

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2022

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on January 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at 200 S. Holden and via Zoom, with Mayor Scott Holmberg presiding. Roll was called as follows, Present were: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Brooks.

The minutes of the December 13, 2021, meeting were considered. Lund moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021, City Council meeting. Yes: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Absent: Brooks.

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

Mayor Holmberg opened a Public Hearing on an Ordinance Approving a Conditional Use Permit for Land Use 18.200 Community Utility Facility and to Construct a 90 ft. Structure In a LI: Light Industrial District Located at 300 W Pine Street in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll stated this would be for Evergy to build a new electrical substation to replace the current one in use located directly north of this location. She stated, if approved, Evergy will begin the process. Carroll stated the Board of Adjustment considered the request and approved, also Planning and Zoning Commission considered and approved. Justin Harris, attorney representing Evergy on this project stated this would replace the existing system that is about 70 years old. He stated this new substation would increase reliability of Warrensburg's electricity. Council member Tarl Bentley asked what the completion time frame would be. A representative of Evergy stated the plan would be to complete in 2025.

Mayor Holmberg read an Ordinance Approving a Conditional Use Permit for Land Use 18.200 Community Utility Facility and to Construct a 90 ft. Structure In a LI: Light Industrial District Located at 300 W Pine Street in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri for the first time by title. There were no comments.

Mayor Holmberg read an Ordinance authorizing payment to supplement the existing contract with HDR Engineering, Inc for grant funding services in the amount of \$20,000 for the first time by title. City Manager Danielle Dulin stated HDR Engineering submitted a request for a contract supplement for \$51,000. She stated city staff and HDR reached an agreement of \$20,000. There were no comments.

Mayor Holmberg read an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5679 Concerning the Adopted Fiscal Year for the first time by title. Finance Director Marcella McCoy presented four Budget Amendment Exhibits. There were no comments.

Mayor Holmberg read an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the 509th Bomb Wing for Support Services for the first time by title. Interim Police Chief Andy Munsterman stated this is a renewal of the current Memorandum of Understanding. There were no comments.

Mayor Holmberg stated the next item of business, a couple of council members wanted to say something before the vote was taken. Bentley stated he wanted the parties involved to know there was much thought put into this item. Holmberg stated he will vote against the item as he had done research previously on a different location, but in regard to rental properties. Mayor

Scott Holmberg read an Ordinance Rezoning Land Located at 618 W Clark Street from R1: Single-Family Residence District to R2: One and Two Family Residence District for the second time by title. Lund move to approve said ordinance. Roll was called for adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Lund. No: Kushner, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Brooks. Motion Failed.

Bill No. 01-01-2022 being for an Ordinance Amending Section 27-200 of the Code of City Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri Regarding Land use 7.200 for a second time by title. Lund moved to approve said bill. Roll was called: Yes: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Absent: Brooks. Carried unanimously. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5691.

Bill No. 01-02-2022 being for an Ordinance Annexing Certain Adjacent Territory into the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Known as a Portion of 703 N. Davasher Road was read for the second time by title. Lund moved to approve said bill. Roll was called as follows: Yes: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Absent: Brooks. Carried unanimously. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5692.

Bill No. 01-03-2022 being for an Ordinance Establishing a LI: Light Industrial District for Property Recently Annexed into the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Known as a Portion of the Property Located at 703 N. Devasher Road was read for a second time by title. Kushner moved to approve said bill. Roll was called as follows: Yes: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Absent: Brooks. Carried unanimously. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5693.

Bill No. 01-04-2022 being for an Ordinance Rezoning a Portion of the Property Located at 703 N. Devasher Road from R1: Single-Family Residence District to LI: Light Industrial District was read for a second time by title. Bentley moved to approve said bill. Roll was called as follows: Yes: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Absent: Brooks. Carried unanimously. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5694.

Bill No. 01-05-2022 being for an Ordinance Declaring the Results of the Canvass of Statements of Candidacy and Establishing a General Election to be Held on April 5, 2022, was read for a first time by title. Kushner moved to amend the bill to remove Kit Lindsay from the ordinance at his request. Roll was called as follows: Yes: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Absent: Brooks. Lund moved to approve the amended bill. Roll was called for adoption or rejections as follows: Yes: Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Absent: Brooks. Carried unanimously. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5695.

Appearances to the council not listed on the agenda:

Dewayne Jackson-stated he is a business owner downtown. He is concerned about the homeless situation. He stated the homeless congregate around the benches, dropping trash, fight, drink, etc. He stated our downtown has had a lot of money put into making it appealing to customers. He stated it is not only downtown, but they are also asking people for money at many locations around town.

Rachel Gifford-stated she is apart of the group We The People and they are trying to bring information to the community. She stated the group is trying to find solutions for the homeless situation.

Audrey Murphy-stated she works downtown. She stated they provide meals for new families. She stated a gentleman came into her store and sat for a few hours. She stated the next day the same gentleman went into the store next door and went to the bathroom on the floor.

Nicole Hufty-owns a business downtown, as well as lives above her business. She stated customers have been harassed downtown. She stated they've called the police multiple times because her employees are uncomfortable walking outside by themselves. She stated she is not against helping the homeless with shelter and food, but there are obviously bigger issues that need to be dealt with.

Rachel Mifflin-she owns 2 businesses downtown. She stated the majority of her customers are from out of town and spend an entire day downtown. She stated the busiest bench for the homeless is right next to her front door. She said it is constantly covered and surrounded by trash and alcohol bottles. She stated she recently had to lock her and her daughter in the backseat of her car because one of the homeless men was banging on her car window.

Linda Curtis-she stated she witnessed a hostile fight amongst the homeless on November 30th, 2021.

Jill Purvis-she wanted to speak on behalf of Warrensburg Main Street. She stated the issue is escalating. She stated businesses have been threatened and had things thrown at them. She presented 2 letters from other businesses unable to attend.

Ann Papisifakis-stated she is a business owner downtown. She stated her building does not have a back door. She stated she has to keep a baseball bat behind her desk. She stated one of her employees recently had one of the homeless gentlemen reach across the counter and grab her chest.

Cathy Baldrige-stated her business was originally downtown but moved to a different location in part due to the homeless situation.

Bentley stated he is interested in learning some of the options. Holmberg stated he would like to visit with each of the council members and get their thoughts. He stated he recently visited with the mayor of Sedalia to discuss the homeless situation in both towns. He stated this is a complex issue and that this is not an issue the City can solve alone.

Under miscellaneous matters, Council Member Tarl Bentley thanked everyone for showing up. He stated he had not seen this large of a crowd in attendance.

Director of Finance Marcella McCoy gave a brief report on the first quarter of sales tax revenue. She stated the January sales tax was low compared to other months, but comparable to the previous January.

City Manager Danielle Dulin welcomed new Fire Chief Ken Jennings and Interim Police Chief Andy Munsterman. Dulin discussed the FOG (fats, oils, and grease) program. She presented a picture of the first cell for treatment at a restaurant that backed up 2 residential homes. She stated she wanted to remind everyone not to put fats, oils, and grease down the drains.

Fire Chief Ken Jennings said his first week was busy. He is working on providing a more in-depth report. He stated there are four new employees who started the academy program.

Interim Police Chief Andy Munsterman thanked everyone who attended Chief Lockhart's going away party. He stated two police officers were recently sworn in. He stated the command staff are going to try to recruit from other academies. He stated the department received their two new Durango's.

Marcy Barnhart with the Warrensburg Visitor's Center stated they have been sharing stories of people in town who have been a big part of the town.

Human Resources Director Greg McCullough thanked Kathy Henson, his assistant, Department Heads, and the Finance Department for the support throughout this recent open enrollment.

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.

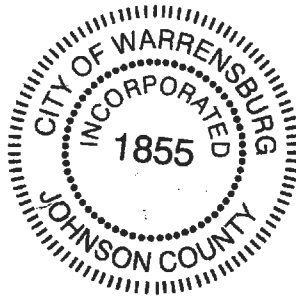
(2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration.

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

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

Attest:


Carey L. West, Deputy City Clerk




Scott Helmberg, Mayor