

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2015

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on February 9, 2015, 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, Renfrow, DeFrain. Absent: Rutt.

Minutes of the January 26, 2015, meeting were considered. Brock moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2015, meeting. Yes: Allen, Brock, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Absent: Rutt.

In the City Manager's report, City Manager Paula Hertwig Hopkins said advertising for the Finance Director has begun again and the nation-wide search for the Police Chief position will begin next week. She said a Strategic Deterrent Symposium will be held May 4 and May 5, and this will be an opportunity to showcase the City. Hertwig Hopkins said 200 to 250 individuals will be staying in Warrensburg and Sedalia. There was discussion of different welcoming ideas and Brock moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$5,000 for the upcoming symposium. Yes: Allen, Brock, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Absent: Rutt.

In the Director of Finance Report, Acting Finance Director Rachel Denfeld said sales tax and law enforcement tax receipts are up, and the department is continuing to work on the *on-line bill* payment process.

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

Mayor DeFrain presented a proclamation to Virginia Campbell and Donna Holt in recognition of American History Month.

Under Presentations was a Request for Contribution from the Stevenson Fund for Project Graduation. City Clerk Cindy Gabel said the Warrensburg High School graduating class of 2015 is requesting \$1,000 for expenses incurred as the senior class spends one last night together. She said Project Graduation is a drug-free alcohol-free evening. Allen moved to approve the contribution. Yes: Allen, Brock, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Absent: Rutt.

Bill No. 2-1-15 being for an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Regarding a Green Building Code and Standard was read for the first time by title. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said this ordinance would allow as an alternative form of construction home owners or business owners to construct or remodel their structures based on enhanced energy performance standards. 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, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Absent: Rutt. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5063.

The next item concerned the Show-Me Green Sales Tax Holiday. City Counselor Doug Harris said the City may participate annually or for the current year. He said last year there was discussion of participating each year. Mayor DeFrain read an Ordinance Allowing the Show-Me Green Sales Tax Holiday to Apply to the Local Sales Tax of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Between April 19 Through April 25, 2015, for the first time by title. Allen moved said bill be passed to second

reading by title. Yes: Allen, Brock, DeFrain. No: Renfrow. Absent: Rutt. Motion failed. Renfrow said he would like this automatically done annually, rather than for consideration each year.

Bill No. 2-2-15 being for an Ordinance Approving and Accepting a Final Plat of Lot 2 of Edmar Estates, a Subdivision in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Located on S. Ridgeview Drive was read for the first time by title. Carroll said a preliminary plat has been approved, and this is the final plat for the creation of 12 lots. 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, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Absent: Rutt. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5064.

Bill No. 2-3-15 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Service Provider Master Services Agreement with Bluebird Broadband was read for the first time by title. Hertwig Hopkins said a representative from Bluebird is at tonight's meeting. Renfrow asked why the price for this service is so much higher. Jeremy Buck from Bluebird explained this is the latest in technology and is a very efficient product. 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, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Absent: Rutt. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5065.

Bill No. 2-4-15 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute An Agreement with Custom Tree Care, Inc., for Tree Removal Services in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Carroll explained the system for ranking the bids received. She said the low bidder was asked for a price for grinding, which raised the contract amount. Mayor DeFrain asked if the other bidder was asked about grinding and she said his bid was still higher. Public Works Director Slim Coleman said stump grinding is dangerous and there are liability issues to consider because of accidents and injuries. He said those operating the equipment should be experienced. 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, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Absent: Rutt. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5066.

Mayor DeFrain read an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5008, Concerning the Adopted Annual Budget for FY15 for the Reclassification of the Human Resources Position. Hertwig Hopkins said she is making this request to reclassify the human resources manager to a director position. She said this position was reclassified three years ago. Renfrow asked about the costs to change this position. Hertwig Hopkins said the minimum is 5% for a reclassification. Brock moved said bill be passed to second reading by title. Yes: Allen, Brock, DeFrain. No: Renfrow. Absent: Rutt. Motion failed.

Bill No. 2-5-15 being for an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5008, Concerning the Adopted Annual Budget for FY15 for the Addition of the Senior Computer Technician Position to the City of Warrensburg Pay Structure. Hertwig Hopkins said there is a definite need for an additional employee in the Information Technology Department. She said there have been discussions of trying to accomplish this at minimal expense. Hertwig Hopkins said this type of position will be easier to recruit and for a period of time would report to the Fire Chief. 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, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Absent: Rutt. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5067.

Bill No. 2-6-15 being for an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5008, Concerning the Adopted Annual Budget for FY15 to Amend the Budget to Transfer Funds from the General Fund to the Park Fund for the Purpose of Completing the Old Drum Dog Park in Cave Hollow Park, as Approved by the Warrensburg Parks and Recreation Board, was read for the first time by title. Parks and Recreation Director Dodee Matthews said this will amend the current budget. She said the committee has been able to raise money needed to develop the Dog Park. Matthews said the group is requesting formal approval of \$21,000 to finish the construction of the Old Drum Dog Park in Cave Hollow Park. 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, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Absent: Rutt. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5068.

In Other Business Appearances was Interpretation of "Retail Business" for Hawthorne Signage. Hertwig Hopkins said ReMax has inquired about a sign in Hawthorne. She said since there have been questions in the past, she wanted to bring this back to the City Council for discussion of whether ReMax is considered "retail." Allen asked why a section of the minutes concerning an issue being tabled was highlighted. Hertwig Hopkins said to assist in finding the information in the minutes. Allen said other comments were made, including a motion that passed regarding commercial signs being allowed, and were not highlighted. Hertwig Hopkins said this must be an oversight of Courtney's. Renfrow said Courtney was directed to highlight the section. There was discussion of the three options discussed at the June City Council meeting, and Renfrow said he did not want any money "fronted" for businesses. Bryan Jacobs from ReMax was assured they want his sign displayed.

In Other Business Appearances was discussion of the Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) Initiative Final Status Report. Carroll said in 2008 the City was designated as a DREAM community. She said this program is for the downtown areas only. Hertwig Hopkins said the state provided additional assistance of over \$250,000 with a 20 percent payback from the City. She said the City made its last payment in 2011. Carroll said a Downtown Strategic Plan has summarized all the other reports. Carroll said she would like to recommend a marketing assistance plan for \$5,000 and Brock moved to accept the marketing plan. Yes: Allen, Brock, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Absent: Rutt. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was Public Safety Maintenance and Replacements. Police Major Asher Snook explained the replacement schedule used by the City. In his PowerPoint, Snook explained the criteria used and provided figures comparing Warrensburg to surrounding cities.

Fire Chief Jim Kushner reviewed the City's inventory of fire trucks. He said the two fire engines currently being used were purchased in November 1995. Kushner said it becomes increasingly difficult to find parts for repairs and the repair work is extremely important. There was discussion of rotating purchases in the future. This will be discussed again at a future meeting.

Under Mayoral appointments, Mayor DeFrain said Sharon Gobber has been recommended to serve as the City's appointment on the Johnson County Extension Center board. Allen moved to approve the appointment. Yes: Allen, Brock, Renfrow, DeFrain. No: none. Absent: Rutt.

Under Miscellaneous Matters from the City Manager, Hertwig Hopkins said the telephone money the City did not anticipate receiving, has been deposited into the general fund. It was the consensus of the City Council members that the telephone reimbursement money was not to be spent because it is intended for the Industrial Park.

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

- (1) Legal action, 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.
- (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.

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



*Cindy Gabel*  
Cindy Gabel, City Clerk

*Donna DeFrain*  
Donna DeFrain, Mayor