

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2019

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on April 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Center, 200 S. Holden, with Mayor Danielle Johnston presiding. Roll was called as follows: Present were: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. Absent: none.

Minutes of the March 25, 2019, meeting were considered. Jacobs moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019, City Council meeting. Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none.

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

Under Presentation, Justin Harris from Old Drum Realty presented a check for the Police K9 fundraiser. Harris and several of his agents, and Mike Slavych of Mike's Barbecue raised \$2300 of this donation. Harris presented the Police Department with a check for \$11,600. Police Chief Rich Lockhart thanked them for the donation and said it is important to have the community's support.

Bill No. 4-1-19 being for an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5474, Concerning the Adopted FY19 Annual Budget for the General Fund was read for the first time by title. Finance Director Matthew Lue said this amendment total is \$82,644. He said this is for a computer upgrade and the purchase of a transportation vehicle for the Animal Shelter. Lue said this is an increase in the budget, but the funds used are from restricted funds used for this type of purchase. Lue pointed out the funds for the Fire Chief Executive Search Firm will be paid from the Fire Department funds. Jacobs 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: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Absent: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5511.

Bill No. 4-2-19 being for an Ordinance Amending Section 10-37 to Adopt A New Subsection W Related to the Open Burning of Vegetative Materials of the Adopted Fire Code, of the Code of Ordinances was read for the first time by title. Fire Chief Jim Kushner said this is a mandate from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to manage burning of vegetated waste. He said the management and enforcement is up to the municipalities. Kushner said a small fee will be charged, and a bond will be required that will be returned after satisfactory completion. He said this is mainly for commercial burning. 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: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5512.

In Other Business was Discussion of the Downtown Façade Grant Discussion. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said there has been a change in use request for this program. She said this program began in 2013 following the DREAM Project. She said the City wanted to encourage appropriate façade improvement programs in the downtown area, and \$5,000 is budgeted each year. Carroll said Main Street also contributes to this program. She summarized past projects and grants awarded to the various businesses, and said a committee selects the recipient. She said over \$64,000 has been re-invested in the downtown area.

Carroll said since this program was adopted by Resolution in 2013, the committee would like to request a change in the language to include the front, rear, or side façade of a building. Watts moved to approve the change in the Resolution. Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Carried unanimously.

Under Appearances to the City Council Not Listed on the Agenda, was a request from Sue Evans, representing the Pioneer Garden Club. Evans said this group has taken care of the Community Rose Garden at East Gay and Burkarth Road for many years. She said this group is requesting funding to replace approximately 1/3 of the walkway in the garden which joins the gazebo. Evans said they submitted a grant but were turned down. She said they have re-submitted the grant and received \$1,000. Evans said the estimated cost of the project is \$5400, and she has received 3 bids which would lower the cost of this project. Evans said she is requesting the City pay the remaining amount due to complete this project.

Public Works Director Slim Coleman said this was originally a request for the sidewalk program. He said the group does a lot for the community with their beautification of the Community Rose Garden which is great for the community. Stewart said this funding request will be on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

Under Miscellaneous Matters from the Mayor/and or City Council, Council member Watts said it has been a privilege to work with such excellent leaders and a talented staff. He said it has been an honor to work with everyone.

Mayor Johnston said the City Council has been an educational experience for her, and she hopes she made a difference during her time on the City Council.

In the City Manager's report, Stewart thanked Mayor Johnston and Council member Watts for their service to the City. He said he has appreciated their expertise.

In the Director of Finance Report, Lue said the City has been around seven per cent under budget, and he said the consensus among other Finance Director's around the state is the weather is to blame for the decrease in revenues. Lue said he believes there will be an improvement later in 2019

In Miscellaneous Matters, Carroll said the Homeowners Code Class will be on May 7, 2019, at the Community Center, for those considering a home project. The City will give a discount of \$20 from the building permit fee. Carroll also said the luncheon for Retiring Chief Jim Kushner will be on Friday, May 17, 2019, at Fire Station 2.

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

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Danielle Johnston, Mayor

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Cindy Gabel, City Clerk