

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2018

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on August 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Center, 200 S. Holden, with Mayor Danielle Johnston presiding. Roll was called as follows: Present were: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. Absent: none.

Minutes of the July 23, 2018, meeting were considered. Allen moved to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2018, City Council meeting. Yes: Jacobs, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Abstained: Lund.

The adoption of the agenda was considered. Lund moved to amend the agenda and to move the request from Base Community Council as Item I on the agenda. Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none.

Karl Kremer, President of the Whiteman Air Force Base Community Council, spoke of the importance of initiatives at Whiteman Air Force Base. He said the membership and impact of the surrounding cities is significant to Whiteman Air Force Base and the Base Community Council. Kremer said fundraisers are on-going and he described the program "Adopt an Airman." He said there is also a program "Airman Home for the Holidays" which allows an airman to celebrate the holidays with family. Kremer said the Base Community Council would appreciate fundraisers for either of these worthwhile programs. Mayor Johnston said these are excellent programs for Whiteman Air Force Base.

City Manager Harold Stewart said the proposed budget is a draft from information received from the various departments and City Council strategic sessions. Stewart said there is still time to make any changes. Matthew Lue, Finance Director, Presented the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Budget and said the first reading of the budget will be at the next City Council meeting. He said a new policy was recently approved, and the operating expenditures/expenses will not exceed current operating revenues plus fifty percent of the unencumbered balance less any deficit estimated for the beginning of the budget year. Lue explained this means if the reserve has been met, the City can use up to one half of the unrestricted funds to balance the budget. Lue reviewed proposed revenues and expenditures/expenses for the next fiscal year.

Lue said there has been a late request for consideration of the purchase of a street sweeper. He said a bill for \$15,000 for the repair was recently received, and City staff has begun to investigate the price of a new street sweeper. Lue said there is no guarantee once the machine is repaired that the machine will be functional.

Lue reviewed the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) and said the balance is around \$400,000. He said of this balance, \$200,000 continues to be in reserves as requested in preceding years. Lue reviewed the expenditures in the C.I.P. and said each year it is increased by \$10,000. He asked City Council members if they had anything they wanted added. Council member Jacobs asked if there have been any special requests for the Industrial Park. Stewart said there have not been any requests recently, and Stewart recommends the money remain for future projects.

Council member Watts asked about the self-funding of insurance for employees, and Lue it is similar to a hybrid fund. He said the City has been directed by our financial advisors to continue to add to the \$800,000 already designated. Stewart said the City is close, but it will be another two to three years before the City will be able to make a change. Stewart said the self-funding is included in the upcoming FY19 budget. Additionally, Stewart said the full implementation of the wage and benefit study has been included in the proposed budget.

Mayor Johnston asked about the age of the street sweeper, and Coleman said it is six years old with a life span of five years. He also said the repair could be up to \$15,000. Mayor Johnston also asked about the dash and body cams and if both are helpful or is there a preference of the two. Police Chief Rich Lockhart said most are integrated together, but if limited to one the dash cam is the best.

Stewart said City staff is recommending a budget using reserves of \$250,000-\$260,000. He said the City Council has discussed having several meetings concerning community funding. Council member Watts asked about how much time is available for discussions, and Stewart said there is about a month and one half available. Council member Watts suggested continuing with the scheduled meetings with Main Street and the Warrensburg Convention Visitors' Bureau for informational purposes. The Mayor asked if different pricing could be obtained on the dash and body cams, and Council member Watts would like to know what the leasing options are for the street sweeper.

Mayor Johnston opened a Public Hearing to Consider Sewer Rate Volume Charges for the Upcoming FY19 Budget by the City of Warrensburg, Missouri. Lue said at the last City Council meeting, the new proposed rates for sewer charges. He explained the current rate for a residential user is \$11.50 and for commercial users are \$11.50 for one inch or less, \$57.50 for up to four inches, and over four inches \$138. Lue said at the last meeting City Council discussed increasing \$13.50 for residential, \$13 for up to 1 inch, \$65 for 1 to 4 inches, and \$156 for anything above 4 inches.

Amanda Bagwell with HDR Engineering explained the impact on the commercial user. She said they looked at the usage of a hotel and the increase in the base charge. Bagwell said the increase would be approximately \$2.50 per month. Bagwell said the increase for an industrial user would be about around \$6.00 increase per month. She said comparing Warrensburg to other areas, the City's charges are slightly less than other communities.

Phil Miller, a resident of Warrensburg, said he is proposing a different way for the City to raise money for the City. He said he is proposing a volume charge rather than a fixed rate increase. Miller said if set up by volume charge, those who use more would be charged more. Miller said sewer charges have risen over the years, and it is difficult for those on fixed incomes. Janis Russell, a resident of Warrensburg, said she is on a fixed income and she cannot afford any additional expenses. As there was no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Johnston read an Ordinance Establishing Sewer Rate Volume Charges for the FY19 Budget Year in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri was read for the first time by title. Council member Allen asked about possible options for those on fixed incomes. Mayor Johnston asked about an annual average of usage, and Lue explained January, February, and March are the

months used for averaging water usage. Stewart explained during these months' water usage is lower, and Lue said there are many expenses when operating sewer treatment plants. Public Works Director Slim Coleman reviewed the many on-going costs with the plants. This will be considered again at an upcoming meeting.

Bill No. 8-1-18 being for an Ordinance Amending Section 4-216, Meetings, and Reports of the Arts Commission, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. City Clerk Cindy Gabel said the Arts Commission has requested the ordinance concerning the Arts Commission specify several members needed for a quorum. Jacobs moved said bill be passed to second reading by title. Carried unanimously. Said bill was read a second time. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: None. Absent: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5444.

Bill No. 8-2-18 being for an Ordinance Amending Section 12-27, Composition, Terms, Appointments of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg was read for the first time by title. Gabel said Suzy Latare, a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission, is attending tonight's meeting and can explain the board's request. Latare said there are 11 members, 7 of whom are voting members and the remaining 4 are non-voting members. Watts moved said bill be passed to second reading by title. Carried unanimously. Said bill was read a second time. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: None. Absent: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5445.

Bill No. 8 -3-18 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manger and City Clerk to Execute a Depository Contract and Pledge Agreement with Equity Bank was read for the first time by title. Lue said City staff received five bids and Equity Bank had the lowest and best bid. Jacobs moved said bill be passed to second reading by title. Carried unanimously. Said bill was read a second time. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5446.

Bill No 8-4-18 being for an Ordinance Re-Adopting Section 2-1 to Establish a Procedure to Disclose Potential Conflicts of Interest and Substantial Interests of Certain Municipal Officers was read for the first time by title. Gabel said this is a state requirement for the City to report every two years that Municipal officials are independent and impartial of any potential conflict of interest with the Municipality. Jacobs moved said bill be passed to second reading by title. Carried unanimously. Said bill was read a second time. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5447.

Bill No. 8-5-18 being for an Ordinance Establishing a 35 MPH Speed Limit on Business 13/Maguire from Cooper Boulevard to the North City limits, in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Coleman said this area is dangerous for those crossing the intersection, and a reduction in the speed limit should reduce the number of accidents. Coleman said there are plans to first use flashing lights at this intersection. He said this was considered at the last Traffic Commission meeting and they agreed with this change. Lund

moved said bill be passed to second reading by title. Carried unanimously. Said bill was read a second time. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5448.

Bill No. 8-6-18 being for an Ordinance Establishing a 3-Way Stop at the Intersection of North Holden Street and Hawthorne Boulevard in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Coleman said City staff and the Traffic Commission have both requested this ordinance change. Allen moved said bill be passed to second reading by title. Carried unanimously. Said bill was read a second time. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Jacobs, Watts, Allen, Lund, Johnston. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5449.

Bill No. 8-7-18 being for an Ordinance Accepting the Brady Commerce Park Veterans Road Extension Project Phase II for Maintenance, by the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Coleman said this project was completed by the proposed end date. He said there were some change orders in the amount of \$73,713.71. Coleman said there were some changes in the intersection configuration because of the gas station. Stewart said substantial progress has been made and upon completion of this project, two of the five bond issue projects have been completed. Watts moved said bill be passed to second reading by title. Carried unanimously. Said bill was read a second time. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5450.

Mayor Johnston read the Ordinance Establishing Minimum Regulations Governing the Safeguarding of Life and Property from Fire and Explosion Hazards Known as the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the second time by title. Fire Chief Jim Kushner said this is for the proposed upgrade of the 2018 International Fire Code. He said he has submitted several options for the City Council to consider. Council member Lund said he spoke with four of the six businesses impacted by these changes after the informational meeting on August 8, 2018. Lund said based on the feedback he received from the impacted business owners, he is requesting the City Council consider tabling discussions until bids are received containing costs of the installation of the sprinkler systems. Lund said the highest cost appears to be \$100,000 for the Elks Lodge because of the building size and the distance from the water main. Lund said the least impact would be on Bodies' at around \$25,000. Council member Jacobs said the cost for the American Legion is approximately \$85,000. Lund said some are also getting back flow preventer costs. said there are also getting back flow preventer costs.

Council member Watts said he wanted everyone to be aware that Chief Kushner opened the City Council meeting offering changes to the ordinances for the safety of the citizens of Warrensburg, and that is the main concern of Kushner and Stewart. Watts pointed out that the City Council will decide any changes. Stewart said these changes have been discussed nationally for a long time and this is just the beginning of many future changes. He said because of the seriousness of the proposed changes, they are not being grandfathered. Stewart said this shows how important these issues are. Council member Lund said since the business owners impacted by the changes have requested time to receive accurate bids, he

would like to table this ordinance. Council member Lund said the bids should be shared with Stewart or Gabel, and the bids should be forwarded to City Council members. Council member Lund moved to table consideration of this ordinance until September 24, 2018. Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Johnston read an Ordinance Establishing Minimum Regulations Governing the Design, Installation, Alteration, Repair, Maintenance and Use of Electrical Conductors and Equipment within or on Public and Private Buildings, known as The Electrical Code of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the second time by title. Building Official Brett Penrose said this proposal was brought to the City Council at the last meeting in addition to other proposed ordinances to be added to the building code. Council member Watts said he is concerned about some of the proposed changes in these ordinances and would like more time to review. Council member Lund asked to table Agenda Items 9 II thru 9 IX until the next City Council meeting on August 27, 2018. Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: None. Carried unanimously.

Under miscellaneous matters from the Mayor and or City Council, Mayor Johnston said several citizens have asked her about the timing of the downtown project. Coleman said the project should be completed by October 1, 2018. He said City staff has had several projects recently and often his department has to rely on the Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT) deadlines.

In the City Manager's report, Stewart thanked City staff for their help with the changes in the financial software.

In the Finance Officer's report, Lue said sales tax is up by around 4 percent.

Lund moved to close pursuant to Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, relating to:

- (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving the City and any confidential or privileged communication between the City and its representatives and its attorneys.
- (2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate where public knowledge might adversely affect the amount paid in the transaction.
- (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.
- (12) Documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed or all proposals are rejected.
- (13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.

Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the closed meeting.

Danielle Johnston, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk