

CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES

February 4, 2020

The City Council met this date in a regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall at #4 E. Lockwood at 7:37 p.m.

Present at Roll Call: Mayor Gerry Welch
Councilmember Bud Bellomo
Councilmember Laura Arnold
Councilmember Pam Bliss
Councilmember David Franklin
Councilmember Emerson Smith

A quorum was present.

Also present: Mr. Steve Wylie, City Manager
Mr. Neil Bruntrager, City Attorney
Ms. Katie Nakazono, City Clerk

RECOGNITION

The Mayor and Council recognized Police Officer of the Year Detective Jillian McCoy.

REMARKS OF VISITORS

Dave Buck, 124 S. Elm Ave., read the following statement, "My remarks tonight are grounded in positivity and build on what we just witnessed here tonight (the recognition of Detective Jillian McCoy). Let me begin with a question: How do you feel when someone gives you praise or pays you a compliment? How does it make YOU feel?"

I believe in the positivity and power of praising. It makes me feel great, not only as a recipient but also as the giver. Praise is a two-way street, to me. A true win-win.

I think City Council does a terrific job occasionally praising and recognizing people and groups in our community, from a Police Detective to the Webster Waves Swim Team.

I simply wish to further build on Council's praising tradition with two ideas:

- The first idea borrows directly from the Webster Groves School Board meetings. They begin every meeting with "Celebrations", where they go down the line and every Board member and the Superintendent has the opportunity to praise different students, teachers, principals, events and even parents. Beyond sharing the deserving praise, it ensures that every meeting begins on a positive note, even when the School Board is facing a tough or controversial issue in the meeting. I think Council should consider a similar start to your meetings. It is simple, easy, quick and doesn't cost one penny - but will make the recipient and Council feel great!
- The second idea goes outside Council chambers and into the greater community. To me, each Council member can be a beacon of hope and praise to your residents.
- For example, I was standing in line at Schnucks when I saw Gerry standing in another line. I went over to her, put my arm around her shoulder and simply said, I am so lucky to know you."

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Whereupon Gerry, with a big smile on her face, responded, "That's funny. I am so lucky to know you, too." Needless to say, it made my day!

- In fact, I felt so great that I sang a song acapella to my favorite checkout person, Rose, who I always tell her as I depart that "She is gorgeous as ever."
- And Rose is an example of the real application, power and potential of praising. Versus focusing it on the well-known "usual suspects" in Webster Groves (such as Lee Moss, Ed Johnson, Joe Rath, Marilynne Bradley, Patrick Murphy, Janice Seele, etc.), the opportunity is to praise the unseen, unspoken and unrecognized "heroes" of our community. Think of your praising as the fanfare to the common man.

In closing, in a world filled with way too much negativity and criticism, giving positivity and praise can help heal our wounds, bridge our gaps and make peace in our community. Thank YOU! PEACE.."

NEW BUSINESS – MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY MANAGER

No New Business.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Arnold, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Welch called for the vote on the Consent Agenda.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: BELLOMO, ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, WELCH

NOES: NONE

Mayor Welch stated that the Consent Agenda was approved.

The following consent agenda was approved:

- **Approval of Minutes** – January 21, 2020
- **Resolution #2020-03** – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Second Year Agreement for Mowing Services for the 2020 Season
- **Liquor License** – Application for a Temporary Liquor License for the Lions Club to Sell Beer at Community Days, July 1-4, 2020 in the Parking Lot/Outside Area of the Recreation Complex, 33 E. Glendale Rd., Contingent Upon Receiving their Certificate of Insurance

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Councilmember Franklin made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Arnold, to go into Executive Closed Session per Personnel [MO Statute 610.021 (3)].

Mayor Welch called for the vote to go into Executive (Closed) Session.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: BELLOMO, ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, WELCH

NOES: NONE

Mayor Welch stated that they would go into Executive (Closed) Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. on motion of the Mayor, duly seconded.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of February 2020.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR