

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2022

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on March 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at 200 S. Holden and via Zoom, with Mayor Scott Holmberg presiding. Mayor Holmberg called the meeting to order. Roll was called as follows, Present: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Brooks.

Mayor Holmberg welcomed new city clerk, Jodi Schneider, to the City of Warrensburg.

The minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting were considered. Bentley moved to approve the minutes. Yes: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Brooks. No: none.

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

Jane Heavin, Code Enforcement Inspector presented a Nuisance and Tall Grass Enforcement Overview. Heavin will either visually see tall grass (between 10"-12" tall) or receives a complaint and then attempts to contact with the individual by knocking on the door or leaving a door hangar listing the violation. A follow-up call occurs if there is no response within forty-eight hours. If it is a renter, then the owner or property management company is contacted about mowing. Usually a one-week period for mowing is given to allow for weather but if still not corrected then a follow-up phone call occurs. If no response from the follow-up, then a ten-day notice of violation letter will be mailed. Heavin will continue to work with the person and offer more time if a mower is broken down or assists with finding a volunteer group to help. If non-compliance still exists, then the case/pictures will be referred to the prosecuting attorney.

City Attorney Harris stated the prosecuting attorney gives a ten-to-fourteen-day notice to correct the non-compliance and then will issue weekly tickets for four weeks followed by placement on the court docket. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll stated on rare occasions, a warrant may be issued if still no response followed by a thirty-to-forty-five-day administrative hearing process and notice of abatement wherein the City would hire a contractor to mow the property. A lien would be filed on the property in the amount of the mowing, staff time cost and filing fees. Council Member Lund asked if a lien was filed on property owner or tenant for citations and Carroll responded that it was case-by-case depending on the lease agreement language.

Mayor Holmberg read an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of an Agreement Between the City of Warrensburg and the Johnson County Fire Protection District for Automatic Mutual Aid for the first time by title. Fire Chief Jennings said the request for automatic mutual aid included additional personnel or specialized equipment and will reduce the amount of time in an emergency to place resources thereby increasing the operations of both agencies. Further, Jennings stated additional firefighters on scene early-on may reduce property loss and reduce risk of serious injury. This will be considered again at the next meeting.

Bill No. 03-04-2022 being for an Ordinance Approving and Accepting the Minor Plat of Oakmont Villas – 2nd Plat a Subdivision in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Located on Oakmont Drive for the second time by title. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said the property owner would like to divide the existing lot into two R1 lots and the existing house would remain on Lot 2. The request was recommended by Planning & Zoning Board and City Staff. Kushner

moved to approve said ordinance. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Brooks. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5712.

Bill No. 03-05-2022 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Approve a Scope of Service with Anderson Engineering, Inc., under the terms and conditions of the Engineering Services Agreement for the Enterprise Lift Station and Sanitary Sewer Extension Project Engineering, in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri for the second time by title. City Manager Danielle Dulin provided detailed information on the scope of services. Lund moved to approve said ordinance. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Brooks. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5713.

Bill No. 03-06-2022 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Enter Into a Lease Agreement with Warrensburg Animal Rescue for the Animal Shelter Facility was read for a first time by title. City Manager Dulin stated the animal rescue provided animal welfare services to Johnson County, Missouri and the city leased its animal shelter facility to Warrensburg Animal Rescue in 2021. The lease agreement had an expiration date of December 31, 2022. Bentley 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: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Brooks. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5714.

Bill No. 03-07-2022 being for an Ordinance Establishing Traffic Control in "The Pines at Hale Lake" Subdivision, in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri. City Manager Dulin stated the ordinance provides a 25 miles per hour speed limit, parking on one side of the street, and parking restrictions in the cul-de-sac when snow exceeds 2" in depth. Kushner 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: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Brooks. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5715.

There were no appearances to the Council not listed on the Agenda.

Mayor Holmberg relayed that he and City Manager Dulin had met with the library and several different groups in the community regarding homelessness but had no recommendations at this time.

Under Mayoral Appointments, Mayor Holmberg said he would like to make the following appointment: Ernest Graydon to the Parks and Recreation Board to fill a vacancy. Bentley moved for appointment. Yes: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Brooks. No: none. Carried unanimously.

Director of Finance Marcella McCoy stated the next thirty days would be busy compiling documentation for the remaining \$12,000,000 issuance of the \$17,000,000 general obligation bonds authorized by citizens last year. McCoy also said that the first ARPA reports to upload to the U.S. Department of Treasury website were due by the end of April 2022.

Interim Police Chief Andy Munsterman reported on the recent hiring of three officers with two more conditional offers extended bringing the total for the department at 33 officers (down by three). Mayor Holmberg asked what factors may have brought about this successful hiring.

Interim Police Chief Munsterman responded that it was the salary market adjustment, offering Police Academy training and overall recruitment efforts.

Tourism Director Marcy Barnhart extended an invitation to City Council to attend the in-person Warrensburg Convention and Visitors Bureau Board Meeting beginning at 10 am on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at the Municipal Building, 200 S. Holden followed by a tour of their new location at 205 N. Holden. City Clerk Schneider will notice up the meeting invitation for council's attendance.

City Manager Danielle Dulin alerted two items would be added to the April 11th meeting agenda for a first and second reading. The first item was to award the bid on the East/West Wastewater Treatment Plant Blowers Installation Phase II project delayed due to supply chain issues. The second item was computer upgrades for patrol and preventative crime unit cars. Both projects will be funded by ARPA monies.

Mayor Holmberg congratulated City Manager Dulin and Fire Captain Anna Koons for participating in the GovLove podcast highlighting women in leadership roles for local government and the all-female fire department crew in honor of Women's History Month.

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

(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.

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

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

Scott Holmberg, Mayor

Attest:

Jodi L. Schneider, City Clerk