

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2021

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on February 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at 200 S. Holden and via Zoom, with Mayor Bryan Jacobs presiding. Roll was called as follows, Present were: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. Absent: none.

The minutes of the February 8, 2021 City Council meeting were considered for approval. Holmberg moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021, meeting. Yes: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. No: none.

The adoption of the agenda was considered. Lund moved to adopt the agenda. Yes: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. No: none.

Under presentations, Mayor Jacobs read a proclamation honoring Black History Month. Erica Jones Collins, Chairman of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission, thanked Mayor Jacobs.

Jones Collins said to commemorate Black History month, several community members would like to share their stories. Karen Levigne, a long-time member of the community, said she is thankful for Warrensburg and being able to live during this time. Levigne said she has been given an opportunity to grow as a black person and appreciates the educational opportunities offered in Warrensburg. Christa Collins, a teacher in the Warrensburg School District, spoke about togetherness. She said this is a big part of black history and black culture. Christa displayed artwork painted by her sister several years ago that displays family and taking care of each other. Christa said each year she tries to highlight literature in her classroom. Christa read from the book "I Am Enough" by Grace Byers. James Collins, Warrensburg High School student, named several recommended African American movies. Police Chief Rich Lockhart, a liaison for the Diversity and Inclusion Commission, introduced Jarrod Peterson, a very impressive young man who often shares his poetry. Peterson read a poem he had written called Actors. Mayor Jacobs thanked everyone for sharing their stories.

Mayor Jacobs read an Ordinance Authorizing the Human Resources Director and City Clerk to Execute an Agreement for Services with GOV HR USA for City Manager Recruitment Services for the first time by title. Human Resources Director Greg McCullough said on December 14, 2020, a decision was made to request proposals for City Manager recruitment services. He said the proposals were placed on the City's website with a closing date of January 22, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. McCullough said by the deadline, five proposals were received. He said a selection rating process was done by two City Council members and four City Department Heads. McCullough said based on the overall scoring process used, staff recommends GovHR USA as the recruiter of choice to perform the City Manager recruitment. He said the cost for services is \$21,000. McCullough said if approved, the cost will be included in mid-year budget amendments.

Chairman Pro Tem Holmberg said as he looked at the top two companies chosen, there was only a one-point difference between the two firms. He said since this is an important decision, he would like to look deeper into the scoring process. City Counselor Doug Harris said the City Council is welcome to look at the top two companies. Council member Kushner said he is torn about making a change now since four department heads and two City Council members have already scored the firms. Mayor Jacobs said he is comfortable with the scoring of those six individuals but knows the importance of this decision. After further discussion, Council member Lund said the other City Council members could look at the information provided since the

ratings were so close. Harris said if there is a change in the selection of firms, the public will need to be notified through the City Clerk's office, prior to the meeting. When asked about a special City Council meeting by Council member Lund, Harris responded that could be done.

In Other Business was Consideration of Mayoral Appointments. Mayor Jacobs said he would like to recommend John Paul Suchecki to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mayor Jacobs said he spoke with him and believes he will be a good addition to the Parks and Recreation Board. Lund moved to approve. Yes: Brooks, Holmberg, Lund, Kushner, Jacobs. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In Miscellaneous Matters, Community Development Director Barbara Carroll said the Love What's Local Committee would like to remind everyone about Restaurant Week thru March 7, 2021 in Warrensburg. She said it is especially important this year to support our local restaurants due to COVID this past year. Carroll said Central Bank has agreed to be the corporate sponsor.

In Miscellaneous Matters, Interim City Manager Danielle Dulin announced Warrensburg Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director Marcy Barnhart has been awarded the marketing match grant for \$21,739. Dulin said the City will be distributing information for community groups concerning the upcoming General Obligation Issue on the ballot for the April 6, 2021, Municipal Election.

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



  
Cindy Gabel, City Clerk

  
Bryan Jacobs, Mayor