TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the fag was recited.

Roll call was requested by Mayor Watson and was answered as followed: Alderman Robert Green-present, Alderman Joseph Brooks-present, Alderman Mike Thomas-present, and Alderman Jerry Cannon-present. A full board was present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Chris Watson, Attorney Katie Joyce, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez, and Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. Visitors were Nancy Sulin from the City of Wentzville, Jacob Buhr and Steve Wilson from Sellenrick Construction, Adam Rollins from Warren County Record, Jodi Schneider from the City of Troy, Pamela Clement from the City of O’Fallon, Stacey Mann from the City of Bridgeton, Melody Rugh from the City of Warrenton, Carla Ayala from the Village of Innsbrook and Bart Korman from Lewis-Bade Inc.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Brooks, with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda (which included the minutes from the July 28, 2021 meeting, second by Alderman Cannon, with all Aldermen approving.

Citizens Participation:

Nancy Sulin and Stacey Mann is part of the MOCCFOA Eastern Division Public Relations Committee and presented MaryLou Rainwater with her certification as a Missouri Registered City Clerk Sustaining. Jodi Schneider, Pamela Clement, Melody Rugh and Carla Ayala attended to show support to MaryLou.

Jacob Buhr from Gateway discussed the City’s ordinance requiring a permit fee and a bond for each crossing on city streets. They are saw cutting the street. The City has never charged a permit or bond from AmerenMissouri. He stated they would fix any issue. They could use a temporary asphalt patch on a concrete street until completed and then they would concrete all the patches at one time. Alderman Cannon voted to waive the bond and permit required, second by Alderman Thomas, and voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed:4 yes/0 no votes. Mayor Watson complimented Gateway Fibers on the good job they are doing. Jacob stated if there is any problems, please contact them.

Comments from Mayor Watson: Mayor Watson stated he attended the meeting concerning the homeless in the area and reported that Boonslick Regional Planning Commission is looking for grants that would be available. The group want to purchase property to built on or find existing building that would work.

Mayor Watson stated he joined other Mayors and County Commissioners on KWRE live wire recently. They discussed projects in their city or in the county.

He wanted to thank the Truesdale Police Department and the employees that helped with the National Night Out in Warrenton on August 3rd. He stated it was a great event.

Mayor Watson stated he wanted to inform the Board that the Coca-Cola plant located in Truesdale is in the process of being sold to Refreshco. Also, although the Warrenton Fire Department tax proposal was defeated overall, it did pass in the cities of Truesdale and Warrenton.

Comments from Board of Aldermen: Alderman Cannon stated he attended the Warren County Municipal League in Jonesburg. The main discussion was on Gateway Fiber. They are asking for areas that have no or very slow internet services. It is being discussed to use part of the Care Act money to help get service to these areas, and southern Warren County was one of the areas of concern. There is a website to rate the speed of the service in homes and businesses. They encouraged to share this information and Alderman Cannon requested it be placed on City’s website and Face book pages.

Alderman Cannon informed the Board that he had talked to George Heath concerning the status of the tower proposed on his property along East Veterans Memorial Parkway. He stated the company is still doing studies and the agreement has not been finalized yet.

Grants Updates: Safe Room: A walk-through has been set up for Friday, August 13, 2021, 2 p.m. to discuss things with the safe room, including possible change orders, concerns found during this tour, and any other items concerning the project brought up for discussion at that time. Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett stated the project is still on schedule. Construction inspection report for the months of June and July 2021 prepared by Bart Korman (Lewis-Bade Inc) was provided to the Board.

Application #9 from T.S. Banze in the amount of $172,415.21 was submitted for approval. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the payment, second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion approved:4 yes, 0 no votes.

The Department of the Interior National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund (Bruer Park grant): An invoice was submitted from Freise Construction Company in the amount of $23,135.97 (Application No. 2) for Board’s approval. This included a change order for the lowering of the swing set, which the Board agreed to pay $1,400. Alderman Green made the motion to approve payment to Friese, 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. Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett stated the concrete is scheduled to be poured next week, and still waiting on the playground equipment delivery update. This project should be finished in time for Railroad Days.

Sewer Study: An invoice from Klingner & Associates, P.C. in the amount of $18,839.91 was submitted for approval of the Board. At the time of the invoice, the contract was 78.51% completed. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the payment of this invoice, 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.

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the tax rate will be held on August 25, 2021, at 5:15 p.m. (before the regular board meeting at 5:30 p.m.) The City Administrator stated the tax rate will be .8617 per $100 valuation- the same as last year.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

Administrator/City Clerk: No report.

Treasurer: Elsa reported the raffle tickets for Railroad Days are available, with description and photos of the items available at this time. The Hatch Show print of Kelsea Ballerini has been matted by Flavia Everman and framed by Martin Weber. The charge for the framing is $75. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the payment to Martin Weber, second by Alderman Thomas, 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.

Elsa stated she wanted to get Board’s approval on the bounce houses for Railroad Days so she can get them reserved. She is planning a castle with a slide for the younger children and a 40- foot optical course for the older children. The cost for these two items and a generator is $742.95. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the bounce houses, 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.

Railroad items have been given to the City by Chief Doyle’s mother. Elsa has stated she found some items for the City but other items dealing with trains she will give to the Central Missouri Railroad Association.

Attorney: Attorney Joyce discussed the signs for the traffic safety zones. It was decided one would say “Traffic Safety Zone during school activities” and “Traffic Safety Zone during park hours”. Both would have a sign below that would say “Double Fines”. The school signs would be placed on Pinckney Street, South Street, Laura Street, and Lou Gunther Street. Hwy M is a state highway and City would need to check on signs on this street. The park sign would be on Laura Street, Smith Street, and Market Street.

Public Works Supervisor: Mark showed the board the type of signs he has found for the traffic safety zones. He will verify if there is a certain type or color that must be used.

Mark and the others that graduated from the Missouri Rural Water Association journeyman class was pictured on the cover of the Missouri Water Association magazine. For some reason, the Administrator and Public Works Supervisor did not get their copies. The Board would like to see about getting extra copies also. The Administrator will check with MRWA.

Suez recently completed inspection on the tower at Well #1 and there were no deficiencies. Mark stated he plans to contact them concerning the power wash that was agreed upon last year.

Mark stated Smith Street had been cut for the services to the property of Wes and Jane Kelly. However, no work has been done in the area. Mark has contacted the Kellys and Tyler Null that had planned to do the work. However, Tyler stated he is very busy and does not know if he can do the project. At this time, Mark will keep checking on the project.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Doyle wanted to thank including Elsa, Mark, Hal, Jeanette Weber, Alderman Thomas, and all others that help with National Night Out. Chief Doyle was out of town during the event.

He stated he will be at a training class on August 24th.

Alderman Green stated someone in Heritage Hills has a side by side and has asked if things could be changed so it can be used on the streets in the subdivision, but not on service road on highway. He stated he would allow the city to use it during Railroad Days for a free vendor spot and sponsorship. Chief Doyle stated he would not be opposed to this, but certain requirements should be included such as license driver or if driver is underage, an adult supervising, insurance, and all laws must be obeyed. It was stated that Warrenton, Wright City, and Montgomery City has ordinances that allows their usage or in the process of changing their ordinances to allow it. Attorney Joyce will check into this and work on an ordinance for the Board to consider. This would be effective thru’ out the city. The concern of crossing Highway M was discussed, and Attorney Joyce will also look how state roads are handled in other cities. It was noted that if the City uses the Warren County Concrete property located south of Highway M for railroad days, the issue of state roads would affect the City also.

Report from Bart Korman on Safe Room: Bart arrived at the meeting and discussed the Safe Room project. The walk-though set for August 13th was again discussed and Bart state the building is unfinished but now is the time to consider any change orders needed. The need for an operation manual by FEMA was discussed. This is required when the project is over 95% complete as shown on pay request. A public hearing would be required prior to approving the manual. It will need input from the emergency management for the County. It will be a guide for future boards to follow and will include information such as who is responsible for opening the hall in case of a tornado or severe thunderstorm. Tim Churchill from Boonslick Regional Planning Commission will be involved and is checking to see what is required to be included in the report.

Report from Various Committees:

The next TAC committee will be on August 26th.

Alderman Thomas was not able to attend the Chamber board meeting, so Attorney Joyce reported on the Golf Tournament to be held in October. It would include 9 holes of regular golf and the last 9 holes will be party holes. More information to be provided as the event gets closer.

The next Greater Warren County EDC meeting will be August 31st.

Being no other business to discuss, Alderman Green made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Thomas.

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor