

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2020

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on April 13, 2020, at the Municipal Center, 102 S. Holden. Roll was called as follows, Present were: Brooks, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. Absent: none.

The minutes of the March 23, 2020, City Council meeting were considered. Holmberg moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2020, City Council meeting. Yes: Brooks, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. No: none.

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

Mayor Lund read three proclamations recognizing Arbor Day, Building Safety Month, and National Telecommunication Week.

Bill No. 4-1-20 being for an Ordinance Establishing Traffic Control in the Cayhill Subdivision, Phase IV, Lots 158 through 187, and Tract O, in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Assistant City Manager Danielle Dulin said this will establish the speed limit at 25 m.p.h. and allow parking on only one side of Rich Boulevard, one side of Estates Drive, and one side of Hillmann Lane. She said no parking will be allowed on Veterans Road in Phase IV. Dulin said the Traffic Commission recommended approval at the March 18, 2020 meeting. Allen 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, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5574.

Bill No. 4-2-20 being for an Ordinance Establishing Traffic Control in the Cayhill Subdivision, Phase V, Lots 188 Through 194, in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Dulin said this is like the previous ordinance, with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour. She said parking will be allowed only on one side of the street at Estates Drive and Owen Lane. Dulin said no parking will be allowed on Veterans Road in Phase V. She said this was also presented at the March 18, 2020, Traffic Commission meeting and approval was recommended. Holmberg 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, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5575.

In Other Business, Mayor Lund read a Resolution Adopting the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Schedule of Equipment Rates for the City of Warrensburg by title. City Manager Harold Stewart said the City refers to these rates often, but they have never been officially adopted by the City Council. He said this resolution has been written to automatically accept the current rates and future rate changes by FEMA. Brooks moved to approve the Resolution. Yes: Brooks, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. No: none. Carried unanimously and given Resolution No. 2183.

In Other Business, Mayor Lund read a Resolution Amending the Downtown Warrensburg Façade Grant Program for the Fiscal Year 20 Grant Cycle in Response to COVID-19 by title. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said she recently met with City Manager

Stewart concerning this grant program because of concerns due to COVID-19. She said they discussed the match requirement which is a dollar-for-dollar match. Carroll said if this requirement were removed, only the grant money would be required for this project between now and September 30, 2020. Stewart said the City would be able to help and this would be a good investment for the downtown area. Holmberg moved to approve. Yes: Brooks, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. No: none. Carried unanimously and given Resolution No. 2184.

In Other Business was Discussion of City Services During COVID-19. Stewart said at the last City Council meeting there was discussion of the various ways to help Warrensburg residents and business owners. Stewart said there have been changes internally which are working well. He said there is a strong partnership between the City and County and other partnerships are continuing. Stewart said fortunately there have not been any deaths in the county from COVID-19.

Stewart said he has spoken with Retail Coach and he received some specific data. He said there has been a 10 to 15 percent decrease in revenues. He said it has also been very hard on the restaurant business, they have had around a 90 percent reduction in revenue. Stewart said it is going to take the City a long time to recover from COVID-19. He said there will be both long and short-term repercussions.

Chairman Pro Tem Jacobs said the small things could be helpful to residents and business owners such as waiving late fees on sewer bills and providing extra time to renew business licenses. Council member Allen said she would like to see the time extended for those who will be renewing their business license. Mayor Lund suggested sending the business owner a letter informing them of any changes.

City Counselor Doug Harris said business licenses are set by City code. He said any changes would need to be changed by City ordinance. Stewart said these proposals will be added to the next City Council agenda.

In Mayoral appointments, Mayor Lund said he would like to appoint Allison Robbins to the Arts Commission. Allen moved to approve the appointment of Allison Robbins to the Arts Commission. Yes: Brooks, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In the City Manager's Report, Stewart said it has been a struggle maintaining staff at the Animal Shelter. He said they are doing a great job of taking care of the animals, and hopefully those who have resigned will be replaced quickly. Stewart said there is no public access because of COVID-19.

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

Casey Lund, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk