TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

September 8, 2021

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall, 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was requested and answered as follows: Alderman Robert Green-absent, Alderman Joseph Brooks-present, Alderman Mike Thomas-present, and Alderman Jerry Cannon-present. City Administrator/City Clerk reported a quorum present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Chris Watson, Attorney Katie Joyce, Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett, Treasurer Elsa Smith-Fernandez, and Administrator/City Clerk MaryLou Rainwater. The only visitor was Bart Korman, Lewis-Bade Inc.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda, with the additional of the invoice from Freise Construction Company for work on Bruer Park/ Motion was second by Alderman Brooks, with three Aldermen approving, and 1 absent.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Brooks, with three Aldermen approving, and 1 absent. The consent agenda included the minutes of the August 25, 2021 meeting.

Citizens Participation: LeAnne Jung addressed the Board requesting an extension until the 23rd of the month due to missing work. Mayor Watson stated he appreciated her coming in to ask for extension before the deadline. Elsa stated she had never been disconnected since she lived there since 2019. An agreement will be provided stating the amount that needs to be paid by 5:00 p.m. on the 23rd of September and if payment is not received, service will be disconnected and the entire bill would need to be paid. The Board agreed to this payment arrangement. The issue of extensions or payment arrangements and how to handle them in the future will be discussed at the next work session.

Comments from Mayor Watson: Mayor Watson stated he visited some of the businesses to obtain sponsorships for Railroad Days.

He also stated there was a possible distribution center looking for property in Truesdale (20-30 acres) with a start update of 2022. There would be a low number of employees. If something like this would locate next to the subdivisions, a thick wooded area should be between the commercial and the residents. Nothing definite at this time.

Mayor Watson stated with the Board’s permission he would like to follow up with Public Water District #2 for future sewer usage.

Randy Lewis contacted the Mayor about the property formerly owned by Stamm. It will be for sale in the future and checking to see if the City was interested for future expansion for the City.

Mayor Watson stated he and Public Works Supervisor Mark Bennett met with Shawn Groom from Warrenton Steel to discuss design for a sign for Bruer Park. The sign would be 12 feet wide with brick. Warrenton Steel would not do any of the brick construction. It would be Shawn will prepare a quote for it.

The need to reconsider being a member of the Greater Warren County EDC was discussed but payment for the next year has already been made. This will be discussed again when the request for payment is received next year.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen:

Alderman Thomas stated the creek behind his home in still causing issues with water standing and mosquitos. The area is not draining properly. Mark Bennett reported that he and Hal worked to remove brush/logs that was blocking the storm drain opening. These came from residents along the creek cutting down trees and leaving brush and logs in the area and it gets washed into the creek, especially with a heavy rain. Bart discussed some options that might work but it was noted that this creek does not belong to the City and the City is responsible for keeping the storm drain inlets and outlets clear of debris. Residents need to remove any brush or logs that are located near the creek area. Also, it was noted that any work done in the creek area has to be approved by Department of Natural Resources.

Grant Updates:

Safe Room:

Bart Korman gave a verbal report and had also submitted written report for August 2021. The roof parapet caps and gutters were installed on the roof, which should help the walls drying out. Site clean up has started, lights and electrical outlets are installed. Windows that are FEMA rated and the gas line are both installed. The street repair on Smith Street is being done and the street will remain close for three days. A moisture test will be done on the outside walls to see how much moisture is being retained. This would determine if a sealer can be added now. The sealer could be part of the FEMA grant 90/10% match, with a change order.

The Warrenton Fire Department is requiring the following changes: Add the ability of the smoke detector (input device) to activate audible/visual devises (output function) and add an additional waterproof audible/visual device to the exterior of the building located above the Fire Department Connection (FDC). T.S. Banze is getting a quote together and this would be FEMA approved expense. Alderman Thomas made the motion to give Mayor Watson’s authorization to approve the change order to prevent a delay in getting the work completed, second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried:3 yes/1 absent.

Bart stated he is still waiting on the pricing for the door and counter top for the storage room.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the two invoices submitted (Lewis-Bade Inc for $4,000 and T.S. Banze $55,254.23. Motion second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Green-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Cannon-yes. Motion carried: 3 yes/1 absent.

