

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2020

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on June 22, 2020, at 200 S. Holden and via a Zoom video conference call. Roll was called as follows, Present were: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. Absent: none.

The minutes of the June 15, 2020, City Council meeting were considered. Lund moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020, City Council meeting. Yes: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. No: none.

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

Marcella McCoy, Finance Director, gave a presentation explaining the primary governmental funds for Fiscal Year-End 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021. McCoy said this evening the primary funds will be discussed. She said with COVID-19, there has been a challenge projecting anticipating revenues, and sales tax revenues are being monitored closely. She said sales tax revenues have been consistent for the past five years but will most likely go down for the remainder of 2020.

McCoy said property tax collections will be steady for the next fiscal year, along with the franchise fees. She said licenses and permits will also be about the same. McCoy said fines are set by the judge and will remain about the same.

McCoy said a 20% decrease in sales tax has been projected, and she said more will be known when the City receives July revenues. McCoy and City Manager Harold Stewart said the projections will change according to how revenues come in with the hope that revenues rebound next year. McCoy said these figures will be monitored closely quarterly to make revisions, as necessary. Stewart said it is hoped they can find a balance in the future revenues to prevent some services being cut due to expenses being higher than revenues.

McCoy explained the Capital Improvements Transportation Budget is fuel and motor vehicles sales tax fees and interest that is paid to the State of Missouri. She said the fuel purchased for the entire state is figured and then remitted to Cities according to population. McCoy said those fees have been down dramatically the last few months. She said this money is to be used for road projects.

McCoy said the General Obligation Bonds were used for fire department equipment, street signals, and Veteran's Road. She said this is based on property taxes and assessments so should remain about the same this year. Stewart said it was fortunate the City had the foresight to have this paid through property taxes rather than sales taxes. He said because of the pandemic, the collections have been higher than if based on sales tax collections.

In the Community Funding Agreements for Fiscal Year 2021, Stewart said Oats Transportation is a combination of state, local, and federal funding. He said Oats relies on funding from all these funding sources.

Bill Bernier, Executive Director of the Depot Renovation Board, said in the past his board has requested \$5,500. He said over the years they have made improvements to the interior and

exterior of the depot. Bernier said when the depot was closed because of COVID, there was damage in several areas. Bernier said since the City has been faced with declining revenues due to COVID, the board is requesting a decrease in funding and are requesting funding of \$3,500. Council member Brooks thanked them for the board's conscientiousness.

Norman Lucas, Executive Director of Pioneer Trails Planning Commission, explained some of the services they provide. Lucas said their request for \$6,781.64 can be paid in two installments of \$3,390.82. He said the amount is based on the City's population. Lucas said these contributions help with matching funds from the Missouri Department of Transportation.

On behalf of the Whiteman Area Leadership Council (WALC), Tracy Brantner described the achievements of the WALC and said there are representatives throughout the State of Missouri. She thanked the City for their financial help in the past and mentioned the many achievements of the WALC. Brantner thanked the City for all the help given financially, and for the \$8,500 given to the WALC. She reported this money was used for a Child Care Assessment for the regional area. Brantner said they are again requesting a contribution of \$3,000 for the WALC.

Dana Raynes, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters, said they are requesting the same amount as last year. Raynes said she is proud that the City has sponsored this group throughout the years. She said they are continuing to keep the programs going as they also continue to improve the appearance of their building by Shepard Park

Warrensburg Main Street Director, Jill Purvis, said because of a request from City Management and COVID, Main Street is lowering the funds requested by \$10,000 this year. Purvis said she is requesting their contract be re-written with generalized terms of the events the group sponsors. She said this would allow them more flexibility with some events.

Johnson County Economic Development Corporation Director, Tracy Brantner, said the board and staff want to thank the City for their annual consideration of a contribution. She said since she has been a member of this board for the past 15 years, the City has been a partner with her board, and she appreciates all the support her board has received. Brantner said she is asking for a contribution of \$75,000 again next year.

Brantner said she has been very busy since the pandemic trying to help small businesses applying for payroll protection and grants available. She said often there was incorrect information provided which is challenging.

In Mayoral appointments, Mayor Jacobs said he would like to recommend the re-appointment of Tom Koenigsfeld to the Warrensburg Convention & Visitor's Bureau. Lund moved to approve the appointment. Yes: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. No: none. Carried unanimously.

Under Miscellaneous matters from the Mayor and City Council, Mayor Jacobs asked if there will be a firework display this year. Warrensburg Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director Marcy Bryant said the Grover Park Baptist Church will not have a firework show this year. Bryant said Main Street will have the annual parade around the Johnson County Courthouse the morning of July 4, 2020.

In the City Manager's Report, Stewart said the City's information for the Care's Act has been submitted to the County. He said the City should hear back on the City's request by July 10, 2020. Stewart also reminded the Mayor and City Council of upcoming budget meeting

discussions on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, and Thursday, June 25, 2020, both will begin at 9:00 a.m.

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




Cindy Gabel, City Clerk



Bryan Jacobs, Mayor

