TRUESDALE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

10/9/2024

The Truesdale Board of Aldermen held a regular board meeting on Wednesday,October 9, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at the Truesdale City Hall located at 109 Pinckney Street, Truesdale, MO. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was requested: Alderman Kari Hartley-Present, Alderman Mike Thomas-present, Alderman Joe Brooks -present, and Alderman Justin Naranjo- absent. The City Clerk/Manager reported that a quorum is present. Also attending the meeting for Truesdale were Mayor Jerry Cannon, Attorney Amber Bargen, Public Works Lead Steve Harlan, Chief of Police Casey Doyle, Treasurer Missy Bachamp and City Clerk/Manager Elsa Smith-Fernandez. The guests in attendance were John Choinka (Choinka Municipal Services), Jack Dixon (Truesdale Resident), Greg Lane (Truesdale Resident), and Jack Underwood (Warren County Record).

Mayor Cannon called the meeting to order.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Brooks. Motion passed with 3 ayes / 1 Absent.

Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Alderman Brooks. Motion passed with 3 ayes/ 1 Absent.

Citizens Participation:

Mr. Greg Lane attended the meeting to talk about his concern for people running the stop sign and speeding on Naomi Drive and in Dieckman Farms. Mr. Lane stated that he has attended meetings before to talk about a suggestion for speed bumps in the subdivision. Mr. Lane stated that he understands that the Police Department is unable to constantly view the intersection. Mr. Lane stated that the previous Public Works Director said that he would not recommend putting in a speed bump as it would damage the snowplow. Mr. Lane expressed his concern of the safety of his neighbors and would be worth the cost if it would save one life. Alderman Thomas asked Chief Casey Doyle what his thoughts are on speed bumps, Chief replied that when he sees speed bumps he slows down, but others may speed up. He sees how it can be beneficial for some but also a hinderance for others. Public Works Lead Steve Harlan spoke about the difficulty of moving snow with a speed bump in the way. Mayor Cannon asked if a speed bump on the west end of subdivision. Elsa suggested that there would be a need to look at the different types of speed bumps, as the removable one could potentially compromise the integrity of the street. Mayor Cannon said that he would think they would be looking at a permanent one. Mayor Cannon said he can see the need. Elsa stated that she would check with other cities to see if speed bumps have been effective.

Comments from Mayor Cannon:

Mayor Cannon reported that he and Mike had attended the AFG tour last week and that it was an impressive plant. Mayor Cannon stated that there would be 1300 people to start and then will add 50 people per month until they get their max. Alderman Thomas stated that there will be a healthcare unit and a grocery store on site for their employees. Mayor Cannon said that he spoke with the Head of HR, and they would possibly be interested in holding a hiring event at the MaryLou center.

Mayor Cannon discussed the permitting fee and process for flatwork being done in Truesdale. Elsa stated that the fee is $200.00 for a 10x10 (or more) concrete pad, and a permit is required. With having a new building inspector, it was discussed that per his recommendation that there should no longer be a need for a permit for this kind of work. Building Inspector John Choinka stated that if someone wants to pour a patio in their back yard that it was private. Mayor Cannon stated that in fairness to our citizens per the expertise of the Building Inspector it is Mayor Cannon’s recommendation that there will be a policy change to not charge concrete patios as porches or decks, there would be no permit or fee for a patio or sidewalks. Alderman Thomas made the motion to change the policy of the city to no longer require a permit for 10x10 or larger flatwork, Alderman Brooks second. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Naranjo was absent. Motion passed with 3 yes votes/ 1 absent.

Mayor Cannon discussed the issues that people are moving barricades on Smith Street, during the Smith Street Improvement Project. Mayor Cannon stated that he thought there would be a need to have something in the ordinance about not being able to move the barricades. It was confirmed by Attorney Bargen that the city currently has an ordinance in place that would cover this concern.

Comments from the Board of Aldermen:

Alderman Thomas asked about the utility notification ordinance, Elsa stated that she had reached out to John Choinka about the requirements that the City of St. Paul has, but she asked about an actual ordinance. John stated that they just refer to the state statute , it is in the application and they had also adopted the fee schedule. Utility Companies digging outside of the easement would need to obtain a permit.

Update on the Grants:

USDA: Elsa reported that she had received confirmation from Karla with USDA that all the invoices and cleared checks had been received and hopefully we will receive payment soon.

Reports from Departments, Boards, and Committee:

Building Inspector (Contracted):

John reported that he submitted an updated building permit list.

Steve asked if John had heard anything about Cynthia yet, he said no. Alderman Thomas asked if there was a timeline as to when the streets will be fixed, John stated that they will do that when they are paving streets and they just got the jetting done.

Public Works:

Steve reported that Ameren is waiting to receive payment, and after they receive payment it would take a couple of weeks for the lights to get installed except for Heritage Hills, Heritage Hills will take three weeks to a month.

Steve reported that they finished the storm drain at the new subdivision and they are starting to install the water.

Steve informed the Board that Rick Starks will start work at 401 Sandra next week.

City Attorney:

Attorney Bargen had done a quick search on right a way permit applications, and she will send them to Elsa.

Police Department:

Chief Doyle informed the Board of Aldermen of an agreement offered from the Warren Couty Prosecutors Office called Isubpoena. The cost would be about $12.00 per officer that the prosecutor’s office would cover. Chief Doyle provided the agreement, but he is waiting on confirmation that the cost would be covered. Alderman Thomas made the motion to enter into the agreement upon receiving confirmation of no cost to the Truesdale Police Department, second by Alderman Hartley. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Brooks-yes, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, and Alderman Naranjo-Absent. Motion passed with a 3 yes/1 absent vote.

Treasurer:

Nothing to report at this time.

City Clerk:

Elsa requested approval for the City of Warrenton, for the Hometown Christmas Light Parade. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve the parade route for the City of Warrenton’s Hometown Christmas Light Parade, second by Alderman Brooks. Motion passed with 3 ayes, and 1 absent.

Elsa asked permission from the Board to allow the Truesdale City logo to be included on the Warrenton’s Hometown Christmas light parade. There were no objections from the Board.

Elsa requested approval to pay the invoice for Utility Service for the Semi-Annual Tower#1 Inspection. Alderman Thomas made the motion to approve Invoice#115136 in the amount of $6,902.07 to Utility Service, second by Alderman Hartley. A roll call vote was taken, Alderman Hartley-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Brooks-yes, and Alderman Naranjo-Absent. Motion passed with a 3 yes/1 absent vote.

Elsa stated that she had attended the Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, and they had requested to utilize the MaryLou Center for their 2025 General Membership meetings in exchange for a free membership. There were no hesitations from the Board on allowing the Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce to utilize the MaryLou Center for the General Membership meetings. The meetings were changed to the second Tuesday of the month.

Mayor Cannon complimented the ladies in City Hall for changing the dynamic of the Christmas event to make it less commercialized. Mayor Cannon thanked them for having that kind of vision. There were items ordered from the FFA that there will be bundles made to raffle.

Alderman Thomas asked if Elsa had found any good deals on Amazon or at Walmart for kid raffle items. Elsa stated that she has not found good prices, but she is watching the prices to get raffle items ordered. Elsa confirmed with the Board that they wanted a TV to raffle off this year. The Board requested that there would be a TV to raffle.

Alderman Thomas suggested that admission could be a canned food item for adults.

Planning and Zoning:

Elsa reported that the public hearing notice had been prepared and posted. The public hearing date is October 21st at 5:30 pm with the regular meeting to follow. John with PGAV Planners will attend both Planning & Zoning public hearing and the Board of Aldermen public hearing.

Being no other business brought to the Board, Alderman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Alderman Brooks. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

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Elsa Smith-Fernandez, City Clerk/Manager

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Jerry Cannon-Mayor