City Administrator Rainwater stated that several have been working on the Safe Room Operations and Maintenance Plan for the Safe Room. Mark Bennett and she recently met with Jim Sharp (Warren County Emergency Management Director) and provided him a draft of the document for his review. This needs to be completed and approved by FEMA before the grant can be closed. The Board will need to meet and decide who will serve in various positions. During this meeting, Jim stated he would be willing to be one designated to lock and unlock the safe room as needed and add notification to his Code Red alerts. He also stated this alert system can be used to get word out concerning boil orders or any other important information.

Bruer Park: Mark relayed information he received from Tom Drohr on the project. It was reported the playground equipment as been received and plans are to start installing it on Saturday, Sept. 11th, and it should take less than a week to complete it. Then the ground covering will need to be placed. The parking lot is completed with asphalt. The flagpole and rest of basketball hoop will be completed yet this week. Mark will trim trees around the basketball goal.

Tom asked what size flag the city wanted. After discussion and Bart stating the city can receive a free US flag and a state flag, it was decided to go with that size (3’ X 5)’ and also to see what size the flag pole is rated to display. It was discussed if the city just wanted the US Flag or add the Missouri Flag to the flagpole.

Mark stated the plans calls for dorm drains covering but he is concerned this would be a tripping hazard. A flat drain covering could be used, and this was approved by the Board.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve payment of the invoice to Freise Construction Company in the amount of $85,373.61, second by Alderman Brooks, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Green-absent, Alderman Cannon-yes, and Alderman Brooks-yes. Motion carried:3 yes/1 absent.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committees:

Administrator/City Clerk: The information received from Boonslick Regional Planning Commission on the Boonslick Region Population Census Population change from 2010-2020 was provided to the Board with their Board Package. The administrator had discussed this with Jane Cale at Boonslick RPC and unless the City protest the totals, this will be the final census number. It shows Truesdale has increased by 121 people with a population now of 853. Since the City has not exceeded 1,000 population, the City won’t be required to divide into wards and the number of samples due each month will not be increased.

Treasurer’s report: The next Railroad meeting will be September 21st at 5:30 p.m. As of now, there is 15 venders signed up. The Scenic Library had to back out due to staffing issues. However, the Kiwanis Club plans to participate with a Ninja type Obstacle course. Eagle Activewear stated the turnaround time for the signs would be 2 – 3 days. Signs will be placed at Gastorfy Chevrolet and Commuter parking lot in Warrenton. Deerfield on Main does want to participate and will need a letter from the City to send with the state application. Alderman Thomas made the motion to issue a letter approving the liquor license for Deerfield pending paperwork being completed, second by Alderman Cannon, and roll call voted as follows: Alderman Cannon-yes, Alderman Green-absent, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Thomas-yes. Motion carried: 3 yes/1 absent.

Attorney Joyce’s Report: Attorney Joyce stated she has been reviewing surrounding Cities ordinances on golf carts and state statutes. City Administrator had recently sent over information from the Missouri Municipal League with a sample ordinance the Attorney will review. She will prepare a sample ordinance for the Board’s review.

Public Works Supervisor’s Report: Mark reported on issues with the storm drain Creek between Mike Drive and Cynthia Drive. It was blocked with trees/limbs/and logs during a recent heavy rain which started flooding due to the water unable to flow. Mark had photos showing the area before Hal and Mark removed the things blocking the culvert. The problem is this area does not belong to the City and is under the ruling of the Core of Engineers. Any work done in this area would have to be approved by them. Mark does plan on placing rock around the storm drain opening.

Chief of Police’s Report: Chief Doyle did not attend the meeting. He did provide information to Elsa that he had three officers set up for Railroad Days but none to do the flags. He has a new officer to be sworn in and to start work the following week.

Report from various committees:

TAC Meeting-MaryLou was unable to attend, and no updates provided.

Chamber Meeting-Alderman Thomas stated Chamber is doing very well. Warrenton did report their building permits were down, and discussed the event to be held September 25th. It was also reported that Warren County is considered a hot spot for Covid at this time.

University Extension Center: Alderman Brooks stated it is later this month.

Greater Warren County EDC meeting: No report due to Alderman Green being absent.

Being no other business to come before the Board, Alderman Cannon made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Brooks, with three Aldermen approving/1 absent.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

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MaryLou Rainwater, MRCC

Administrator/Clerk

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Chris Watson-Mayor