was announced the July 31 Concert in the Park at Bruer Park is

still being held from 7 p.m. -9:30 p.m.. A discussion followed on if food should be offered. If so, the Warren County Health Department needs to be contracted to see what additional requirements due to Covid-19. Warren County Handicapped Services provided this service last year and they could be contacted again to see if they were interested in providing pre- packaged snacks.

**Updates on Grants:** The bids for the safe room will be received until 1:30 p.m. on July 1st and will be open and read aloud at City Hall.

The Department of the Interior National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund (administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources) for Bruer Park update: Cochran should have final design plans to the Truesdale Board by the August 12th meeting for their approval. Once approved by the Board, it will be sent to DNR for their approval and then the project can be put out for bids.

Sewer Study Project: The City will have a meeting to announce the Notice of Intent to seek funds from the USDA Rural Development in a form of a grant. This meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The Administrator will be working with Michael Hartman from the USDA to complete the application and additional paperwork this week.

**Public Hearing:** A special meeting will be held on July 29, 2020, 5:30 p.m. on the Notice of Intent to file an application through the USDA Rural Development for grant fund for sewer study.

**Report from Departments,** Administrato**r**/City Clerk

**Boards, and Committees** The City has received the notification from the Department of Revenue the transportation tax will become effective October 1, 2020. A separate checking account for the ACH deposit of the taxes.

The information for discussion on changes to ordinances is still

being obtained and will be available at the next meeting.

The report from Lagers concerning a retirement plan has been received by the City. It is a large report with several options available to the City. The Administrator stated they are willing to meet with the Board to review the study. This can be done on- line or in person. The Board would be available on July 30th or August 6th and this will need to be confirmed with the Lagers representatives.

The water bills (between 300-315) were mailed on July 1st at the Warrenton Post Office was never delivered to the residents. The Administrator contacted the St. Louis Post Office and have filed a case. A letter has been received from Cherina Smith and stated she would request the plant supervisors keep an eye out for our letters but stated she may not get a response.

Treasurer

A discussion followed on National Night Out/Railroad Days. Elsa

stated Elise Morris and Police Officer Office will be co- coordinators for the event. There are folders set up for the different aspects of the event. Letters will be sent out with statement included concerning Covid-19 by August 1st. Mike Daly stated the Central Missouri Railroad is still planning to the event. Part of their event will be a Diorama Contest with prizes. Elsa is working on a coloring contest for three different age groups and would like to have three levels of prizes for each group ($15/$10/$5). Elise has been contacting the vendors and will follow up with them. A meeting of the committee will be set up in August, possible the 5th. Amber Todd is working on shirts for the volunteers for the event. Elsa will be working with Mandy Nelson from Nelson’s Memories to take photos of the City officials and of items around town. She is donating her service and it will be noted on the photos and website the name of her Company.

Spring clean up was discussed. A total of 24 tons was picked up at a cost of $20 per ton for a total of $480. It was discussed to possible have a City-wide yard sale on a Saturday on a week-end and then do a fall clean up the next pick up day.

Attorney: He did not attend the meeting.

Public Works Supervisor:

Mark reported the Bac-T sample was good this month. He stated he would be taking his D sewer treatment test on September 1st.

He reported a curb stop was hit by a resident on a lawn tractor. The curb stop actually belongs to the person across the street. A copy of the ordinance showing the customer is responsible from the main was provided to the Board. As of right now, it looks like the customer will have it repaired.

Mark reported that he is working on getting information gathered for the sewer study. The Administrator and Mark met with someone that had information on the joint water lines of Truesdale and Warrenton. This will determine where the flow meters will need to be placed.

A search is being conducted to see what is available to help move the picnic tables at the park. They weigh about 480 pounds each.

**Report from Various** TAC Meeting: Admin MaryLou Rainwater August 20, 2020

**Committees:** Chamber Board Meeting: Alderman Thomas August 5, 2020

University Extension Center: Alderman Brooks: July 27, 2020

Greater Warren EDC Meeting: Alderman Green July 28, 2020

(No reports required from the committees)

**Bills/Ordinances** The bill to enter into a contact with Heartland Coca-Cola Company, LLC for vending machine was reviewed. The agreement stated the City would be responsible for repairs and damage to the machines beyond normal wear and tear. The Board wanted to look at other options available from other companies. The decision to enter into the agreement was tabled until the next meeting.

**Complaint Received** The Board reviewed and discussed a complaint concerning a rented mobile home with major issues, including the ceiling falling. Tyann Saddler was scheduled to speak to the Board but did not attend the meeting. The mobile home is located in Belaire Mobile Home Park and is owned by Chris Dempsey. Mayor Watson will contact Tyann and will inform the Board on the discussion. The discussion included having the home declared a dangerous building but then it was a concern if the renter would have to move. If enough renters with issues with t the same landlord would form a group and file a Class A action suit, maybe something permanent could be done.

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

MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Approved on date written above

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chris Watson-Mayor