

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2014

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on April 28, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Center, 200 S. Holden, with Mayor Donna DeFrain presiding. Roll was called as follows: Present were: Allen, Brock, Rutt, Renfrow, DeFrain. Absent: none.

Minutes of the April 14, 2014, City Council meeting were considered. Rutt moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2014, City Council meeting. Yes: Allen, Brock, Rutt, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none.

In the City Manager's report, City Manager Paula Hertwig Hopkins said the annual Comprehensive Sewer Rate Study will be discussed at the next meeting, and the Budget Retreat will be held Thursday. She said the audit will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Hertwig Hopkins said the personnel policies will be ready for final review in June. She said City staff is looking at grants for different projects. Hertwig Hopkins said the City can make application for these grants and is pursuing possibilities if the City qualifies.

In the Director of Finance Report, Finance Director Kelvin Shaw said he has been working with the Warrensburg Convention and Visitors' Bureau on their budget, and they have completed a three-year budget. He said they are still waiting for final amendments for the bylaws. Shaw said the City will not be receiving FEMA money due to the recent flooding because the City's level of damage did not exceed their criteria level for financial assistance. Council member Rutt asked about the criteria and Fire Chief Jim Kushner said it was \$8.3 million.

The adoption of the agenda was considered. Brock moved to adopt the agenda. Yes: Allen, Brock, Rutt, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none.

Mayor DeFrain recognized Boy Scout Troop 19 and asked each Boy Scout to introduce himself.

The first item under Presentations was Dr. Janet Bonsall who described the City Hall "Four Pillars" Art Mural. Hertwig Hopkins said most of the funding for this project has come from a grant from Walmart and Union Pacific. Bonsall described her project and said it will be over 7 feet tall and over 25 feet long, and the mural will reside in City Hall. She described the project and said she is hoping it will be completed by next fall.

Also under Presentations, Julie Turnipseed, Executive Director of Main Street, and Stormy Taylor, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters, gave an update on the Burg Fest which will be September 26, 27, and 28, 2014, in downtown Warrensburg. Turnipseed said more events are going to be added this year. Taylor described some of the games and said they need additional volunteers.

Mayor DeFrain read a Proclamation recognizing Arson Awareness Week which is held May 4-10, 2014. Fire Chief Jim Kushner and Jeremy Van Wey said because of arson, many lives are lost and a large amount of property is destroyed.

Mayor DeFrain read a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Accepting the Tree Management Plan. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said the

Tree Board has applied for a grant each year the past three years through the Department of Conservation. She said this T.R.I.M. Grant has been awarded each year, and there has been an inventory of trees within 10 feet of the curb line on streets within defined areas in the parks and trees in maintained wooded trails. Carroll said the tree inventory was completed this spring and this tree management plan will provide recommendations and direction to public works, community development, and the park. She said trees are of value to a community and help the environment. Tree Board member Suzy Latore said safety in our parks is as important as beauty. She said they are planning to have training for the care of young trees to prevent more work keeping up with the trees. Rutt moved to adopt the Resolution. Yes: Allen, Brock, Rutt, Renfrow, DeFrain. Carried unanimously and given Resolution No. 2088.

Mayor DeFrain read a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, to Support UCM Efforts of Highway 50 and I-70 MoDOT National Championship Signage. Hertwig Hopkins said this is to seek approval to erect signage on Highway 50 and Interstate 70 to honor the Mules Basketball Division II Championship. Chief Strategic Officer Mike Racy said they have looked at other communities that have celebrated a recent NCAA Championship. He said Warrensburg would like to celebrate not only this recent championship, but also other academic accomplishments on the UCM campus. He said there are certain MoDOT restrictions they will need to comply with. Racy said the university would appreciate the City's support. Allen moved to approve the Resolution. Yes: Allen, Brock, Rutt, Renfrow, DeFrain. Carried unanimously and given Resolution No. 2089.

Bill No. 4-14-14 being for an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 4887, Concerning the Adopted Annual Budget for FY14 was read for the first time by title. Carroll said this ordinance is necessary because the City has entered into several cost-share development agreements. She said one is for the Credit Union's right turn lane and the City's portion of the sewer main, and the Veterans Administration (VA) Clinic intersection improvements. Carroll said the full \$75,000 for the credit union project was budgeted for this year since the terms of the agreement had not been completed. She said the agreement said it would be paid out in annual installments over five years. Carroll said since the impact is only \$15,000 for this year, City staff would like to reallocate the additional \$60,000 for the VA Clinic intersection improvements and the remaining money for a sidewalk program anticipated for this fiscal year. Carroll said with this request the actual expenses would be moved and become a line item. She said the \$15,000 would impact the budget for the next four years.

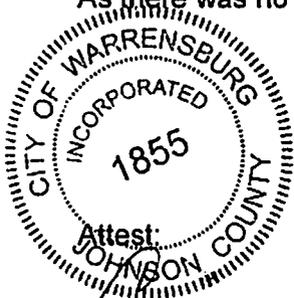
Carroll said the second portion of this budget amendment is concerning \$29,000 that was set aside for improvements at Hawthorne, and a portion of that money has been spent for consulting. She said additional money is needed for advertising, and that money would be moved from a non-categorized line for improvement and be moved to a more specific line item for advertising and consulting. Carroll said it does not decrease the budget and would not affect the reserves or fund balances. Renfrow asked for an explanation of this process, and Shaw briefly explained appropriating funds in the budget. Shaw said the amount of money already budgeted will not change, but who receives the money will change as outlined in the request. Renfrow said his concern is that a previous council approved this budget. After further discussion, Brock 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: Allen, Brock, Rutt, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 4949.

Bill No.4-15-14 being for an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 4887, Concerning the Adopted Annual Budget for FY14 was read for the second time by title. Public Works Director Slim Coleman said this was discussed at a previous City Council meeting. He said this is for the

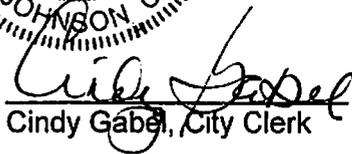
installation of a street banner for downtown Warrensburg. Coleman said City staff would like to request approval of this request. He said he would like to know how the banner downtown will benefit the City. DeFrain said it will help others be aware of this organized community effort. Renfrow asked about the signs at Hawthorne and who is paying the sign rental fee. He said the City should be helping these businesses advertise and if they are paying a fee to lease, the sign cost should be included. Brock moved to approve the bill. Yes: Allen, Brock, Rutt, DeFrain. No: Renfrow. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 4950.

Under Appearances Not Listed on the Agenda, Warrensburg resident Bob Vickers from 813 E. Gay said he recently sent correspondence to all City Council members concerning the prior zoning issue on East Gay. He said there was a recent zoning issue around his property and there have been several threats. Vickers said people in the neighborhood are frustrated and afraid due to the increase in the traffic. He said this is a residential area zoned single-family, and commercial trucks are in and out of this location during the day. He said it has become both a traffic and safety issue. Vickers said they would like to go through the process to get this problem solved. Carroll will be in contact with Vickers.

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



Attest:


Cindy Gabel, City Clerk


Donna DeFrain, Mayor