

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2021

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on August 9, 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 meeting of July 26, 2021, meeting were considered for approval. Bentley moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021, City Council meeting. Yes: Brooks, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg.

The minutes of the City Council work session of August 3, 2021, were considered for approval. Bentley moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021, City Council meeting. Yes: Brooks, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none.

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

Under Recognitions, Johnny Buehler, Winner of the 83rd All-American Soap Box Derby, Local Stock, was presented a Certificate of Recognition from Mayor Holmberg. Mayor Holmberg said he received an e-mail from Johnny's mother about her son's recent award. Mayor Holmberg asked the family to come to tonight's meeting so he could present a certificate of recognition to him. Mayor Holmberg said Johnny is the youngest in history to win this award. He also presented Johnny with a medallion. Johnny's father, Ryan Buehler, said he won by a slim margin in Akron, Ohio. He will be a 4th grade student at Sterling Elementary in the fall. Johnny is the third generation in the family to race.

The next item was a Presentation by Erica Collins and Melissa Werner from Journey Home concerning Homelessness Trends in the community. Erica said this is an ever-growing problem in our community. She said there was a time when she knew many of the homeless by name, but that is no longer true because the numbers have grown tremendously.

Erica said some of the homeless are from our own City, and some are a result of the pandemic or have been laid-off temporarily from jobs. She said there can be many factors. Erica said some individuals have been dropped off and have never been to Warrensburg or even heard of Warrensburg. She said some are from as far away as St. Louis.

Melissa said some may have mental health challenges such as addictions or other difficulties and are unable to find a place to live. Melissa said there are many different barriers, and some are trying to start a new life.

Erica said she reached out to Carrie Ewing, Director of the Warrensburg Food Center, and she shared recent information that the number of visits to the Food Center had doubled during the month of June. In July, Ewing shared that one in three new individuals are coming to the Food Center for food and 10 new homeless individuals have been in.

Erica said the lack of affordable housing is a problem, and many do not have good credit scores. She said as the numbers grow, conversations have begun with leaders downtown. Erica said some are beginning to shy away from the downtown area. She said this is a problem for the downtown business owners and patrons.

Erica said for the safety of the citizens, we need to examine mental health issues. She said the homeless are sometimes at risk, too. She said too often these individuals are dropped off or put on a bus.

Erica said she is proud to live in this community, and there are resources available. She said some facilities are available in our community, but these resources need to be supported. Erica said Medicaid expansion has passed in Missouri and will be a help to many.

Melissa said at Journey Home there is help available for birth certificates, finding employment, and a place to stay can be provided. She said they also try to connect with those providing similar services and work with those familiar with what is needed.

Erica said they are planning to speak with our legislators soon to see how they want to contribute. She said a town hall meeting will also be held to discuss concerns and to work on solutions. Mayor Holmberg asked when the Town Hall meeting would be held, and Erica said a date has not been set. When the date has been decided, Erica will be sure to have it widely publicized. Human Resources Director Greg McCullough asked how someone could help on an individual basis, and Erica said volunteers are always needed along with donations. Erica said the approximate cost to house an individual can be expensive.

Mayor Holmberg read an Ordinance Amending Article II of Chapter 28 Regarding Group Homes, for the first time by title. City Attorney Doug Harris said after previously implementing this ordinance, more effective ways to regulate facilities have become available for possible implementation.

Mayor Holmberg read an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Contract with KPM CPAs to provide an Annual Financial Audit Report Beginning with the Year Ending September 30, 2021, for the first time by title. Finance Director Marcella McCoy said there was a request for proposals and the City received five responses. She said during the scoring process, KPM scored the most points.

Mayor Holmberg read an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the City of Warrensburg and the Secretary of the Air Force for Mutual Aid Fire Services for the first time by title. Interim Fire Chief Doyle Oxley said the agreement is to help Whiteman AFB in case of a disaster.

Mayor Holmberg read an Ordinance Approving and Accepting the Final Plat of Dyer's Last Stand, a Subdivision in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Located at 115 and 117 W. Oak Street for the first time by title. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said this is a replat of two existing lots. She said it is contingent upon the removal of the house at 115 W. Oak Street. Carroll said the Planning & Zoning Commission approved request, also contingent upon the removal of the house at 115 W. Oak.

Mayor Holmberg read an Ordinance Approving and Accepting the Final Plat of Park Place Subdivision Replat, a Subdivision in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Located at 905 and 907 S. Holden Street, for the first time by title. Carroll said the owner of this property would like to split this property into two lots. She said one lot would maintain the existing property, and the other would be the remainder of the land.

Bill No. 8-1-21 being for an Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of \$5,000,000 principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021 of the City of

Warrensburg, Missouri, and Authorizing Certain Other Documents and Actions by the City was read for the first time by title. Finance Director Marcella McCoy said Sid Douglas from Gilmore and Bell and Todd Goffoy from Piper and Sandler are here to explain this process and Goffoy this is for the first series of bonds that were sold this morning to the Country Club Bank. 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, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5667.

In Other Business was Mayoral appointments to Boards and Commissions. Mayor Holmberg said he would like to recommend the following appointments: Shawancy Johnson and Dane Ross, Parks and Recreation Board; and Craig Conant, Ramona Conant, Jeremy VanWey; Children's Memorial Advisory Board. Lund moved to approve the recommendations. Yes: Brooks, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In the City Manager's Report, Interim City Manager Danielle Dulin said she had nothing additional to add to her report.

Marcy Barnhart, Tourism Director, reminded everyone of the City's ice cream social at the ABC Building on August 10, 2021. She said the community's ice cream social will be on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at Grover Park, and Governor Parson will be attending.

Kushner moved to close part of this meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, relating to:

- (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

Yes: Brooks, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none.

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

Scott Holmberg, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk