

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2019

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on April 22, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Center, 200 S. Holden, with Mayor Casey Lund presiding. Roll was called as follows: Present were: Brooks, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. Absent: none.

Minutes of the April 8, 2019, meeting and April 10, 2019, special meeting were considered. Jacobs moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019, and April 10, 2019, City Council meetings. Yes: Brooks, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. No: none.

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

Mayor Lund read a Proclamation recognizing Earth Day. Mayor Lund invited members of the audience and those serving on the Energy and Sustainability Task Force to come forward for the reading of this proclamation.

Phil Miller, a member of the Energy and Sustainability Task Force, thanked City staff and the City Council for their participation and help in moving this initial project idea forward. He said he hopes these efforts continue so the City can have some solar renewable projects in the future.

Miller hopes the City will challenge the whole community to look at ways to conserve energy. He said City Manager Harold Stewart has reached out to Whiteman Air Force Base for contacts to help the group move forward.

Miller said it is important to have a plan for implementation of any new solar energy ideas the City chooses to pursue. He said a baseline of energy use reduction needs to be established before moving forward. A plan of how that will work within the City framework will be helpful to the whole community. Mayor Lund thanked Phil Miller and Steve Mohler for spearheading this important project.

Bill No. 4-5-19 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Public Improvement Pledge Agreement Concerning Rural Housing of Warrensburg, LP, Garden Walk in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Public Works Director Slim Coleman said the developer of this property is required to install public improvements with the development. He said the construction cost of a sidewalk has been determined to be \$25,000, and the developer has pledged a cash escrow in that amount. 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: Brooks, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. No: none. Absent: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5515.

Bill No. 4-6-19 being for an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute a Contract with Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc., for the 2019 Street Maintenance Program, Hot Mix Overlay in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, was read for the first time by title. Coleman said five bids were received for this project. He said the best bid was from Emery Sapp & Sons for \$416,026.67. 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 or rejection of said bill as follows: Yes: Brooks, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. No: none. Said bill was declared duly

adopted and given Ordinance No. 5516.

In Other Business was Discussion of the Downtown Trees. Mayor Lund said local resident Randy Suhr was going to present this information, but was unable to attend tonight because of the death of a friend. Mayor Lund said Suhr has been very involved with other downtown business owners in discussing how to better manage the trees and replacement of trees with long-term solutions. This subject will be discussed again at the May 13, 2019, City Council meeting.

In Other Business was the Rose Garden Concrete Replacement Discussion. Coleman said at the last meeting, Sue Evans requested \$1200.00 to replace the sidewalk at the Community Rose Garden. Coleman said she had been awarded a \$1,000.00 grant for the sidewalk, but the total project cost is estimated at \$2200.00. Coleman said at the time of the first funding request, City staff did not believe the property was in the City right-of-way. He said after checking further, it was discovered that the area was in the right-of-way. Coleman said this would make the property qualify for the sidewalk program; and therefore, this property will be added to this year's Curb and Sidewalk Program.

In Other Business was the FY19 Revenue Outlook and FY20 Forecast. Finance Director Matthew Lue summarized information concerning historical trends, current revenue for FY19 and estimates of future revenues and projects for the remaining months in FY19, and the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) for 2020.

Lue said historically the curve is steady, but there have been some changes because of a large settlement from Century Link in 2015 which made revenues appear higher than normal. He said in 2017, proceeds from a fire truck purchase changed numbers, and many electric customers received rebates which lowered the amount of franchise fees collected. Lue explained sales tax revenue is down, which many believe is because of the weather this past winter. Lue said the City's auditors believe the state may be holding money longer before remitting sales tax.

Lue said the City will be receiving lease proceeds from the street sweeper that was budgeted. Lue said for FY19 he predicted revenues will be down by 1.2 percent, but these estimates may change depending on revenues received. He said for FY20 sales tax receipts may be up 2.5 percent for this year's estimated numbers, and about that same increase for the franchise fees.

Lue said with the sales tax comparisons, a ten-year rolling average is used for projection of numbers. He said the projections for this year were close, and he wanted to point out the projection models are working. In the Capital Improvement Program, Lue said overall the City is doing well. Mayor Lund noted all the graphs and charts look good and were very informative.

Stewart said he has commented to the State Legislators about on-line sales tax and House Bill 548. He said it could prevent the city from collecting on-line sales tax and it would eliminate the City from use sales and use taxes in the future. Stewart said this is a huge concern of City staff and it could have an enormous impact on City municipalities and County government.

In Other Business was Consideration of a Proposal to Increase the Salary of Midwest Pool Management. Danielle Fesler, Parks and Recreation Director said an increase in the minimum wage was approved last year and it has had a significant impact on the Parks and Recreation Department Budget and on services that are contracted out. She said this hourly rate will be higher each year until 2023. Fesler said the pool management is contracted with Midwest Pool

Management, and this is a three-year contract with an option for two one-year extensions. She said she has provided two charts, one with the original bid proposal, and one with proposed salary increase projections. Fesler said the department is requesting approval of the proposed salary amount with proposed minimum wage impact. Holmberg moved to approve. Yes: Brooks, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In Mayoral Appointments, Mayor Lund said he would like to make the following appointments of liaisons to the boards and commissions:

Parks and Recreation Board: Nolan Brooks  
Warrensburg Convention and Visitors Bureau: Bryan Jacobs  
Inclusion and Diversity Task Force: Nolan Brooks  
Planning and Zoning Commission: Bryan Jacobs  
Traffic Commission: Robin Allen  
Energy and Sustainability Task Force: Scott Holmberg

Jacobs moved to approve the liaison appointments. Yes: Brooks, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In other appointments to boards and commissions:

Johnson County Economic Development Corporation: Mayor Lund  
Economic Coordinating Board: Mayor Lund  
West Central Veterans League: Mayor Lund  
Main Street: Scott Holmberg  
Military Affairs: Mayor Lund

The appointment to the Depot Renovation Board will be discussed at a future meeting. Jacobs moved to approve the other appointments. Yes: Brooks, Jacobs, Holmberg, Allen, Lund. No: none. Carried unanimously.

In the City Manager's report, Stewart said some changes have been made in the liquor license renewal process. He said the inspection times have been moved to January because of the number of renewals each year. Stewart only 15 of the 47 licenses took advantage of the new process. He said with the new process, re-inspection fees and inspections not passed before March 1, 2019, will be charged an inspection fee of \$225.00.

In the Director of Finance Report, Lue said he received figures on refinancing the Hawthorne debt, and they were not as good as he had hoped. Lue will be sharing the figures with the Mayor and City Council at a later meeting.

Mayor Lund welcomed Jill Purvis back to Main Street. Jill will now be serving as the Main Street Executive Director. Mayor Lund said the Ingram's Magazine recognized the City of Warrensburg in the latest issue for having five Mayor's which includes himself, that have been named to Kanas City's "Class of 40 under 40."

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

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Casey Lund, Mayor

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Cindy Gabel, City Clerk