

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2021

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on March 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at 200 S. Holden and via Zoom, with Chairman Pro Tem Scott Holmberg presiding. Roll was called as follows, Present were: Brooks, Lund, Kushner, Holmberg. Absent: Jacobs.

The minutes of the March 8, 2021, City Council meeting were considered for approval. Lund moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021, City Council meeting. Yes: Brooks, Lund, Kushner, Holmberg. Absent: Jacobs. No: none.

The adoption of the agenda was considered. Interim City Manager Danielle Dulin said she would like to move agenda Item No. 10-1, a Resolution to Enter Into an Agreement with RISE Community Services Volunteer Program to 5-1, immediately following the Disability Awareness Month Proclamation. Lund moved to approve the agenda as amended. Yes: Brooks, Lund, Kushner, Holmberg. Absent: Jacobs. No: none.

Under Presentations, was a Proclamation for Disability Awareness Month. Chairman Pro Tem Holmberg asked members attending to please come forward. Holmberg said it was an honor to read this proclamation.

A resolution of the Council of the City of Warrensburg Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Rise Community Services for a Volunteer Program was read by title. Police Chief Rich Lockhart said he recently attended a workshop about police interactions with individuals with disabilities. Lockhart said he was challenged after the seminar to hire someone with a disability. He said since he is an advocate for people with disabilities in our community, he met with Misty Miller at RISE to discuss their employment program. Lockhart said the police department is working on a records conversion and he will have some people from RISE come to the Police Department and help with this conversion. He said he will need their assistance with following new guidelines enacted since COVID-19. Lund moved to approve the Resolution. Carried unanimously and given Resolution No. 2192.

Chairman Pro Tem Holmberg opened a Public Hearing for Missouri Separate Storm Sewer Systems Operating Permit for 2021-2022. Dulin said this public hearing is an opportunity for members of the public to ask any questions or express any concerns. As there was no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Chairman Pro Tem Holmberg read an Ordinance Amending Section 13-2 (3) of the Code of City Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Regarding Nuisances for the first time by title. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said this proposed ordinance was discussed at the work session this evening. She said this is a City staff proposal to add a section at the end of section 13-2 to clearly articulate items that are currently treated as nuisances would be in their own section. Carroll said it also clearly explains violations and said they are outlined in the proposed ordinance.

Chairman Pro Tem Holmberg read an Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the Code of City Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Regarding Vegetation. Carroll said currently the ordinance on vegetation focuses on defining a nuisance as grass more than 12 inches. She said City staff would like to propose grass over 12 inches in height and any thickets and other vegetation growing in an uncontrolled manner. She said this can be a safety concern.

Carroll said there are specific managed areas where oriental plants, ferns and vegetable gardens that do exceed 12 inches in height are permitted if they are properly maintained. She said this would include rain gardens, native plantings, and yards with native plantings. Holmberg said some of the UCM students are designing a raingarden and students from other schools have been helping. He said Dollar Tree is helping to fund the raingarden. Holmberg also thanked Carroll for presenting this information to the Energy and Sustainability Task Force.

Bill No. 3-2-21 being for an Ordinance Amending Portions of Chapter 5, Animals, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the second time by title. Chief Lockhart said this is the second reading of this ordinance. He said there have been several changes to this ordinance including removal of the words "home quarantine" at the request of Warrensburg Animal Rescue. Lockhart said "euthanized" was requested to replace the word "killed." Lund moved to approve the ordinance change in Chapter 5-2, and the amendment to replace the word "kill" with euthanized." Yes: Brooks, Lund, Kushner, Holmberg. Absent: Jacobs. No: none. Lund moved to approve the ordinance as amended and to replace the word "kill" with "euthanize." Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Brooks, Lund, Kushner, Holmberg. Absent: Jacobs. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5639.

Bill No. 3-3-21 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Sign Lease agreement with the Central Bank of Warrensburg was read for the second time by title. Dulin said this is the signed lease agreement with the Central Bank of Warrensburg to allow modifications to the Hawthorne sign to include Marshall's signage and to bring electricity. She said this waives rental fees on the sign for 20 years if they agree to continue to occupy this area at the Hawthorne shopping center. Kushner moved to approve. Yes: Brooks, Lund, Kushner, Holmberg. Absent: Jacobs. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5640.

Bill No. 3-4-21 being for an Ordinance Accepting the Public Improvements Associated with Stella Rae Addition including Sanitary Sewer for Maintenance by the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Dulin said these two properties are owned by different individuals and both properties are connecting to the City sewer system. She said two builders are building the two different houses and have had trouble finding suitable weather to pour the asphalt. Dulin said the builder is requesting the sewer be approved separately from the street improvements. She said this proposed ordinance is for first and second reading because the closing date has been moved up and the final inspection will be sooner than originally planned. Lund 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: Brooks, Lund, Kushner, Holmberg. Absent: Jacobs. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5641.

Under Boards and Commissions Vacancies, Mason Floyd, Management Fellow, said City staff was to review the information concerning all the Boards and Commissions. Floyd displayed the current roster and highlighted in yellow the vacancies. He said no action is needed at this time; however, he wanted everyone to be aware of the vacancies. Floyd said if any advertising is needed for these positions, please contact City staff.

Holmberg said he requested this information about the City Boards and Commissions. He said he would like to discuss this again during a Study session. Holmberg said there should be information for prospective members of duties and expectations of the board members. He

added the Strategic Plan should be explained to prospective board members. Holmberg suggested the Interim City Manager serve as the coordinator.

In miscellaneous matters, Greg McCullough, Director of Human Resources, said he has reached out to Lee Szymborski from GovHR, who will be the lead on the City Manager recruitment process. McCullough said he was highly recommended by other cities. Szymborski will be contacting department heads and City Council members for discussion of the process. McCullough said the firm will be contacting the City's stakeholders and any other recommendations should be e-mailed to him.

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

Bryan Jacobs, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk