

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2014

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on March 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Center, 200 S. Holden, with Chairman Pro Tem Baird Brock presiding. Roll was called as follows: Present were: Dyer, Brock, DeFrain, Butterfield. Absent: Rutt.

Minutes of the February 24, 2014, City Council meeting were considered. DeFrain moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014, City Council meeting. Yes: Brock, DeFrain, Butterfield. Absent: Rutt. Abstained: Dyer. No: none.

In the City Manager's report, Paula Hertwig Hopkins said the proposed contract for the appraisals at Hawthorne is on the agenda tonight, and the Warrensburg Convention and Tourism Bureau will be holding its retreat this week in the Municipal Center.

In the Director of Finance Report, Finance Director Kelvin Shaw said March sales tax collections are not as high as last month, but it is still a positive trend. He said property tax receipts are continuing throughout the year and are higher than last year at this time. He said snow and ice removal costs totaled \$68,000 for this year.

The adoption of the agenda was considered. Dyer moved to adopt the agenda. Yes: Dyer, Brock, DeFrain, Butterfield. Absent: Rutt. No: none.

Chairman Pro Tem Brock opened a Public Hearing on an Ordinance Approving a Conditional Use Permit for a Duplex in a GB: General Business District Located at 611 N. College Street in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said in addition to the written comment in the City Council packet, she received a phone call from a concerned citizen wanting to know about the project. City Clerk Cindy Gabel said she also had someone inquire about the public hearing, and when she explained it was a proposed duplex, there were no concerns expressed. As there were no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Under presentations, Suzy Latare, Employment Services Manager at the Johnson County Board of Services, explained the services they offer. She said March is celebrated each year as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. She said there are many disabled individuals who are able to work and continue to live at home with some support. Latare said the Johnson County Board of Services is available to help those individuals with the skills they have and provide transportation when necessary.

Police Chief Bruce Howey presented a coin to Warrensburg Police Officer John Harrington for his recent assistance at a residence during a possible suicidal situation. He said John worked with the individual and changed it into a positive situation. He thanked him for his exemplary service to the City of Warrensburg.

The next item of business was an update of the Finance Procedure Manual. Shaw summarized the City's financial management policies and said the financial manual is used as a guide or tool for day-to-day operations. He said the Finance Advisory and Audit Committee reviewed a general framework for the manual developed by City staff. Shaw said City staff developed a structure and updated two major sections, the Fixed Assets and Procurement sections. He explained the process and how the information used was obtained. He said a draft was prepared for the City Manager, Department Directors, and the City Counselor, and input from them helped develop the

manual. Hertwig Hopkins thanked Shaw, Department Heads, the Finance Department and the Finance Advisory and Audit Committee for all the hard work putting this manual together. Chairman Pro Tem Brock also thanked Shaw for the quality of his work and said this document will be on the City's web site.

Police Chief Bruce Howey said these presentations will explain alcohol compliance checks in Warrensburg and how successful it has become because it is a team effort. Warrensburg Police Officer Jason Gilbert explained this is an effort to check businesses for compliance and an attempt to see if there are violators, and if there are violators, to educate them. University of Central Missouri Officer Heather Cox said they seek youthful-looking volunteers for the process. She said they must pass a training period and a background check. Gilbert reviewed the process if an individual receives a ticket for consumption of alcohol or allows a minor to consume alcohol.

City Counselor Doug Harris reported the sale to the minor and the unlawful entry into an establishment are the two major factors in considering alcohol compliance. He explained the fine schedule and said very rarely does an individual go to jail. Harris said the goal is achieving compliance.

University of Central Missouri President Chuck Ambrose said this partnership represents a model that should be followed. He said alcohol compliance checks are an important component because they are making a difference. Ambrose said this is important in the development of young leaders.

Nancy McGee, Special Agent from the Department of Tobacco and Alcohol, explained compliance checks are necessary because alcohol abuse can cause significant harm to a community. She said when Congress realized about ten years ago that alcohol consumption was a big problem, they also knew solutions were needed, and compliance became important. McGee said strategies were discussed to bring compliance checks into communities. She said server training has begun and many different programs are offered.

Chris Nieman, the Commander of Security Forces at Whiteman AFB, said he represents those at the base who are under 21 years of age, and he said that is about 20 percent of the Base population. He said this partnership has worked well in this community. Jeff Huffman, Grant Coordinator at the University of Central Missouri, said one reason the university received a grant is because the base and university have many individuals under 21 years of age.

Amy Kiger, Violence and Substance Abuse Director at the University of Central Missouri, reported on the impact of drinking on college campuses. She said studying outside of class and going to classes helped students academically. Kiger does have an impact on academic success. She said since new policies have been enacted, the statistics are much better.

McGee said what is the most important in this whole process is realizing that drinking is an adult problem. She said since this is a college town, each year a new set of students come to town and see what is allowed. McGee said the whole strategy is to educate and reduce underage drinking. She said the "I got you attitude" is not the right approach.

Julie Turnipseed, Main Street Director, said bar owners began meeting monthly in October 2012 after she received a complaint from a bar owner that suggested all bar owners needed to work together. She said the participation was great at first, and everyone talked about working together. Turnipseed said most of the bar owners want everyone to work together. She said the participation has been down since the first meetings, but she is hoping these meetings can continue and compliance will continue to bring everyone together.

Chairman Pro Tem Brock said he remembers when this program was first discussed under Dr. Dyer's leadership when he first came on the City Council. He said there has been a lot of progress.

There was a five minute break.

Bill No. 3-1-14 being an Ordinance Approving a Conditional Use Permit for a Duplex in a GB: General Business District Located at 611 N. College Street in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Carroll said this is currently a vacant lot recently purchased by the applicant would like to construct a duplex. She said each unit would have its own driveway and a one-car garage. Carroll said it does comply with City ordinances. Dyer 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: Dyer, Brock, DeFrain, Butterfield. Absent: Rutt. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 4924.

Bill No. 3-2-14 being for an Ordinance Amending Section 2-59, Subsections (14), (15), (16), and Adding Subsection (18), of the Code of Ordinances Related to Closed Records of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. City Counselor Doug Harris said these changes will keep the City ordinances in compliance with the Missouri Sunshine Law. DeFrain moved said bill be passed to second reading by title. Carried unanimously. Said bill was read a second time by title. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Dyer, Brock, DeFrain, Butterfield. Absent: Rutt. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 4925.

Bill No. 3-3-14 being for an Ordinance Amending Section 2-58, Concerning Voting, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Harris said this allows a City Council member to vote by video conference. He said previously members could only vote this way in case of an emergency. DeFrain 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: Dyer, Brock, DeFrain, Butterfield. Absent: Rutt. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 4926.

Bill No. 3-4-14 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Contract for Appraisal Services with Keller Associates was read for the first time by title. Hertwig Hopkins said during the Sheriff's Sales last April 5, 2013, the City acquired properties located within the City limits. She said there had not been any recent appraisals, and the City received three bids ranging in cost from \$5,750 to \$17,500. Hertwig Hopkins said a review committee recommended Keller Associates because of their qualifications and experience. Butterfield 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: Dyer, Brock, DeFrain, Butterfield. Absent: Rutt. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 4927.

Bill No. 3-5-14 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Contract for a Sign Lease. Shaw said City staff has been working with businesses in Hawthorne to reach a short-term lease agreement, and T-T Nails & Spa has signed a lease agreement. Dyer 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: Dyer, Brock, DeFrain, Butterfield. Absent: Rutt. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 4928.

Bill No. 3-6-14 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Contract Change Order with Janet Bonsall for the City Hall Mural Project was read for the first time by title. Hertwig Hopkins said this contract will accommodate her work schedule. Butterfield 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: Dyer, Brock, DeFrain, Butterfield. Absent: Rutt. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 4929.

Bill No. 3-7-14 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Contract with the IAFF Local 3923 for the first time by title. Hertwig Hopkins said negotiations have been ongoing for over three years. She said there have been many discussions and negotiations putting this contract together. Fire Chief Jim Kushner said with this contract the City will be able to continue to protect the citizens of Warrensburg. DeFrain 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: Dyer, Brock, DeFrain, Butterfield. Absent: Rutt. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 4930.

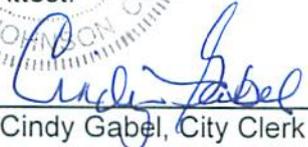
Under Other Business Appearances, Carol White, Chief Executive Officer of Central Missouri Community Credit Union, said after construction of their project it was discovered the sewer line was marked incorrectly. She said where they intended to put the sewer line was actually where the water line was located. White said the water and sewer lines cannot be that close to each other. She said they know the solution to the problem, but the cost would be an additional \$6,500. White said with a tight budget, they would like to request assistance for this cost. City Counselor Doug Harris said assistance can be provided by the City Council with an amended development agreement. It was the consensus of the City Council members to amend the development agreement to include \$6,500 for the sewer line.

Under miscellaneous matters from the City Manager, Executive Assistant Courtney Stephens explained the artwork on display at the Municipal Center.

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



Attest:


Cindy Gabel, City Clerk


Charlie Rutt, Mayor