

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2018

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on April 9, 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, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. Absent: none.

Minutes of the March 12, 2018, and March 29, 2018, minutes were considered. Johnston moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018, and March 29, 2018, City Council meetings. Yes: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none.

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

The next item, the Community Survey, will be delayed until after the six-month budget review.

Matthew Lue, Finance Director, gave a six-month budget review. Lue said revenues were 1.3% higher than budgeted, due to an increase in sales tax receipts which were 5.5% higher in FY17. Lue said FY17 was an abnormal revenue year, and the pattern of a 1% increase appears to be the norm. He said this amount will be budgeted for the upcoming year.

Lue said interest paid on investments is much higher than past years. He said wages and expenses are down because of several positions that were not filled. Lue said insurance rates are higher because of worker's compensation expenses. City Manager Harold Stewart said the City will need to budget much higher for these expenses. He said the City participates in a pool with the state and is always trying to get the best possible rate.

Lue said during the second quarter of the fiscal year, property taxes are received, and that is the reason for the increase in revenues. He said use tax receipts have been 15% higher than last year. Stewart said revenues are coming in well, and City expenses are a little under what has been budgeted.

Salma Sahnoun, an intern in the City Manager's office, explained she has been compiling information from the recent survey, which includes age, income, and affiliation with the University of Central Missouri (UCM) and Whiteman Air Force Base. Sahnoun reviewed the information she received concerning 11 different areas, which included perception of the City, City taxes and fees, community service, maintenance services, parks and facilities, code enforcement, traffic, safety and police services, recreation programs, communication, and the fire department. She said her findings include a need to find an effective way to retain younger residents. Sahnoun suggested better employment opportunities and added increased responsibilities as important factors for those younger individuals seeking employment. She said the City could work with UCM on different ways to retain students. Sahnoun said most citizens are satisfied with the programs and other services offered by the City. She found the need for improvement in infrastructure as a way to lessen traffic.

Bill No. 4-1-18 being for an Ordinance Accepting Permanent Easement Dedication from Brady Commerce Park, LLC, in Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Public

Works Director Slim Coleman said this is for the sewer line for the Break Time project, and City staff would recommend approval. 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. 5416.

Bill No. 4-2-18 being for an Ordinance Accepting Permanent Easement Dedication from Oil Investments, LLC, in Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. 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. 5417.

Bill No. 4-3-18 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Declaration and Grant of Easement from Dollar Tree Distribution, Inc., in Warrensburg, Missouri, 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. 5418.

Bill No. 4-4-18 being for an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5365, Concerning the Adopted FY18 Annual Budget for the General Fund, Parks and Recreation, CIP, and WPC, was read for the first time by title. Lue said this is an amendment for several different departments. He said several maintenance projects were higher than anticipated, and that the animal shelter would like to purchase a kiosk to streamline animal adoptions. 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. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5419.

Bill No. 4-5-18 being for an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5411 Related to Creating the Warrensburg Energy and Sustainability Task Force, and Adopting Division 3 of Article V of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances was read for the first time by title. Council member Lund said these changes have been made after several meetings about this new task force and how it will operate. He said the intent was to generalize so that there would be flexibility. 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. 5420.

In Other Business was Discussion of the Inclusive Playground Funding and Construction Request. Scott Holmberg, Executive Director of Johnson County Board of Services, asked the group of volunteers present to stand. Holmberg said these volunteers have helped raise \$101,000 of the \$177,000 match needed for the Land and Water Grant. Stewart said Holmberg would like to request funding from the City. Stewart said this project is supported by the community, and the City has \$67,000 in unrestricted funds in the Stevenson Fund. Stewart said he would like to recommend a challenge that the City will match receipts up to \$40,000 from April 1 through May 15, 2018. He said there is still a large amount of money in the fund that will

be collecting interest, and that only 10% is restricted. Stewart and others agreed that this project is an example of how this fund is to be used. Lund moved to match up to \$40,000 from April 1 through May 15, 2018. Yes: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In Other Business, Chief Rich Lockhart explained the Joint Operations Law Enforcement Task (JOLT) Force opportunity. He said JOLT is a task force in Sedalia for Pettis, Johnson, Henry, Hickory, and Benton counties. Lockhart said being a member provides enhanced law enforcement resources from member agencies and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. He said the Police Department would be eligible to receive proceeds from forfeitures that the task force conducts. Lockhart said last year \$13,000 was received for participation. He said this provides an officer a vehicle, equipment, and reimbursement for overtime expenses of up to \$17,000 a year. Lockhart said the City's obligation is to provide salary and benefits for an officer, and this would not include hiring an additional officer. Watts moved to approve. Yes: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In Other Business was Discussion of Combining the Traffic Commission and the Cycling and Pedestrian Task Force. Mayor Jacobs said with the need for additional members for both boards, he would like to discuss combining the Cycling and Pedestrian Task Force with the Traffic Commission. Stewart said the members from both groups were contacted and invited to attend tonight's meeting. Mayor Jacobs said the Cycling and Pedestrian Task Force has not been meeting regularly and currently has a limited number of members. He said the Traffic Commission has been needing several new appointments. Chairman Pro Tem Johnston suggested looking at the ordinance for the Traffic Commission, and it was suggested to add a subcommittee of the Traffic Commission. Stewart said the subcommittee could make recommendations to the Traffic Commission. City Staff will continue to work on this proposed change.

In Mayoral Appointments, the Mayor said he would like to recommend Nolan Brooks to replace Brandon Myers on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council member Lund said he would like to recommend the following individuals for the Energy and Sustainability Task Force: Steve Fox, one-year term; Beth Rutt, two-year term; Lyle Kreisel, two-year term; Phil Miller, one-year term; and Bob Watts as the City Council representative. Watts moved to approve. Yes: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none. Carried unanimously.

Under Miscellaneous Matters from the Mayor and City Council, Mayor Jacobs thanked Bob Watts and Casey Lund for all their hard on the Energy and Sustainability Task Force.

Fire Chief Jim Kushner said today a contractor drilled into a six-inch gas main and crews responded to the report of a gas leak at the intersection of Veterans Road and Highway 13. Kushner said crews found a valve in the line and were able to shut the valve down to prevent further leaking.

Johnston moved to close part of this meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, relating to:

- (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving the City and any confidential or privileged communication between the City and its representatives and its attorneys.
- (2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate where public knowledge might adversely affect the amount paid in the transaction.
- (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.
- (12) Documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected.
- (13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.

Yes: Lund, Johnston, Watts, Allen, Jacobs. No: none.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the closed session.



Bryan Jacobs, Mayor



Cindy Gabel, City Clerk

