

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2018

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on January 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Center, 200 S. Holden, with Mayor Bryan Jacobs presiding. Roll was called as follows: Present were: Lund, Johnston, Allen, Watts, Jacobs. Absent: none.

Minutes of the January 8, 2018, minutes were considered. Lund moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018, City Council meeting. Yes: Lund, Johnston, Allen, Watts, Jacobs. No: none.

The adoption of the agenda was considered. Watts moved to approve the agenda. Yes: Lund, Johnston, Allen, Watts, Jacobs. No: none.

Police Chief Rich Lockhart gave a presentation on the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS.) He said the system is a big change in how crime statistics are reported. Lockhart said in the 1970s law enforcement found the need for more detailed reporting of crimes. Lockhart explained this method is a summary of crimes and more accurately details the crime. He said sharing information with other agencies is easier with NIBRS and quicker because it is available electronically. Council member Watts asked who is the quality control for the data, and Lockhart said the Missouri Highway Patrol analyzes the information for accuracy.

Bill No. 1-6-18 being for an Ordinance Restructuring the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force and Amending Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Finance Director Matthew Lue said last October this group requested a reclassification from task force to commission and a reduction to seven voting members. 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: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5393.

Bill No. 1-7-18 being for an Ordinance Declaring the Results of the Canvass of Statements of Candidacy and Establishing a General Election to Be Held on April 3, 2018, was read for the first time by title. City Clerk Cindy Gabel said the City has one City Council position that will be available. She said filing began on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, and ended on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Two candidates, Bryan Jacobs and William North Wilkins, have filed for the one position. Gabel said the Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Watts 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: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5394.

Bill No. 1-8-18 being for an Ordinance Repealing Certain Provisions of Section 22-64, Regarding Business License Taxes of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. City Collector Carl Larkerbrink said the City has been upgrading computer software and the City has several outdated licensing requirements.

Larkerbrink also explained proposed changes for licensing several businesses and changes in insurance requirements for pest control businesses. 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 of said bill as follows: Yes: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5395.

Bill No. 1-9-18 being for an Ordinance Adopting Section 22-76 Regarding Insurance Requirements for Certain Occupations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg was read for the first time by title. Watts 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: Lund, Johnston Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5396.

Bill No. 1-10-18 being for an Ordinance Repealing Section 4-2 Related to Amusement Devices of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg was read for the first time by title. Johnston 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: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Carried unanimously and given Ordinance No. 5397.

In Other Business was Approval of a Contract for Compensation and Benefits for Consulting Services with Austin Peters Group, Inc., for Human Resources Consulting Services. Human Resources Director Greg McCullough said during the fourth quarter of 2017, the City submitted a Request for Proposal for Employee Compensation and Classification Consulting Services. He said four proposals were received and shortly after the proposals were received, department heads were asked to complete evaluation forms. McCullough said he and Lue made reference calls to all the companies who had submitted a proposal. He said City staff unanimously chose the Austin Peters Group at a bid price of \$43,400. McCullough said this was not the lowest bid, but there were concerns about the firms with lower bid amounts. He said City staff has developed a plan to pay the additional \$5,400 by splitting the cost per employee among three departments Administration, Parks, and Water Pollution Control. Watts moved to approve. Yes: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In Other Business was Discussion of the Paris Climate Accord. Mayor Jacobs said the City is listening to new ideas. Chairman Pro Tem Johnston said she appreciates discussing ways of improving environmental impact on the City and said the City Council packet is now paperless. Council member Watts asked the group about the goals and what its role is in the future decision-making process.

Phil Miller, a Warrensburg resident and member of Citizens for Environmental Action (CEA), said the Climate Control agreement was an agreement for the United States to lower carbon emissions by 28 percent by 2025. He said a declaration can be signed to state the intent to participate. Miller said the University and some other businesses have signed on but do not necessarily have to meet the emission goals. Miller said there are other ways to meet requirements. He said the group could work with a task force to discuss ideas to help lower emissions. Resident Steve Mohler mentioned the many ways emissions can be lowered.

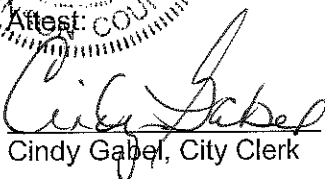
Council member Lund said he knows the City has saved on emissions, but there are still other ways of saving. Lund said the City does not want to stifle any growth with any mandates. Mohler said a task force could help bring all these thoughts together. There was discussion of selecting a diverse group for the task force. City Attorney Doug Harris said action could be in the form of a resolution or established as a task force or commission. Harris said it is often better to start informally and changes can be made later. Watts proposed the group follow the Diversity and Inclusion Task Commission's template in moving forward. Council members Lund and Watts agreed to help with the task force. Lund moved to establish an environmental task force for flexibility in the appointment of members with a purpose and mission for appointment by the Mayor and City Council. Yes: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Carried unanimously.


In the City Manager's Report, Stewart said City staff is beginning to work on the budget for the next fiscal year. Stewart said he will be attending the Missouri Municipal League Legislative Conference February 13 and 14. He said there have been several issues facing local government recently. One example is the amount of sales tax that can be charged and changes in Tax Increment Financing laws. Stewart also welcomed the new Parks and Recreation Director, Danielle Fesler.

In the Director of Finance Report, Finance Director Matthew Lue said revenues for the first quarter are pretty steady but sales tax figures are down.

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



Attest:

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk


Bryan Jacobs, Mayor