TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2020

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO.

CITY ATTENDEES: Mayor Chris Watson Alderman Robert Green

Alderman Mike Thomas Alderman Jerry Cannon

Attorney Tim Joyce Chief of Police Casey Doyle

Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett

Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez

Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater

VISITORS: Bart Korman Jim Baker

Cullen Bruckerhoft Adam Rollins

APPROVAL OF CONSENT Alderman Green made the motion to approve the

AND REGULAR AGENDAS 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.

Consent agenda included regular board meeting July 22, 2020, Notice of intent meeting on July 29, 2020, special meeting on July 29, 2020, accounts payable for May and June 2020.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: Bart Korman addressed the Board for Warrenton Oil Company and Jim Baker. They plan to extend

the parking lots south of the existing parking lot.

There is an issue to drainage in this area due to low

spots and was built before storm water detention was approved. To meet the requirement now will be a challenged and flexibility is being requested to do what needs to be done to make the drainage work. This would be at no cost to the City.

The other issue is the requirement for hard

surface parking. There is a higher cost to do the hard surface, but the surrounding area is gravel.

Time frame is to start grading as soon as possible. There are plans for a building in this area in the future. Administrator Rainwater reminded them of the City of Warrenton not approving any new sewer connections.

Alderman Green made the motion to grant a variance for the use of gravel for the new parking lot, second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brooks- absent. Motion passed:3 yes/1 absent. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve flexibility on storm water drainage with approval to be received from Public Works Director Mark Bennett, second by Alderman Green, with roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon- yes, Alderman Brooks-absent, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed:3 yes/1 absent.

Grants/Projects Safe Room:

Bart Korman addressed the Board concerning the

bids received for the safe room. He had compared a bid sheet showing all bidders and their bids. The lowest bidder is T S Banze in the amount of $1,547,607.68. This amount is less than the budget amount. However, Bart stated there is many things that FEMA will bot pay for as part of the grant. They are considered extras, including air conditioning. duct works, plumbing for kitchen area, water heater, and many other things. Chad Eggen from Boonslick RPC has been working to obtain additional financial aid to help the City to complete the project. The time frame to complete the building is 365 days. The final decision on the project will be made at the board meeting on August 26th. Chad and Bart will both be encouraged to attend this meeting to provide the details to allow the Board to make the decision.

The Department of the Interior National Park

Service Land and Water Conservation Grant

for Bruer park:

A final site plan was provided by Cochran on the

design for the park. The issue is the wooden train. and what type of work is required to get it ADA approved within the grant. There was a question if ground covering was added for under the swing set and around the train. Alderman Green made changes required from the grant concerning the wooden train. The motion was second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-absent, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed:3 yes/1 absent.

Sewer Study Grant:

Work continues to complete the paperwork required as part of the grant.

City Hall for Driver’s testing

for Warren County: The Board discussed the need for a place in Warren County citizens to take the permit and driver’s license test. At this time, there is no place in Warren County to do this. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the use of the board room for citizens to take permits and driver’s license test, motion second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brooks- absent, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green- yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion passed: 3 yes/1 absent.

Public Hearing A public hearing on the tax rate for 2020 will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. (prior to the regular board meeting).

Reports: Administrator/City Clerk: A quote for the CPA audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 has been received from Charles Montgomery at a cost of $3,320. The bill will be introduced later during the meeting to approve this contract.

Permission was requested to attend the Missouri Municipal League virtual training on September 14, 15, and 16th of September. The conference in person has been cancelled. Permission was given to do the virtual conference.

The City has received several complaints concerning burning of trees and brush on the site of the new storage units on Pinckney Street. The owner stated he would move the pile location farther south on the property to see if this will help with the issues.

A sample of park policy for rental of the park was provided for the Board’s review. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the special event policy, second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-absent, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed 3 yes/1 absent. Chief Doyle stated instead of leaving this and other park’s rules and regulations as policy, they need to be placed in an ordinance for enforcement purposes. It was also suggested to put the information on a sign attached to the building for all to be able to review. A copy of all the policies in regard to the park will be provided for the Board’s final approval before being introduced as a bill to become an ordinance.

Census count update was provided. The City of Truesdale is at 56.3% and Warren County is

at 64.0%.

Treasurer: Elsa reported only one vendor has paid for National Night Out/Railroad Days. Six new application was requested but none has been returned completed. It was stated it is hard for agencies to commit because of the unknown of the Covid-19 issue. Alderman Thomas made the motion to cancel National Night Out and Railroad Days for October 3, 2020. Motion was second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Brooks-absent, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes.

Motion carried:3 yes/1 absent.

The discussion on keeping National Night Out next year or passing it on to the next city was discussed but no decision was made. It is customary for each city to host it for two years and then pass it on to the next city.

Attorney: Attorney Joyce stated things are quiet with court still being closed.

Public Works Supervisor: Mark discussed issued on water run off between Conrad Circle and Naomi Drive. There is down spouts running in the area and someone placed extra dirt due to a swimming pool. There are sheds, fences, and other items in the area which would make it a challenge to put in any type of drainage pipe. Attorney Joyce stated it is a civil matter-not a City issue.

Mark stated the tires on the 2009 pick up had to be replaced due to safety reasons. He received three bids: Warrenton Tire and Muffler $549, Gastorf Chevrolet $775.12, and Plaza Tires $673.88. He purchased them from the lowest bidder of Warrenton Tire and Muffler.

Mark stated he has a list of signs he needs to order for a total of $530.48. There were no objection to the placement of the order.

Mark stated as part of the journeyman training, he was able to take a tour of the SEMA building in Jefferson City. He has also earned additional certificate for courses completed.

Chief of Police: Chief Doyle stated he is recommending changing the ordinance requiring parent notification on juvenile issues. More information to be provided.

The 2008 Crown Victoria police case has sold and the City received $3,001 for it.

IT has been reported on vandalism at the UPS center on Market Street. Catalytic converters had been removed from three vehicles. At the time, camera footage from the park is being reviewed.

Chief Doyle discussed the two patrol rifles and getting them updated for the officers to use instead of providing their own.

There has been issues at Bruer Park including someone sleeping at the park and individuals using the City’s dumpsters from the park to clean out an apartment and then illegally dumping the extra items from the apartment onto railroad property.

These individuals can be given citation, restricted from Bruer Park and can be issued tickets for trespassing if found at the Park.

Written report showed 10 incident reports, 122 calls for service, 27 citations, and 22 warnings issued.

Report from various Warrenton Chamber of Commerce (Alderman

Committees: Thomas): License Bureau has a new manager

and they are working to get things to run smoother.

The mouse races was discussed.

Warren County EDC (Alderman Green): The main discussion was on the equipment at the Railroad Spur and the best way to sale it for a reasonable price. The Award event has been cancelled but the awards will be presented to the winners at their place of business.

University Extension Center (Alderman Brooks):

Alderman Cannon stated the extension center plans to rearrange committees/boards to get Alderman Brooks more involved.

Bills/Ordinance Alderman Green introduced Bill #27-2020 for the

first reading: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Truesdale to execute an agreement between the City of Truesdale and Charles E. Montgomery for a CPA Audit for the fiscal year of July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-absent, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion passed:3 yes/1 absent. Alderman Green introduced Bill 27-2020 for the second and final reading, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-absent, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried:3 yes/1 absent. This will now be Ordinance #924.

Closing of Meeting With no other business to be presented before the Board,

Alderman Green made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Thomas, with three Aldermen approving/1 absent. Meeting adjourned at

7:08 p.m.

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor