

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2021

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on June 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at 200 S. Holden with Mayor Scott Holmberg presiding via Zoom. Roll was called as follows, Present were: Brooks, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Kushner.

The minutes of the City Council work session of June 14, 2021, were considered for approval. Brooks moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021, City Council meeting. Yes: Brooks, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Kushner.

The minutes of the City Council meeting of June 14, 2021, were considered for approval. Lund moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021, City Council meeting. Yes: Brooks, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Absent: Kushner.

The adoption of the agenda was considered. Interim City Manager Danielle Dulin requested Item 7-2 be removed from the agenda. Lund moved to approve the amended agenda. Yes: Brooks, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Absent: Kushner.

Mayor Holmberg read a Proclamation Recognizing the Parks and Recreation Department for Parks and Recreation Month during the month of July. Danielle Fester, Parks and Recreation Director and several Parks Department employees were present as the proclamation was read. Mayor Holmberg said he appreciates the Parks and Recreation staff immensely and all they do for the community.

Under Presentations, Caroline Harrelson from Retail Coach gave an update on the work Retail Coach has done in Warrensburg in recent months. Harrelson said the City contracted with Retail Coach in 2015 and the last few years have been very successful. Harrelson said many businesses have located in Warrensburg which among others includes Starbucks, Marshalls, and Firehouse Subs. She said Warrensburg is always a fun City to work in and she has had a great day driving around Warrensburg and seeing the sites available. She said despite COVID, there have been calls concerning properties.

Harrelson said she is seeing great growth for Warrensburg and retailers are beginning to call again and ask questions. She said Retailers Live is a good conference that she will be attending soon. Harrelson said the big conference, the International Conference of Shopping Centers, will be held in December. She said one good thing about COVID has been Zoom meetings.

Council member Bentley asked if some businesses do not want to compete with markets like Hy-Vee who recently located in Warrensburg. Harrelson said that is true, but they can look at other retailers currently close to the new the location of the new business. She said it depends on the market and the size of the community. Bentley also wanted to know if the radius of the business to larger cities is taken into consideration, and Harrelson said yes because the consumers can be traced to the type of business they visit. Harrelson said she will be available until the end of the meeting for any questions.

An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Warrensburg R-VI School District for the School Resource Officer Program for the 2021-2022 School year was read for the first time by title. Police Chief Rich Lockhart said this is a renewal of the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding. He said the only change is the addition of other activities, such as traffic control, that the district

may ask of the Police Department. This will be considered again at another meeting.

Bill No. 6-2-21 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the Interim City Manager and Interim Fire Chief to Purchase a WFD 21-Compressor and Cylinder Management System from Conrad Fire Equipment in the amount of \$70,089.47 was read for the second time by title. Interim Fire Chief Doyle Oxley asked if there were any questions. Lund moved to approve the ordinance. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Brooks, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. No: none. Absent: Kushner. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5658.

Bill No. 6-3 -21 being for an Ordinance Rezoning Land Located North of Veterans Road and East of Larson Avenue from GB: General Business District to R1: Single-Family Residence District and R4: Medium Density Multi Family Residence District was read for the second time by title. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said a public hearing was held several weeks ago. She said the owners, Darin Baldwin and Mike Rich, have requested 7.82 acres be rezoned from general business to single family residence district and R4: Medium Density Multi-Family Residence District. Carroll said City staff recommends approval. Brooks moved to approve the ordinance. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Brooks, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Kushner. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5659.

Under Appearances to the Council Not Listed on the Agenda, Lee Weirich said he is at tonight's meeting because the Sewer Department charges an additional fee for on-line bill pay. He said he has not been given a clear reason why this cannot be done for a zero or minimal fee. Council member Brooks asked if there was a statutory reason why this is not offered. Dulin said no, but she would like to suggest City staff research and present information concerning this at another City Council meeting.

Under Miscellaneous Matters from the Mayor and/or City Council, Mayor Holmberg asked who could be available for the upcoming coffee on Saturday, July 10, 2021. Council member Bentley agreed to host.

Council member Brooks asked if the Police and Fire Departments are participating in safety reminders for the public with the 4th of July approaching soon. Oxley said Fire Safety Officer Jeremy Van Wey is working on this.

Council member Bentley asked about the homeless situation in Warrensburg. Bentley said there have been a lot of comments from the community and on Facebook. He said he is wondering how other communities are handling this situation. Dulin said she and Lockhart have been in touch with community partners and will continue to reach out to them. She said it would be helpful to hear from those that have worked with and helped the homeless. Council member Brooks said he would also like to know the overall trend of homelessness nationally and in other communities.

In Mayoral appointments, Mayor Holmberg would like to make the following recommendations: Ginny McTighe, Warrensburg Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Dana Phelps, Warrensburg Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Diane Whitworth, Warrensburg Convention & Visitor's Bureau, all reappointments; and Ashley Carter, Parks and Recreation Board, reappointment. Lund moved to approve. Yes: Brooks, Lund, Bentley, Holmberg. Absent: Kushner. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In the Joint Resolution with the Parks and Recreation Board update, Dulin said in July of 2020 the City Council passed a Resolution withdrawing from Resolution Number 2116. She said this was a City agreement with the Parks and Recreation Department. Dulin said at the February 24, 2021, joint meeting between the City Council and Parks and Recreation Board, it was agreed to work toward a Resolution to repair and rebuild the relationship. Dulin said a small work group of Mayor Holmberg and Council member Bentley; Parks and Board members Erica Collins, Dan Baldrige, and Parks and Recreation Director Danielle Fesler; and Interim City Manager Danielle Dulin would develop a new resolution.

Dulin said this proposed resolution is similar to the previous resolution. She said the new resolution was intended to move forward toward providing superior municipal services to the residents of Warrensburg as well as a better relationship between the Parks and Recreation Board and Department and City Council and other City departments.

Dulin explained the different goals that were developed to move forward. She said there will be more emphasis on orientation of new board members and council members. Dulin said the new resolution includes a process for administrative hearings to resolve any future conflicts. She said the Parks and Recreation Board will consider this resolution at the June 30, 2021 meeting.

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

Scott Holmberg, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk