

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 24, 2021

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on May 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at 200 S. Holden and via Zoom, with Mayor Scott Holmberg presiding. Roll was called as follows, Present were: Brooks, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: none.

The minutes of the City Council work session of May 10, 2021, were considered for approval. Lund moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021, City Council meeting. Yes: Brooks, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none.

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

Mayor Holmberg said the Presentation of Community Funding Agreements will begin with Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Executive Director, Dana Phelps said within the agency, programs are the biggest draw. She said the location of the office and the association with the schools and university, and other programs including the military, have helped these programs continue to thrive. Phelps said they are looking forward to next year and working with referrals. She said thanks to all who drop off donations—they are very much appreciated. Council member Lund asked about the number of matches, and Phelps said currently they are at twenty-eight because a family moved.

Tracy Brantner, Executive Director of Johnson County Economic Development Corporation (JCEDC), said her board appreciates all the support from the City the past 15 years. She said in 2017 the board revitalized the strategic plan and revamped with five new goals. Brantner said she has included a letter in the packet explaining the new goals. She said she is asking for a contribution of \$75,000 again this year.

Tracy Walkup, Midwest Regional Director of Oats Transportation, said they have had a long relationship with the City of Warrensburg. Walkup said Oats was considered an essential service during the pandemic. She said for about a six-week period, they only covered life sustaining cases because of the need to obtain masks, gloves, and hand sanitizers, etc. Walkup said they have offered free transportation to those needing to be vaccinated against COVID. Walkup said they would like to request the same amount as in previous years, \$15,000.

Norman Lucas, Director of Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission, thanked the City for all of the past assistance. He said Pioneer Trails, along with JCEDC, have been working with businesses trying to transition through the pandemic and trying to find a new “normal.” He said they are also continuing to work with the local Planning and Zoning Commissions, working with cities around the region with mapping, and working with the Spirit Trail Coalition. Lucas said he appreciates the City’s support, and they are requesting the same amount this year.

Jill Purvis, Executive Director of Main Street, highlighted their accomplishments the past year. She said there have been over 2,000 volunteer hours valued at around \$ 56,000 of giving back to the community. Purvis said downtown improvements have been fantastic. She said Main Street maintained their accreditation, which makes Warrensburg one of seven in the state of

Missouri. Purvis said board members are required to volunteer for Main Street each month. Purvis said Main Street is asking for an increase in funding which is comparable to funding in 2019, along with changes in the verbiage of the contract. She said they are also requesting the language be changed for the events Coordinator Position to Assistant Director language because of duties currently being performed. Purvis said they would like to decorate all the downtown businesses with Christmas lights and would appreciate the City's help with that expense. Purvis said she would like to thank all board members and volunteers for all their help.

Tracy Brantner presented information concerning the Whiteman Area Leadership Council (WALC). Brantner said the City has been a long-time supporter of WALC. She said a letter has been provided by Greg Frencken, President of WALC, explaining some of their accomplishments. Brantner said they are requesting a contribution of \$3,000 again this year. She said this is the same amount they have requested since 2007.

Mayor Holmberg that everyone who came to tonight's meeting and presented information.

Bill No. 5-1-21 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Contract for Municipal Advisor Services Between the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, and Piper Sandler & Company was read for the second time by title. Finance Director Marcella McCoy said this original contract was entered into in 2016 with Piper Jaffray & Company for Municipal Advisor services. She said Piper Jaffray has transitioned into a different company name, Piper Sandler & Company and the City is requesting this contract name be changed to the new company name. McCoy said there have been no changes in the terms of the contract. Lund moved to approve the ordinance. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Brooks, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5654.

Bill No. 5-2-21 being for an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5607 Adopting the Annual Operating Budget Beginning October 1, 2020, for the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the second time by title. McCoy said this is a revision for the 2020 budget. She said the primary changes are due to the recent salary increases. McCoy said the anticipated revenue is from the American Rescue Plan. She said this will be set up in a different fund when the City has more information. Kushner moved to approve the ordinance. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Brooks, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5655.

Bill No. 5-3-21 being for an Ordinance Approving and Accepting the Final Plat of Cayhill, Lots 195 thru 219, a Subdivision in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Located on Larson Avenue North of Veterans Road, was read for the second time by title. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said this creates 25 lots and was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. She said there are a list of conditions and they have been included in ordinance. Bentley moved to approve the ordinance. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Brooks, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5656.

Under Appearances to the Council Not Listed on the Agenda, Tiffany Rozell, 416 W. South Street, said she has had some problems with the City's ordinance concerning parking. Rozell said the City Inspector has told her she is parking in her yard, but she does not agree. She said this was not a problem from March of last year until March of this year. Rozell stated she does not know what to do. Rozell said she has been told she needs to park her car on the street, but

she does not want to because in the past her car has been hit. Carroll said Rozell should ask for Kristin Pack and to let her know what has happened.

Under Miscellaneous Matters from the Mayor and/or City Council, Mayor Holmberg said the City and Park Board have been working together to jointly discuss the Resolution from last October. He said everyone is openly communicating and the Resolution in this packet is a draft. Council member Bentley asked everyone to look at the Resolution and make suggestions so this can continue to move forward so this may be successful.

In Mayoral appointments, Mayor Holmberg would like to make the following recommendations: Amanda Saleh, R-VI School District representative to the Arts Commission; Jim Kushner, liaison to the Warrensburg Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Mayor's position as a designee on the Warrensburg Planning & Zoning Commission. Lund moved to approve. Yes: Brooks, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Holmberg said there is one Parks and Recreation Board member, John Paul Suchecki, that he would like to remove from this board. Mayor Holmberg said he visited with Parks Department staff and would like to request his removal. Bentley moved to approve the removal of John Paul Suchecki from the Parks and Recreation Board. Yes: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: Brooks.

In the Director of Finance Report, McCoy said she had nothing further to report.

In Other Business, Carroll said she would like to discuss the plat submission requirements process. She said the application, fee, and the plat are part of the application process. Carroll explained they are informed of utility companies they need to contact so the same copy of the plat can be included for each utility. She said they are required to get receipts for the five utilities that the plat has been received. Carroll said some utility companies are slow which can delay the process. City Counselor Doug Harris said some utility companies have required their own utility easements because there can be problems with the relocation of utility lines. Harris said in the long run, this may slow the process but offers protection. \Dulin said the City will be looking into possible procedural changes in the process.

Interim Fire Chief Doyle Oxley said the Fire Department has been awarded a grant.

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

Scott Holmberg, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk