

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2019

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on January 28, 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 January 14, 2019 meeting were considered. Jacobs moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019, City Council meeting. Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none.

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

Tracy Brantner, Executive Director of the Johnson County Economic Development Corporation (JCEDC), presented her annual report. Brantner explained the purpose of the JCEDC. She said they serve all of Johnson County and collaborate and share resources with many partners. Brantner said JCEDC very much appreciates the assistance received from their partners.

Brantner summarized JCEDC's accomplishments during 2018. She said the Ady Advantage Group helped JCEDC look at strategic planning since it had not been reviewed in ten years. Brantner explained the third-party assessment was very helpful in taking the organization to the next level since the Dollar Tree Project had just been completed.

Brantner said JCEDC added five new investors this year. She said one of the goals has been to increase investors as JCEDC continues to work across the county. Brantner said the new investors have increased the annual revenue by \$9500.

Brantner thanked everyone who helped with the Dollar Tree Training Center. She said this was truly a community project. Brantner said everyone came together to make this a success. She said among the goals of JCEDC will be a focus on the new task forces and an analysis of gaps through various surveys.

Brantner said JCEDC'S Aimee Courtaway will begin to work as the Business and Talent Development Coordinator and will also be working toward obtaining her Economic Development Certificate. Brantner said JCEDC will be adding a part-time marketing coordinator.

Bill No. 1-7-19 being for an Ordinance Declaring the Results of the Canvass of Statements of Candidacy and Establishing a General Election to be Held on April 2, 2019, was read for the first time by title. City Clerk Cindy Gabel said the filing period for City Council candidates ended on January 15, 2019. She said three candidates filed and they are as follows: Nolan Brooks, Tarl Bentley, and Scott Holmberg. Gabel said the required forms have been submitted to the Johnson County Clerk's office. 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. 5500.

Bill No. 1-8-19 being for an Ordinance Amending Section 28-2, Definitions, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg was read for the first time by title. Finance Director Matthew Lue said this is an update to the ordinance on smoking. He said this ordinance will

broaden the definition to include all forms of smoking. 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. 5501.

In Other Business was a 2020 Census Update. Carroll explained this is for the upcoming 2020 Census that will take place over the next year. Carroll said it will be two years before the finished product will be available. She said a Census is required, according to the United States Constitution, every 10 years. Carroll said it is a count of everyone and is important to communities because it can have an impact on the amount of funding received.

Carroll explained the Census schedule and said boundaries and annexations are submitted for the Census. She said campaigning will encourage individuals to submit forms for the local campaign. Carroll said forms must be turned in by late April and there is follow-up to verify that the forms have been submitted.

Carroll said the Count Committee partners with other local partners to increase participation. She said the City needs to begin to establish its Count Committee to begin the local Census. Carroll said in the past the form had to be mailed, but Carroll said she has been told there will be some electronic participation during this next Census.

In Other Business was INFRA Grant Discussion. Public Works Director Slim Coleman said the United States Department of Transportation recently announced the second round of Infrastructure for the Rebuilding American (INFRA) discretionary grant program. He said with this program approximately \$855-\$902.5 million dollars will be available for infrastructure projects. Coleman said the larger projects must be \$25 million dollars, and the smaller projects at least \$5 million dollars.

Coleman said City staff consulted with HDR Engineering since they prepared the initial conceptual design and cost estimation for the Maguire-US 50 Interchange Project. He said HDR advised City staff that the City would need to show proof in their application of a viable local match funding source. He said the average local matches that were successful in the first round were in the 40% range, which is higher than the normal 2016 match required. Coleman said HDR's opinion was to spend time this year preparing and wait until the second round to apply.

Stewart said with the bridge being a high infrastructure priority, he wanted the City Council to be aware of this funding possibility. It was a consensus of the Mayor and City Council to move forward with this grant next year.

Mayor Johnston read a Resolution of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, Regarding Qualifications of Vendors Providing Towing Services in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri. Police Chief Rich Lockhart said the prior towing service Resolution was at least 15 years old. He said the vendor list and pricing has changed. Stewart pointed out the money collected for towing cars goes directly to the towing company. Lockhart added this Resolution protects the consumer from being overcharged. Watts moved to approved. Yes: Jacobs, Lund, Watts, Allen, Johnston. No: none. Carried unanimously and given Resolution No. 2174.

In the City Manager's report, Stewart said he has nothing more to add to his report but there will not be a closed session after this meeting.

In the Director of Finance Report, Finance Director Matthew Lue said revenues are up a little and the audit report will be ready either the end of February or first of March.

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

Danielle Johnston, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk