

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2023

A meeting of the Warrensburg City Council was held on October 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.; at 200 S. Holden and via Zoom, with Chairperson Pro Tem Uhler presiding. Chairperson Pro Tem Uhler called the meeting to order. Roll was called as follows, Present: Osborne, Uhler, Jones. Absent: Bentley, Kushner.

The minutes of the September 25, 2023, Regular Meeting were considered. Osborne moved to approve the minutes. Yes: Osborne, Jones, Uhler. No: none.

The adoption of the agenda was considered. Jones moved to adopt the agenda. Yes: Osborne, Jones, Uhler. No: none.

Chairperson Pro Tem Uhler read a Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week October 8-14, 2023, urging all citizens to check their kitchens for fire hazards and implement safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2023. Fire Chief Jennings and Warrensburg Fire Department personnel were present for the reading.

Bill No. 10-01-2023 being for an Ordinance authorizing the Warrensburg Fire Department, Missouri, to participate in The Missouri Firefighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool, and further authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to execute such documents as may be necessary for the Warrensburg Fire Department's participation therein, was read a first time by title. Fire Chief Jennings said the adoption of this ordinance will allow eligible fire department personnel to join The Missouri Firefighter Critical Illness Trust and Pool. The State legislature introduced the trust in 2021 and then adopted and implemented it in 2022. The trust was established as an alternative for public sector agencies seeking to control rising costs due to critical illnesses, including cancers in firefighters. The State initially funded the trust with five million dollars and added an additional seven million dollars in 2023 to address mental health. Jennings said the critical illness trust and pool would provide funding if a firefighter would get cancer with a lot of presumptive care with laws in place to provide a quick opportunity and resources needed to get treatment. The trust covers seventeen different types of cancer common in the fire service. Firefighters have a 90% higher risk of developing cancer and a 14% higher risk of dying from cancer than the general public through exposures on the job. The department budgeted this year to provide coverage for eligible employees starting with five years on the job at the first level of \$100,000 coverage and geared to go towards the \$300,000 level option of the trust. The cost was \$165 per eligible employee per year.

Jennings said in addition to joining the trust, there were additional items required to be implemented in the agreement. One such item was the common nine preventative measures listed in the agreement. These preventative measures have already been in practice for several years in the Warrensburg Fire Department. Councilmember Osborne asked if testing was available for firefighters. Jennings said there was testing available and beyond the wellness checks every year, the department uses a blood test called "One Test" that tests for common markers for early detection. Councilmember Jones asked about the foam used for putting out fires and whether it was determined as a carcinogen. Jennings said PFAS was in a lot of foam products used in previous years, but the department has not carried it for a few years and transitioned to different products. There being no further questions, Osborne moved said bill be passed to a 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: Osborne, Jones, Uhler, No: none. Said bill was declared duly adopted and given Ordinance No. 5822.

Chairperson Pro Tem Uhler read a Resolution Approving Donation Request from the Stevenson Fund to the Christmas Store. City Clerk Schneider received a request from The Christmas Store, a faith and community based 501c3 entity run by volunteers. The 2023 request was made to provide assistance by voucher to the food insecure for a decent holiday meal in the amount of \$1,000. The city had donated in previous years and deemed it an eligible request pursuant to the requirements of The Stevenson Fund. There being no questions, Jones moved to approve the resolution. Roll was called for the adoption or rejection of said resolution as follows: Yes: Osborne, Jones, Uhler. No: none. Said resolution was declared duly adopted and given Resolution No. 2268.

Chairperson Pro Tem Uhler read Mayoral Appointments to re-appoint Maya Kucij as Member of the Warrensburg Arts Commission to fill an expired term through October 2028 and Appoint Taigan Plummer as Non-Voting Member for the Energy and Sustainability Task Force to fill an expired term through October 2025. Jones moved to approve the appointments. Roll was called as follows: Yes: Osborne, Jones, Uhler. No: none.

Under Appearances to the Council Not Listed on the Agenda, Jill Purvis and Jamie Debacher of Warrensburg Main Street wanted to share their gratitude to the entire city staff including fire, police, public works, and from the top down with the help for 2023 Burg Fest. Purvis said there was a lot of logistics involved with the carnival added at the last second, and a lot of help the entire weekend with boots on the ground. Purvis said there were many compliments received, including the carnival staff afterwards who gushed about the helpful and kind support from the city. Chairperson Pro Tem Uhler appreciated all the work that Warrensburg Main Street did and all of the volunteers for Burg Fest making it an incredible weekend.

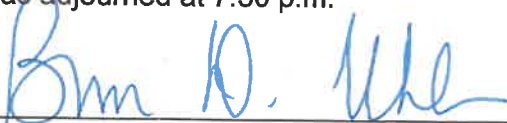
There were no comments made under Miscellaneous Matters from the Mayor and/or City Council.

Under the City Manager Report, City Manager Dulin shared appreciation for a successful Burg Fest. Dulin recapped Rethink Maguire's booth at the event and the website success in community engagement. The Rethink Maguire.com website tracked over 3,100 website visits. Over 350 visits were from people who entered the URL and the QR code from the Burg Fest material over the weekend tied directly to the event. Dulin said there were 200 visitors tied directly to the city's Facebook page and social media posts and 100 visitors tied directly to the city's webpage, 40 visitors googled it and a handful of unknowns. Dulin said a Visioning Workshop is scheduled for November 2nd from 5-7 p.m. with a brief presentation at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Dulin said postcards will be mailed to folks within a quarter mile from Maguire and an advertisement will be placed in The Star Journal. Dulin said there were great pictures from Burg Fest at the booth and a lot of surveys received.

City Clerk Schneider mentioned a Sunshine law training reminder for the City's Boards and Commissions on Wednesday, October 11th from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Chairperson Pro Tem Uhler read a motion to close part of this meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, relating to: (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body. Jones moved to close part of this meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo. Roll was called as follows: Yes: Osborne, Jones, Uhler. No: none.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Bruce D. Uhler, Chairperson Pro Tem

Attest:



Jodi L. Schneider, City Clerk

