

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on February 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at 200 S. Holden and via Zoom, with Mayor Kushner presiding. Mayor Kushner called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called as follows, Present: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. Absent: none.

The work session minutes of the February 13, 2023 meeting were considered. Osborne moved to approve the minutes. Yes: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. No: none.

The minutes of the February 13, 2023 meeting were considered. Bentley moved to approve the minutes. Yes: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. No: none.

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

Mayor Kushner read a Resolution Adopting the Johnson County Local Emergency Operations Plan 2023 Revision. Fire Chief Jennings said the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was a collaborative effort of Johnson County Emergency Management and other governmental and private entities through Johnson County with assistance from the State Emergency Management Agency. The City staff provided additions and amendments outlined in an appendix to address specific characteristics and needs of the City. It is a requirement to adopt and maintain an EOP for all entities of Johnson County. Councilmember Osborne inquired whether the City had a disaster plan and how this plan was different. Jennings said this EOP would be used for countywide guidance for emergency operations wherein a disaster plan would be specific to the city. Jennings said the city does have a disaster plan. There being no further questions, Osborne moved to approve said resolution. Roll was called for approval as follows: Yes: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. No: none. Said resolution was duly adopted and given Resolution No. 2242.

Mayor Kushner read a Resolution Approving Emergency Purchase for Indoor Pool Water Heaters. Interim Parks Director Deal said due to the age, extensive repairs required upon completion of the pool renovation and current conditions of the heaters, it was recommended to replace the three indoor pool heaters as an emergency purchase. The heaters are vital to the indoor pool operations and will take 2-6 months upon purchase to receive from the company. The Parks Board approved the recommendation. A Park Fund Balance budget amendment for the purchase will be brought to city council at a future meeting. There being no questions, Bentley moved to approve said resolution. Roll was called for approval as follows: Yes: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. No: none. Said resolution was duly adopted and given Resolution No. 2243.

Mayor Kushner read a Resolution Approving the Transfer of \$60,000 donated from the Marian H. Glazenbrook Estate Account held within the Parks & Recreation Fund Balance to the Park Operations Fund. These funds will be transferred to Park Operations for the purpose of purchasing new Fitness Equipment and other small furniture items, along with a recognition plaque for the Marian H. Glazenbrook Estate Gift. Interim Parks Director Deal said the estate gift was given several years ago in the amount of \$120,000 for use as directed by the Parks Board. It was recommended and approved by the Park Board to use \$60,000 of the donated funds for replacement of the fitness equipment purchased by State bid. There being no

questions, Osborne moved to approve said resolution. Roll was called for approval as follows: Yes: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. No: none. Said resolution was duly adopted and given Resolution No. 2244.

Mayor Kushner read a Resolution Approving the Purchase and Installation of New Park Entrance Signs to be placed at the eight Warrensburg Park areas. The cost is not to exceed \$20,000. Interim Parks Director Deal said new park entrance signs will match the existing Parks & Recreation logo, designed similarly to the Way Finder signs that are placed around Warrensburg and matched up by use of the same vendor. Deal intends to work with volunteer groups for landscaping around the new signage. The budgeted funds will come from the Parks Operating Budget/Infrastructure Non-categorized account. The Parks Board approved the recommendation for new signage. There being no questions, Uhler moved to approve said resolution. Roll was called for approval as follows: Yes: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. No: none. Said resolution was duly adopted and given Resolution No. 2245.

Mayor Kushner read a Resolution to Authorize Disposal of a City Owned Vehicle. Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Villegas said the IT Department inherited a 1998 Chevrolet Astro Van from the Public Works Department and the van has reached the end of its usefulness. A Disposal of Fixed Assets Authorization form was signed by all department directors indicating no need for their departments' use. The van will be sold at auction, removed from the City's insurance and funds deposited in General Fund revenues account. There being no questions, Bentley moved to approve said resolution. Roll was called for approval as follows: Yes: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. No: none. Said resolution was duly adopted and given Resolution No. 2246.

Under Mayoral Appointments, Mayor Kushner recommended to remove Tarl Bentley as Council Representative for Diversity and Inclusion Commission and Appoint Eddie Osborne as Council Representative for Diversity and Inclusion Commission. There being no questions, Bentley moved to approve said recommendation. Roll was called for approval as follows: Yes: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. No: none.

There were no Appearances to the Council Not Listed on the Agenda.

Mayor Kushner said that he attended the MML Legislative Conference in Jefferson City last week, along with Councilmembers Osborne and Uhler and City Manager Dulin. The conference was informative. The group met with Senator Brattin and Representative Houx to discuss pending legislative bills.

City Manager Dulin provided to city council an email sent to Senators Hoskins and Brattin, and Representative Houx to provide numbers and data on Warrensburg's general fund revenues from 2020-2022, projected 2023, and the high increases in the costs and materials of providing essential services to residents. The information was sent as these legislators consider revenue reducing bills pending at the State level without considering the effect of inflation.

Dulin also gave an update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Dulin provided a list of the obligated funds total to date of \$2.56 million of the \$4.2 million received. There is \$1.64 million of ARPA funds remaining. These funds need to be obligated by December 2024 and expended by December 2026. As projects are considered for the remaining funds, Dulin said city staff continues to follow direction set by council that funds should be used for one-time expenses or investment in capital infrastructure and have a continuing impact on the quality of services provided in the community.

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Villegas said the contractor, Game Time c/o Cunningham Recreation (Game Time), set the installation of the safety surface at Hawthorne Park playground for Monday, February 20th. The project was declared an emergency and requirements were waived for the installation to occur on a holiday. The installer, Sports Service Specialties, from Memphis, Tennessee, arrived but was unable to install the surface as the site had not been prepared properly. The site was prepared by the City under the direction of Game Time. The City submitted a site readiness form and pictures to Game Time who did not give any indication that the site was wrong. Specific issues included a swing and slide that did not meet the minimum safety distance requirements and the base surface should have been a fine compacted aggregate base instead of 1" gravel. The City has since measured and moved the swing to minimum distance requirements. Councilmember Uhler asked about changing out the sinks from porcelain to stainless steel in the parks due to vandalism. Villegas said it was still being pursued. Mayor Kushner said the city was working towards an accessibility partnership with WILS as the restrooms are remodeled at Cave Hollow Park.

Police Chief Munsterman said the department had moved to Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network (MOSWIN) for radio coverage two weeks ago and it has been a good transition. The transmissions are clear and the State plans to place an antenna in town on a cell phone tower. There are five citizens currently in the hiring process.

Finance Director McCoy summarized the financial report. McCoy said that budget revenue reports reflect sales taxes exceeding budget projection by just over one percent including February receipts. Budgeted expenditures will become more utilized as construction season approaches. The audit report will be presented at an upcoming March meeting. The bad debt write-off approved last meeting has been completed. The automated phone system for credit card payments was activated on February 21st. Carl Larkerbrink has submitted his resignation in June and has requested no retirement celebration. Mr. Larkerbrink has been an employee for many years and if an opportunity arises for city council, please stop by and wish him well. The Finance staff will begin development of the new budget for Fiscal Year 2024.


Mayor Kushner read motion 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. Bentley made a motion to close. Roll was called for approval as follows: Yes: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. No: none.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Jim Kushner, Mayor

Attest:



Jodi L. Schneider, City Clerk