

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2014

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on October 27, 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 October 13, 2014, City Council meetings were considered. Rutt moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2014, meeting. Yes: Allen, Brock, Rutt, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none.

In the City Manager's report, City Manager Paula Hertwig Hopkins said the City is proceeding with bringing the sewer billing process in-house. She said the review committee for the Finance Director position has begun looking at applications, and the interview process will begin in the next few weeks. Hertwig Hopkins said the Information Technology position process has also started. Hertwig Hopkins said the City is working with the County Assessor on the Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) fly-over and maintenance. She said the county has received a proposal, and she believes this will be a good base map and accurate fly-over. City Council members agreed she could proceed with this process. There was a brief discussion of the City continuing the homecoming tailgating and because of all the activities that day, this will not be held next year. Council Member Rutt expressed his compliments to City Collector Carl Larkerbrink on the letter sent to Warrensburg residents concerning the upcoming sewer billing process changes.

In the Director of Finance Report, Acting Finance Director Rachel Denfeld said she would be happy to answer any questions. Larkerbrink briefed City Council members on the upcoming changes in the sewer billing process.

The adoption of the agenda was considered. Mayor DeFrain said the agenda needs to be amended because an ordinance cannot be on the consent agenda. She said this item will be moved under ordinances and will become Item 7-A. Brock moved to accept the agenda as amended. Yes: Allen, Brock, Rutt, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Carried unanimously.

Under presentations, Mayor DeFrain read the oath of office to Judge Jim Hall for the office of Municipal Judge. He was sworn in for a period of two years.

Mayor DeFrain presented Municipal Court Clerk Teresa Baumeister with an award for her dedication, and she was specifically recognized for her assistance to a fellow clerk.

Randy White with Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission gave an update on the Johnson County Spirit Trail. He explained with a PowerPoint Presentation the formation of the coalition between the City and County and their activities and cost-share programs since 2012. He said this has been as a result from a vision years ago, and it is hoped this project will eventually include the Knob Noster State Park. White thanked the City for all their support.

Mayor DeFrain read a Proclamation in honor of those who have been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Ronda Armburst accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and of a friend she lost as a result of this type of cancer.

Mayor DeFrain presented and read a Proclamation to John Dismar and Bryce Lockwood which

names the City of Warrensburg a Purple Heart City. She also presented a proclamation that had been prepared by the Johnson County Commissioners who were unable to attend tonight's meeting. Dismer and Lockwood presented plaques to both the City of Warrensburg and the Johnson County Commissioners and thanked them for participating in this special event.

Bill No. 10-12-14 being for an Ordinance Accepting Dedication of Right of Way for Alley Purposes Adjacent to Holden Street in the City of Warrensburg was read for the first time by title. Public Works Director Slim Coleman said this alley has been used by the public and has been publicly maintained by the City. He said the owner was agreeable to clearing up the discrepancy in the description of this lot and has granted an easement to the City. Rutt 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. 5032.

Bill No. 10-13-14 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Contract with Blue Valley Public Safety Inc., was read for the first time by title. Fire Chief Jim Kushner said this is an annual contract for maintenance of the storm sirens. Rutt 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. 5033.

Bill No. 10-14-14 being for an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5008, Concerning the Adopted FY15 Annual Budget for a Lightning Strike at Fire Station II was read for the first time by title. Kushner said this is for work completed this fiscal year although the lightning strike was in September. Renfrow 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. Carried unanimously and given Ordinance No. 5034.

Bill No. 10-15-14 being for an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5008, Concerning the Adopted FY15 Budget for Community Development Carryover Expenditures from FY14 was read for the first time by title. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said at the end of the last fiscal year there were three projects that were not completed. She described the three projects and said this is to move funds from the fiscal year 2014 budget to this year's budget. Rutt 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. 5035.

Bill No. 10-16-14 being for an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5008, Concerning the Adopted FY15 Annual Budget for Four Pillars Mural Lighting was read for the first time by title. Hertwig Hopkins said the mural has been placed on the wall of the City Hall lobby with track lighting for residents and visitors to enjoy. She said funds for this project came from grants, and the additional costs were for lighting, a plaque, and marketing for the event. Renfrow 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. 5036.

Under other miscellaneous matters, Hertwig Hopkins said the proposed settlement with CenturyLink was approved at the October 13, 2014, City Council meeting. She said City Council had asked about guidelines concerning distribution of the funds from this settlement. Hertwig

Hopkins said City Counsel has advised that future calculations of the funds could be altered by statewide legislation or court decisions. She said currently the proposed settlement amount is estimated to be \$295,806.45. There was discussion of the settlement funds, and Chairman Pro Tem Brock said the City needs to be aware of the amount of money the City has above the required reserves. He also said there should be future consideration of an economic turndown, preparedness for emergency situations, replacement of equipment, future industrial expansion, and debt reduction. Rutt said in the past some monies received that had not been anticipated, have been folded into the budget and unfortunately are now gone. He said there will always be some event that will require cash. After further discussion, Council Members said a plan for savings will be initiated.

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


Donna DeFrain, Mayor




Cindy Gabel, City Clerk