

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2022

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on April 25, 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: Brooks, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: none.

The minutes of the April 11, 2022, meeting were considered. Kushner moved to approve. Yes: Brooks, Kushner, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none.

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

Mayor Holmberg requested members of the Johnson County Board of Services and WILS to come forward for the reading of the Most Inclusive Community Proclamation. Mayor Holmberg said it was his honor to work with council and local agencies on the park and getting things done for the Warrensburg community. Mayor Holmberg said he was often contacted by other States on the City's philosophy to go further than just being ADA-compliant and offered several mobility and sensory examples. Melissa Frye, Director of the Johnson County Board of Services, thanked Mayor Holmberg and council for the positive changes towards inclusivity in the last three years.

Mayor Holmberg read the Arbor Day Proclamation citing Warrensburg's dedication and commitment to urban forestry the dedicated efforts through the Tree Board, forestry budget of \$2 per capita and setting aside a day for observance of Arbor Day.

Mayor Holmberg requested Tourism Director, Marcy Barnhart, and several members of the Warrensburg Convention and Visitors Bureau to come forward for the reading of the National Travel and Tourism Week May 1-7, 2022 Proclamation. Tourism Director Barnhart invited everyone to attend the special event in honor of travel and tourism week at the Amtrak Station at 9:15 a.m. on May 2nd to welcome the Missouri River Runner Train 314 as it passes through the station.

City Manager Dulin asked everyone present to stand as participants in local government while Mayor Holmberg read the proclamation honoring Local Government Week May 1-7, 2022.

Mayor Holmberg requested members of the Historic Preservation Commission and City Planner Kristin Dyer to come forward for the reading of the National Preservation Month Proclamation. City Planner Dyer relayed the commission will soon make available an interactive GIS mapping event entitled "StoryMaps" highlighting historical places of interest in the community. There would also be an informational table set-up in the Trails Regional Library.

Bill No. 04-06-2022 being for An Ordinance Approving and Accepting the Final Plat of Deerfield Lots 26A & 27A, a Subdivision in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, located on Somerset Drive and Fairway Drive was read a second time by title. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll reiterated the details of the re-plat request as detailed at the April 11, 2022 council meeting. There being no questions, Kushner moved to approve said ordinance. 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. 5721.

Bill No. 04-07-2022 being for an Ordinance Declaring the Election of Two Council Members for a Three-Year Term at the General Election Held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 was read a first time by title. City Clerk Schneider recommended passage based on the official certificate of election results which showed the highest number of votes cast for Bruce D. Uhler and Eddie Osborne. 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. 5722.

Mayor Holmberg declared Council Sine Die. Chairman Pro Tem Kushner presented Mayor Holmberg a mayoral gavel plaque in honor of his service this past year and presented three-dollar plaques to both Mayor Holmberg and Council Member Brooks thanking them for their service on City council.

City Clerk Schneider swore in newly-elected council members, Bruce D. Uhler and Eddie Osborne, for three-year terms to which they were elected on April 5, 2022.

Roll was called as follows, Present: Osborne, Uhler, Kushner, Lund, Bentley. Absent: none.

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

Council Member Lund nominated Kushner to serve as Mayor. Council Member Osborne nominated Bentley to serve as Mayor. Upon receipt of two nominations, Council Member Uhler requested that each member describe their background and vision for Warrensburg. Kushner said he had forty years of employed service in the Fire Department as Fire Chief and six years as a Department Director for the City and upon retirement wanted to continue to serve the community as a council member. As Mayor, Kushner wanted to continue the work that Scott Holmberg started on inclusivity and continue infrastructure improvements. Bentley said he began his education career at the University of Central Missouri and had seventeen years in the education field focused on the work process/coordinating teachers with special needs families. As Mayor, Bentley wanted to focus on inclusion, make voices heard, continue infrastructure improvements and add growth of work to community. Roll was called for election of Mayor as follows: Uhler voted for Kushner. Kushner voted for Kushner. Osborne voted for Bentley. Lund voted for Kushner. Bentley voted for Bentley. Vote tally was 3-2 in favor of electing Kushner as Mayor.

Mayor Kushner nominated Council Member Bentley as Chairman Pro Tem. There being no other nominations, roll was called for election of Chairman Pro Tem as follows: Yes: Uhler, Kushner, Osborne, Lund, Bentley. No: none.

Bill No. 04-08-2022 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Contract with SMICO Contracting Group, LLC for the East/West WWTP Blowers Installation Project Phase II, in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri read for a first time. City Manager Dulin said two bids were received for the project. The project includes the installation of new blower systems at each plant and completed the replacement of all existing outdated blowers in the amount of \$264,609.00 as the lowest and best bid funded by ARPA. 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: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5723.

Mayor Kushner read a Sunshine Law Resolution appointing City Clerk as Custodian of Records for Public Access and Upon Request Furnish Copies of Public Record as written in compliance with Sections 610.010 to 610.030 RSMo. City Clerk Schneider recommended passage for statutory compliance in naming the custodian of records due to the recent employment of the city clerk. Bentley moved to adopt said resolution. Yes: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. No: none. Said resolution was declared duly appointed and given Resolution No. 2215.

Mayor Kushner read a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Setting Fees to be Charged for Services Provided at the Sunset Hill Cemetery. City Manager Dulin received notice from Saline Vault Company of increased rates for grave openings/closings of \$50 and this service is included in the City's fee schedule. The City's fees have not been raised since January 2020. It was deemed necessary to increase the fee schedule to keep up with the added charges by the contractor and city expenses. Bentley moved to adopt said resolution. Yes: Osborne, Bentley, Lund, Uhler, Kushner. No: none. Said resolution was declared duly appointed and given Resolution No. 2216.

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

Mayor Kushner thanked Scott Holmberg and Nolan Brooks for their service and work performed.

Chairman Pro Tem Bentley congratulated Council Members Osborne and Uhler for winning the municipal election and looked forward to working together on behalf of the community.

Finance Director McCoy pointed out that the March financial report was halfway through the fiscal year and the City was either on budget or a little ahead of budget and thanked the management staff for watching expenses. McCoy also reported the preliminary results from the bond rating call showed the City had remained at its AA- rating. Mayor Kushner asked if there had been any award made on the RAISE grant application submitted on April 14th and City Manager Dulin reported the City would not hear back on results for three to four months.

City Manager Dulin asked the council to save dates in May and June for budget review, work sessions and Department Tours. Dulin also said the staff will put together a matrix for council feedback on agenda items (i.e., minor plats, budgeted contract approvals, etc.) appropriate to include as a first and second reading at same meeting.

Tourism Director Barnhart relayed the Visitor Center will move to its interim location by May 4th and planned to hold an open house.

City Manager Dulin invited council to attend a Star-Wars themed employee appreciation lunch (costumes welcomed) on May 4th at 11:30 a.m. at the Fire Department.

Human Resources Director McCullough said the City hosted its annual wellness event on April 13th and 20th and it was well-attended by over sixty-two employees and dependents and thanked Parks Director Fesler for use of the Parks Department in-body machine for the event.

Community Development Director Carroll thanked Code Enforcement Officer Heavin and the participating groups for the successful Love What's Local "Clean the Burg" event and specifically mentioned the group of six participants from University of Central Missouri MO volunteer group that had picked up twenty bags of litter that day.

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

Jim Kushner, Mayor

Attest:

Jodi L. Schneider, City Clerk

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