BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

August 25, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 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 Mike Thomas-Present, Alderman Jerry Cannon-Present Alderman Robert Green-present, and Alderman Joseph Brooks-Present, 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, , and City Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. Adam Rollins from the Warren County Record was the only visitor.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from work session August 4, 2021, regular board meeting August 11, 2021, work session August 12, 2021, and special meeting August 17, 2021. It also included the accounts payable from July 2021 and the treasurer’s report for July 2021 that will be filed for audit purpose. Motion second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the ordinance for Book-N-Bounce for Railroad Days. Motion was second by Alderman Thomas, with all Aldermen approving.

Citizens Participation: No one from the public attended the meeting to address the Board.

Comments from Mayor Watson: Mayor Watson stated plans are being worked on for a trunk-and-treat-event along the service road involving several businesses and churches in the area. Gastorf Chevrolet did host a movie night in their parking lot last week-end. Elsa will be attended future meetings on the event.

Comments from Board of Aldermen: Alderman Thomas stated the street party for Heritage Hills has been postpone until Spring.

Alderman Cannon stated he has been informed it will be about two weeks before he can connect his home to Gateway Fiber.

Grant Updates:

1. Safe Room: The change order to delete the 220v-30 amp circuit and plug and to add a 220v-50 amp circuit and plug was discussed. This had been verbally approved. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the change order, 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 vote.
2. The Department of the Interior National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Grant: An invoice from Cochran for Project oversight/quality control in the amount of $980 was submitted for approval for payment. Alderman Green made the motion to approve payment, second by Alderman Thomas, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion carried:4 yes/0 no votes.
3. Sewer Study: Mark tried to contact Joshua Hartsock from Klingner & Associates to get an update but had not heard back. The last information Mark has is the final report should be available by the end of the month.

Alderman Green stated he had sent an email to the Board concerning the sewer with Warrenton and only heard back from Alderman Cannon. Alderman Green stated he wanted to reach out to Warrenton’s Mayor to discuss the lack of capacity being provided to the City of Truesdale. The Truestone development estimated 100,000 gallons per day and Alderman Green would like to see that capacity be available for the City of Truesdale. Mayor Watson stated he agreed the email from Warrenton was confusing. He did reach out to real estate agents and property owners to let them know how Warrenton plans to handle any new development on a case-by-case basis. Mayor Watson also suggesting waiting sending any emails until the Sewer study for the City of Truesdale has been completed and delivered to City of Warrenton. Then the City of Truesdale has done everything requested by Warrenton. Alderman Green agreed this was a good idea and will wait to contact Warrenton.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

Administrator/City Clerk: The rates for the 2022 Health insurance is now available. The rate will be the same as last year for health insurance and vision (both paid for employee by the City/spouses cost for vision is paid by employee). Dental insurance is paid by employee and it will increase to $25.27 (was $24.61), an increase of 66 cents.

City of Truesdale had two applicants for cross guard. Both was interviewed by Chief of Police Casey Doyle and Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. Ray Gibson was hired to fill the position as he had over 8 years of experience.

Treasurer: Elsa reported the Railroad Committee made the recommendation not to charge a fee to venders to set up at Railroad Days this year. If electricity is needed, the fee of $10 would be charge for it. Any vendors that had already paid would have their fee refunded. If this would cause an overflow of vendors, then some could set up at Rebecca Boone also. Wright City has their First Friday Event, and plans are to attend to pass out flyers. Also, the Rughs stated they would hand them out at their booth. Alderman Cannon stated he handed out flyers at a recent event in St. Charles. Alderman Green made the motion to waive the $25 for vendors for the 2021 Railroad Days event, second by Alderman Brooks, 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 vote.

Attorney: Attorney Joyce stated she has been looking into other cities ordinances on golf carts/side by side/ and 4 wheelers. The Missouri state statutes does cover Golf carts but not the other types of riding machine. She still wants to look at Montgomery City’s ordinance. A discussion followed and it was agreed the City would require liability insurance, the driver must be a licensed driver or if underage, must be under the supervision of a licensed driver, and lights would be required. She will prepare a draft ordinance once she has obtained more information.

Attorney Joyce inquired if the city wanted to have a default for ordinance violation. The ticket would not affect their driver’s license. Now it is operated like an arrest and release. Payment arrangement can be made. If the default was in effect, payment would be required. Chief Doyle stated fines should be raised to get action by violators. More information is needed on the “default” suggestion.

At this time, the City Administrator/Clerk has to leave the meeting and the Treasurer finished taking the minutes for the meeting.

Public Works: Mark reported that there was a water service line on South Street that was damaged by Gateway Fiber, and that he had called MKA to help repair the line. It was discussed that the water line belonged to the City of Warrenton and the possibility of sending them an invoice to help cover the total cost of the repair. The Board of Aldermen agreed that the invoice of $490.00 from MKA Contracting needed to be paid. Alderman Green made to motion to pay the invoice from MKA Contracting, second by Alderman Thomas. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman-Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed with 4 yes votes/ 0 no votes.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the invoice of $80.00 from Michelson’s Plumbing for a backflow inspection, second by Alderman Cannon. A roll call was taken Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman-Thomas- yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Cannon – yes. Motion passed with a 4 yes/0 no vote.

Mark informed the Board of Aldermen that one of the contractors damaged the sewer clean out at Bruer park. Mark repaired the clean out and that there would be an invoice sent to the contractor to reimburse the city of all costs, including employee time.

Police Department: Chief Doyle reported that he had interviewed and hired Robert Parkinson for a patrolman position with the Truesdale Police Department. Robert has 2 years of patrolman experience and that his field training would be 3 weeks.

Bills and Ordinances: Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of Bill#26-2021, second by Alderman Thomas. “AN ORDIANANCE ESTABLISHING AND LEVYING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 UPON ALL REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND UTILITIES PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE”. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion passed with all Aldermen voting yes.

Alderman Green made the motion for the second reading of Bill#26-2021, second by Alderman Thomas. Elsa read the second reading of Bill#26-2021. A roll call was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried with a 4 yes / 0 no vote. This will now be known as Ordinance #963.

Alderman Green made the motion for the first reading of Bill#27-2021, second by Alderman Cannon. “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOOK-N-BOUNCE LLC FOR RAILROAD DAYS ON OCTOBER2, 2021”. With a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Green-yes. Motion passed with all Alderman voting yes.

Alderman Green made the motion for the second reading of Bill#27-2021, second by Alderman Cannon. Elsa read the second reading of Bill#27-2021. A roll call was taken, Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried with a 4 yes/0 no vote. This will now be known as Ordinance #764

With no other business to be discussed Alderman Cannon made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Green. With all Aldermen in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez

City Treasurer

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Chris Watson-Mayor