

City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
February 28, 2008 6:30 pm

Signed in Attendance: James Toothman, Lyn Walter, Roy White, Angie Reynolds, Tom Black and Tony Midiri.

City Official attendance: Mayor Klocke, Alderman Denkler, Alderman Schuchmann, and Alderman Walter.

Staff and Others: Larry Janish, Karen Gironde, Chief Don Wickenhauser, Ron Mershon and Christine Martin.

Mayor Klocke called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm .

Meeting Minutes

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the minutes from February 14, 2008. Alderman Walter seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Public Hearing - None

Ordinance/Resolutions - None

Old Business

Bank Bids – Mayor Klocke said the Finance Committee reviewed the Bank Bids. Alderman Denkler said after the Finance Committee reviewed the Bank Bids received from American Bank of Missouri, Farmers & Merchants Bank, and Progress Bank, they suggest the Bank Bids for period April 1, 2008, through March 31, 2010, be awarded to American Bank of Missouri as they offer the best interest rates on interest accounts and on 1 to 6 month CD's. Alderman Denkler made a motion to approve the Bank Bid be awarded to American Bank of Missouri. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

New Business

Fire Chief Brian Nickerson – New Businesses and Water Line Replacement Projects - Chief Nickerson was present and asked if the Fire Department could be made aware of New Businesses coming to town and receive plans on water line replacement projects. Chief Nickerson said he has seen a vast improvement working with the new Police Chief. Chief Nickerson said a representative from a large company contacted him and said they were very upset that the City did not respond to his phone calls. He said after coming to City Hall to talk to Karen for the information, the company seemed satisfied. Chief Nickerson said communication is the biggest key and would like to open up that line of communication with the City. Chief Nickerson said he is asking for sharing information only so he can plan for the next few years for budget purposes in

making hiring and purchasing decisions. Chief Nickerson specifically mentioned the water project on the south side of town that is now in progress for which he has not seen any plans. He said he also feels the information is needed for the purpose of fire hydrants, water lines, etc. Chief Nickerson again stressed the need for communication. Mayor Klocke said no representative from this company contacted Karen Gironde regarding this matter. Mayor Klocke explained to Chief Nickerson that there are times when a company confidentially calls Karen Gironde that the Mayor and Board is not even privy to the information. Mayor Klocke said for Karen Gironde to say a company is thinking about coming would not help the Fire Department's budget unless it was a firmed up deal. Mayor Klocke said she talked to Larry Janish about hydrants and said the companies have their own engineers put on the plans where the hydrants will be. Chief Nickerson said on new subdivisions this is correct but on existing site upgrades the fire Department needs to see the plans. The Board said they would have Lewis-Bade provide a set of plans for the current water project south of the railroad tracts. Alderman Schuchmann thanked Chief Nickerson for bringing it to the Board's attention so they could make improvements in their communication with the Fire Department.

Utility Adjustments for Approval - None

Reports

Engineering – Matt Jaspering of Lewis-Bade was present and said he would get a set of plans of Kerland Water Project to the Fire Department. Matt said about 15 contractors have picked up plans for the project.

Park - Curt Kehoe was not present but the Parks Report was included in the packet.

Public Works - Larry presented his report to the Mayor and the Board. Larry talked about the lift station project for Georges Lift Station. He said he has enough in the budget for it. Some costs are over inflated. Larry said the depth will be about 17 feet and he feels comfortable with that. The bore will be 9 to 11 feet deep. Alderman Denkler asked about cost. Larry said the cost includes everything except labor. The Railroad Permit will be almost \$10,000. Alderman Schuchmann asked about them using the expandable line and Larry said not that many companies are using it. Larry asked the Board to look it over until the next meeting. He said they have been completed working on the sewer line on the Monnig property and have installed 950 feet of sewer line on our property. Karen said the cost is under \$9,000. Larry said the Salt Spreader Bids are due March 12th and the Asphalt Overlay Bids are due March 11th. Larry said he plans to overlay North Locust and as much of Roelker as he has funds for. Larry discussed a letter from Jim Seidel regarding the Forest Lake Sewer Line. Larry asked the Board if we wanted to take over the sewer system without a pressure test. Larry said he feels he is not as concerned with having a test at this time like he would be if the lines were only a year or two old. Larry brought up asking them for escrow or a letter of credit. Mayor Klocke suggested discussing this matter at the March 3, 2008, Workshop. Larry said he getting requests for hydrant permits. Mayor Klocke also asked that this matter be discussed at the Workshop on March 3rd.

Building Department – Ron Mershon presented his report. Ron said he sent two letters. One was for junk and trash at 218 Kerland Drive and the other was for cars in the yard at 248 Kerland. Ron said he spoke to Geeding about keeping the mud off the streets. Ron said he is keeping an eye on activity on an auto repair garage reported in Turkey Run. Mayor Klocke asked about Highway F as you are going out of town as there is a residence with motor parts in the yard. Ron said he

would check it out. Ron said he got the Bill of Sale on Carter Canyon today so that will be coming up soon. Alderman Schuchmann asked about the mud on the road from Cannon for Gettysburg Commons. Dave Walter asked Ron about all the cars at Big Boys and Ron said the owner, his son and daughter is operating the garage and he is just still backed up. Mayor Klocke said the owner was sick a while back. Ron said the car that is there for sale is owned by a Trotters Creek resident having his car repaired there.

Police Department - Chief Wickenhauser was present and said the new RMS system is in place. Chief said they reduced some of their cost by about \$500 as the Communication Center paid some of the bill for installing the box there. Creative Business Services could have charged five to six hundred more but did not. He said Lt. John Malcolm just completed some training to be recertified as Firearms Instructor and said he has to be recertified every three years. Chief said there were 6 assaults in the last 2 weeks, 3 thefts and 2 burglaries.

City Hall – No Report

Treasurer Report /Economic Development - Karen Girondo was present and discussed area properties for sale that she is working on getting them listed on Location One. Karen said Hawkeye Foods had their ribbon cutting last week. Karen said next week she is scheduled to attend an Economic Development with Chamber for the Logo to be discussed. We've had only one response. Allen Schulte with Botz Deal will be here on March 10 for the City audit and will be here 3 to 4 days. Karen said there are new standards by Gatsby they have to follow so there may be some questionnaires or phone calls. Karen said we sent off the first request for payment under the new Sewer Grant. Karen said Holly has not heard anything back for DNR on the time extension for the contractor. Karen said bid packets are out for the New Park Building and three (3) have been picked up already. Karen said she checked into a letter received by Charter regarding their Franchise. Karen said a new legislation was enacted and effective in August and all cable companies fall under the Public Service Commission (PSC) and have to apply for a statewide franchise through PSC. The letter stated they are applying for that Franchise but the concern was that would the City be able to keep our franchise fee which is around \$8,000 a year. Karen said she found out the City will get to keep collecting it and does not lose it.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Denkler made a motion to approve bills. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

5 Minute Rebuttal for Public Comments

Angie Reynolds was present and asked about 217 Kerland Drive. She said the City was having trouble with the water bill before because there was only one meter there and she thought it was said at a meeting they would have to put in separate meters for each side. Angie asked if it was done because someone was living there now. Angie said she thought the meter was pulled. Mayor Klocke asked if it was the house that was sold on the court house steps and Angie said yes. The Board and Larry Janish discussed whether it could be done. Larry said one line goes under concrete and somewhere under the concrete it splits off to the side of the house. Larry said you would have tear the concrete floor out to split the lines. Mayor Klocke said the owner should be responsible for the bill and getting the money from his tenants. City Clerk Martin said she will find out who actually owns the house. Mayor Klocke said we can send out a letter to the owner stating he is responsible and he must recoup the money for the water bill from his tenants. Angie

asked if they had to pay a deposit. Larry said not if the owner had the bill in their name. Mayor said we will find out who owns it and address the situation.

Roy White was present and asked about the Sidewalk Project and who oversees it. He said on Spring Hill Circle to avoid putting a pipe in the creek, they moved the sidewalk over within two feet of the street and couldn't see why they would avoid the creek. He said the sidewalk is a couple feet off the street and cars drive on it at Spring Hill Circle. The Children have to walk in the mud. Larry said the State approved it but said he will take another look at it. Roy White also said on Wildcat Drive by the school it should have been graded but it looks like they formed it right on top of the ground and said its too rolling. Mayor Klocke said as far as the project, it had to be State approved. Mayor Klocke said it was the engineer's fault at Wildcat and Westwoods Road. Larry said the State still needs to make a final inspection on the sidewalks. Larry said he will walk it and look at it again. Lyn Walter asked about the sidewalk at the corner of Westwoods. Larry said when the weather permits, it will be done.

Adjournment

Alderman Denkler made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Walter seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved _____

Attested _____