

## Report to the City from the Energy and Sustainability Taskforce

The Warrensburg Energy and Sustainability Task Force (hereafter referred to as WESTF) began meeting in May of 2017. We began with a renewable energy idea (solar) that has occupied much of our meeting time plus extra time with solar providers, KCPL, the county, and you, the city. We have certainly appreciated all the work the city has done so far in trying to move our initial project idea forward by applying for energy credits and attending our December meeting with KCPL representatives. We heartily endorse the idea being considered now of a much larger cooperative project that would show this area to be a leader in renewable energy, and could generate other economic benefits for Warrensburg and the surrounding area.

WESTF recommends that the city establish an energy-use baseline for a particular year, and then set some bold goals in regard to reduction of carbon intensity (percentage reduction by certain years). In doing so the city would take the lead in moving citizens, institutions, agencies and businesses toward the same goals. WESTF would partner in this community effort in ways that are appropriate. Many other communities, from large to small, have done this and could assist in providing a roadmap forward.

WESTF also recommends that the city discuss the method(s)/strategies they will use to move energy-saving, renewable, and sustainability ideas forward. What will work best for our situation? This planning seems critical to the implementation of any ideas the city wishes to pursue.

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PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, a sound natural environment is the foundation of a healthy society and a robust economy; and

**WHEREAS**, human activities around the world are causing severe environmental damage that threatens human health and our planet's ability to sustain a diverse community of life. The knowledge of ways to live in harmony with our environment and methods and technologies to accomplish this end already exist; and

**WHEREAS**, local communities can do much to reverse environment degradation and contribute to building a healthy society by addressing issues such as energy use, transportation, waste prevention, and other environmental concerns. There are sound economic, environmental, and social reasons for local governments to initiate energy efficiency and renewable energy practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the environmental realities of our time require humans to make a dramatic shift in our relationship to the earth.

**THEREFORE**, let it be known that the City of Warrensburg recognizes April 22, 2019, as "EARTH DAY" and commits itself to undertaking programs and projects that enhance our community's natural environment; and

**FURTHERMORE**, a special thank you to others in the community who contribute in various ways to help better our environment. A few of those are: Whiteman Air Force Base, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg School District, Citizens for Environmental Action, and the Energy and Sustainability Task Force.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2019 in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri.

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**Casey Lund, Mayor**  
**Bryan Jacobs, Chairman Pro Tem**  
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**Nolan Brooks, Council Member**

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