

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2021

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on March 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at 200 S. Holden and via Zoom, with Mayor Bryan Jacobs presiding. Roll was called as follows, Present were: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. Absent: none.

The minutes of the February 22, 2021, City Council meeting were considered for approval. Holmberg moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021, City Council meeting. Yes: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. No: none. The minutes of the Joint Meeting of the City Council and Parks and Recreation Board meeting of February 24, 2021 were considered. Lund moved to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the City Council and Parks and Recreation Board on February 24, 2021. Yes: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. No: none. The minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting of March 1, 2021 were considered. Kushner moved to approve the minutes of the Strategic Planning meeting of March 1, 2021. Yes: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs, No: none.

The adoption of the agenda was considered. Holmberg moved to adopt the agenda. Yes: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. No: none.

Under Presentations, Marcella McCoy, Finance Director, introduced Jon Cummings, CPA, with KPM CPAs. She said they conducted the City's audit for this past fiscal year ending on September 30, 2020. Cummings explained the firm's responsibilities for financial statements, and the City must conform to certain audit standards and responsibilities. Cummings said the City received the best possible result which also helps the City's bond rating.

Cummings explained the balance for the governmental funds and said the general fund was better financially than the prior year. He said revenue and expenditures were both down. Cummings said the Capitol Improvement Fund showed a decrease because of the number of projects completed.

Cummings said most cities have had a good year considering the pandemic. He said City sales taxes were much better than expected. Cummings said the company appreciated the City working with them and allowing them to complete a lot of their work remotely. He said if anyone has any questions, do not hesitate to contact him.

Mayor Jacobs read an Ordinance Amending Portions of Chapter 5, Animals of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, for the first time by title. Police Chief Rich Lockhart said this is an update of Chapter 5 concerning animals at the animal shelter. He said there has been a transfer of the Animal Shelter to the Warrensburg Area Rescue (WAR).

Mayor Jacobs read an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Sign Lease Agreement with the First Central Bank for the first time by title. Interim City Manager Danielle Dulin said this is for the sign located at Hawthorne Plaza. She said retailers lease the signs from the City. Dulin said the City reached an agreement with First Central Bank of Warrensburg for reimbursement of public funds in the amount of \$225,000. Dulin said this includes modifications of this sign including providing electricity to the sign. She said this agreement gives the bank the ability to move forward with the modifications for 20 years if the area is occupied by Marshalls. Dulin said sales tax revenue should exceed the costs of these improvements.

Bill No. 3-1-21 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the Human Resources Director and City Clerk to Execute an Agreement for Services with GOV HR USA for City Management Recruitment Services was read for the second time by title. Human Resources Director Greg McCullough said there was a first reading of this ordinance several weeks ago. He said since the last City Council meeting additional material has been provided. McCullough said City staff recommends approval of this ordinance. Holmberg moved to approve. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5638.

In Other Business, Mayor Jacobs read a Resolution Accepting a Proposal Prepared by Mike Keith for Workers' Compensation Insurance for 2021-2022 by title. McCullough said the City's Workers Compensation Insurance through Missouri Rural Services is set to expire on April 1, 2021. He said Mike Keith Insurance put together a renewal proposal and it shows a total increase of 9.05 percent, or \$25,485 year over year. Lund moved to approve the Resolution. Yes: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. No: none. Carried unanimously and given Resolution No. 2191.

Under Appearances to the Council Not Listed on the Agenda, Olivia Bloom, said she would like to make a few comments about the proposed additions to Chapter 5 of the Animal Shelter Ordinance. Bloom said animals react differently to vaccinations and the effectiveness varies. Bloom said once infected with rabies, there is no cure. She said when the symptoms appear, they are almost always fatal. She said the purpose of the rabies quarantine is to make a final determination. Bloom said the American Veterinary Association and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommend regardless of the rabies status, the dog or cat or ferret should be confined for 10 days from the date of exposure.

Bloom would like to propose Section 5-2A be written to clarify the reason to quarantine. She said some animals might not need to be quarantined, and this would result in unnecessary quarantining and paperwork. Bloom said Section 5-2B, which is the ability for the owner to quarantine their own dog, could potentially leave the City liable if the dog has rabies. She also believes a state licensing facility should be available with a veterinarian on call. Bloom also stated there are limited ways to check for rabies and the test must be performed on a euthanized animal.

In Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Commissions, Mayor Jacobs said he would like to appoint Jason Duffey to the Park and Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term of Eva Clark and Billie Winter as the City's appointment to the University of Missouri Extension Office. Lund moved to approve. Yes: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In Miscellaneous matters, Dulin said she would like to have a Study session on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss stormwater and possible changes with code enforcement.

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

Bryan Jacobs, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk