

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2019

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on February 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Center, 200 S. Holden, with Mayor Danielle Johnston presiding. Roll was called as follows: Present were: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. Absent: none.

Minutes of the February 11, 2019, meeting were considered. Watts moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019, City Council meeting. Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none.

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

Scott Munsterman, Johnson County Sheriff, provided information concerning the upcoming April 2, 2019, Ballot Measure. Munsterman explained Proposition P is a proposal to collect and dedicate one-half of one percent sales tax to fund the Agencies staffing shortages, to improve personnel compensation, and to improve and continue the operations of the current facility.

Munsterman explained the Sheriff's office has been known as a "Training Ground" for other Law Enforcement Agencies. He said his office is having difficulty attracting and retaining new, experienced employees. Munsterman said this increase would allow him to pay employees more than the minimum wage which will make the office more competitive in the job market as well as with other law enforcement agencies in our area.

Munsterman said additional staffing will allow the Sheriff's Department to add more deputies so the department can be more proactive which will provide a safer and secure school environment for the students, teachers, and citizens throughout the County.

Munsterman said the Sheriff's Department budget is currently operating from money received from contract agencies that the jail houses from a one-half of one percent law enforcement sales tax that was passed in 1993. He said of the sales tax collected, the Sheriff's office only receives 55 percent of the tax.

Munsterman explained if this initiative is passed, his office will be able to pay the department's employees more than minimum wage. He said it will also help employee's families and will enable better retention and hiring of qualified officers.

Bill No. 2-5-19 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute an Agreement Between the City of Warrensburg and J.C. Myers Construction Company, for the Business Highway 13/Hawthorne Boulevard Roundabout Project, in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Public Works Director Slim Coleman said bids for this project were first sent out last year and two bids were received which were over budget. Coleman said this project was again bid out this winter, and the low bid was from J.C. Myers Construction Company at a cost of \$1,173,843.75. He said the completion date for the project is anticipated to be August 4, 2019. 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: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Absent: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5506.

Bill No. 2-6-19 being for an Ordinance Changing the Name of Millwood Street to Estates Drive in Cayhill, Lots 158 thru 187 and Tract O in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said in September of 2018 the City Council approved the final plat of Cayhill, Lots 158 thru 187 and Tract O. She said the plat needed a few changes and they would also like to change the name of one of the streets on the plat. Carroll said since the plat has not been recorded yet, and if the City Council accepts this name change, the new name can be changed prior to the recording of the new plat. Jacobs 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: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Absent: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5507.

In Other Business was an Electronic Weapon Demonstration and Policy Discussion. Police Chief Rich Lockhart said funds for Conducted Electronic Weapons (CEW's) were approved last June. He said the Police Department has prepared a Policy for the CEW's. Lockhart said tonight will be a demonstration on the use of the tasers, and he has agreed to be a part of the taser demonstration.

In Other Business was Approval to Purchase a Multipurpose Truck with Remaining GO Bond Funds. Fire Chief Jim Kushner said the Fire Department was able to make all the requested purchases, and because of responsible purchasing there are funds available. Kushner explained all the purchases and said the department would like to request the purchase of a truck that would have many different uses. Council member Watts asked about the use of funds, and Stewart said it is acceptable because it is a direct use in the Fire Department for fire equipment. Watts moved to approve. Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Carried unanimously.

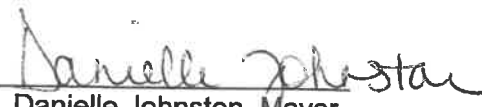
In Other Business was a Request for Funding from the Stevenson Fund for Project Graduation. City Clerk Cindy Gabel said this is an annual request from Warrensburg High School, and in prior years they have been given \$1,000. Jacobs moved to approve a donation of \$1,000 from the Stevenson Fund. Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In Mayor appointments, Mayor Johnston said she would like to recommend Jason Duffey to replace Jill Wilson who recently had to resign. Allen moved to approve. Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In the City Manager's report, Stewart said there was a great turnout for the Employee Wellness Screening held on Friday, February 22, 2019. Stewart said he will be out of the office March 4-6 representing the City of Warrensburg and Whiteman Air Force Base at the annual conference.

In the Director of Finance Report, Matthew Lue said the franchise fees have been down considerably. He said some customers in our area have been given rebates, and he does not know if the rebates will continue into next month.

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


Danielle Johnston, Mayor



Cindy Gabel

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk