

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2017

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on December 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Center, 200 S. Holden, with Mayor Bryan Jacobs presiding. Roll was called as follows: Present were: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. Absent: none.

Minutes of the November 13, 2017, minutes were considered. Allen moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017, City Council meeting. Yes: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none.

The adoption of the agenda was considered. Watts moved to approve the agenda. Yes: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none.

Jason Morado, a representative from the ETC Institute, said his company is a research company that specializes in community surveys for local governments across the country. Morado said the main reason for the survey is to see how residents feel about the community services offered and compare findings with other communities. He said the top priorities of a community can help set a baseline for future surveys and how often the survey should be conducted. Morado said cities vary in how often surveys are conducted and the participants are selected randomly by phone or by mail.

Morado described the length of the survey and how the participants are selected. He said the goal was to receive 400 completed surveys, and in Warrensburg the company received 414 completed surveys. Morado said ETC Institute employees pay attention to the geographic location of the participants and their age and gender. He said a margin of error is taken into consideration and he explained the process.

Morado said overall 80 per-cent of the residents of Warrensburg have a positive view of the City. He described the responses and said Warrensburg is rated as an excellent place to live and raise children. Morado reviewed the strengths and weaknesses of the City and said, overall, most believe the City of Warrensburg is headed in the right direction. Morado said perceptions of the City were observed, and residents are happy with the value received for City taxes and fees. He said citizens are happy with the City's customer service.

Morado said future priorities include the maintenance of City streets, traffic flow, and quality of City services. He said issues in the next five years include road repair, maintenance and expansion, and economic development. Morado said the positive perceptions of the City exceed the negative perceptions by a huge margin.

Bill No. 12-1-17 being for an Ordinance to Approve the Final Plat of Awesome Blossoms Addition, a Subdivision in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Located at 212 N. Holden Street, was read for the first time by title. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said these two tax identification parcels will be combined into one for expansion of this flower shop. She said all changes recommended by City staff have been completed. Carroll noted the recommended changes will comply with upcoming building code changes. Lund said this is great for the downtown area and 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: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5386.

Bill No. 12-2-17 being for an Ordinance Approving the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Infinitech for the Network Switch and Wireless Project was read for the first time by title. Jim Kushner, Fire Chief and IT Director, said this project has helped wireless connectivity in several of the City's buildings. Gary Swanson explained the upgrading process and all the improvements. 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: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5387.

Mayor Jacobs read a Resolution of the Council of the City of Warrensburg Accepting a Proposal Prepared by Mike Keith Insurance for Property, Liability and Cyber Insurance for 2018. Finance Director Matthew Lue said the quote given is for the next three years. He said City staff is pleased with the bid overall. Lund moved to approve the Resolution. Yes: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Carried unanimously and given Resolution No. 2162.

The next item was Consideration of the Approval to Send a Letter to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Requesting Annexation of Route 13 Right-of-Way and Authorizing the Mayor to Request to MoDOT to Petition the City to Annex a Portion of Route 13 Right-of-Way North of Highway 50. Carroll said the City is close to asking MoDOT to voluntarily petition the City to annex in a portion of the right-of-way near the future Dollar Tree Distribution Center. Carroll explained the various documents still needed and said once those are received the petition process can begin. Watts moved to approve the letter to MoDOT requesting Annexation. Yes: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Carried unanimously.

Under Miscellaneous Matters from the Mayor/and or City Council, Mayor Jacobs thanked the Johnson County Economic Development Corporation for the picture of the new Dollar Tree Distribution Center site.

Mayor Jacobs said he recently signed a letter of support for a much-needed upscale senior housing project for those over the age of 65.

In the City Manager's Report, Stewart wished everyone happy holidays and thanked those who helped with the City employee Christmas luncheon.

Johnston moved to close part of this meeting 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 or 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: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none.

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

Bryan Jacobs, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk