

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 13, 2014**

**Signed in Attendance:** Michael Blakeney, Tina Blakeney, Daniel Lindemann, Angie Reynolds, Larry Zuhone, Rhiannan and Steven Oshia, Steven Campbell, and Chris Orlet of the Warren County Record were also present.

**City Official Attendance:** Mayor Heiliger, Alderman Schuchmann, Alderman Rowden, Alderman Toothman, and Alderman Bruce were present.

**Staff and Others Present:** City Clerk Christine Martin, Superintendent Larry Janish, Treasurer/Economic Developer Karen Gironde, Park Director Curt Kehoe, City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chief Matthew Eskew, Pastor Joe Purl, and Police Officer Jim Hepperman.

Mayor Heiliger called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**Roll Call**

City Clerk Christine Martin called roll with Mayor Heiliger, Aldermen Schuchmann, Rowden, Toothman, and Bruce present. The City Clerk reported the Mayor and four (4) Board Members present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Smith led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes**

**Minutes from Board Meeting of February 27, 2014** - Alderman Toothman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Alderman Meeting of February 27, 2014. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Approval of Financial Reports** – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the Financial Reports. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Responses to previous comments/concerns – None**

**Open Meeting to public comments/concerns – None**

**Public Hearing – Petition Requesting Deannexation by all property owners (Lawrence & Vicki Zuhone) of incorporated areas (19.05 acres) which are in the existing corporate limits of Wright City, Missouri.** Mayor Heiliger opened the public hearing. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Heiliger closed the public hearing.

**Recommendations from Planning & Zoning – None**

## **Old Business**

**Bids for WWTF UV Lights** – Superintendent Larry Janish went over the bids for lighting received from Sidener for \$7,824.48, Ressler for \$7,114.00, Peterson & Matz for \$8,022.80, and USA Blue Book was \$11,860.00. Larry stated it was for 80 lights, 80 sleeves, and 80 O-rings for the lighting. Larry recommended going with Ressler. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the purchase of the UV Lighting from Ressler. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

## **New Business**

**Ashford Motors – Review of Conditional Use Permit** - Rhiannan and Steven Oshia were present for review of their Conditional Use Permit, as required by the Board. They informed the Board they just completed pouring concrete for the entire front lot, which completes all of their parking area. Alderman Schuchmann asked Mr. Oshia if they plan to expand their use to the west of the completed lot. Mr. Oshia stated not at this time. Alderman Schuchmann informed Mr. Oshia that when they expand, it should be treated the same way as the front lot. Mr. Oshia agreed. The Board commended them on the good job on their property and keeping with the required guidelines.

**Scenic Regional Library** – Steven Campbell, Director of Scenic Regional Library, was present to explain the Proposed 10 cent Tax Levy on the April 8 Ballot for the purpose of upgrading facilities, adding more new material, and to have longer service hours. He provided the Board with a flyer on their proposal. He stated they have never had a tax increase in their 55 year history. Mr. Campbell said they would like to put two (2) additional library branches in Warren County with the most likely branch in Wright City. The cost to homeowners would be \$27 for a \$110,000 home.

**Payment Agreement Status Report** – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to accept the Payment Agreement Report. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Hiring of Court Clerk** – City Clerk Christine Martin stated three applicants were interviewed by Judge Linson and Prosecutor Kelly King. Judge Linson recommended hiring Marie Hollenbeck to the Court Clerk Position. Mayor Heiliger made a recommendation based on Judge Linson's Recommendation to hire Marie Hollenbeck as the full-time Court Clerk at the pay rate of \$13.50 per hour. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion based on Mayor Heiliger's recommendation to hire Marie Hollenbeck as the full-time Court Clerk effective immediately at the pay rate of \$13.50 per hour. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Alderman Toothman wanted to thank Judge Linson and Kelly King to take time out of their day to come over and interview the applicants.

**Indian Head Lodge Road** – Treasurer Karen Girondo said she put this on the Agenda as it was discussed at Workshop and is starting to do some research on the road.

**Request for Adjustment – Account #100496001** – The Board discussed the request for adjustment where the residents had a fire. Larry said they did check it and the meter

was spinning, so they shut off the water in the house. He said the water apparently went out the back of the house. Alderman Rowden made a motion to make an adjustment to the sewer in the amount of \$409.34. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Copperhead Road Bar & Grill** – Police Chief Matthew Eskew said he requested that it be put on the Agenda. Michael Blakeney, proposed new owner of Copperhead Road Bar & Grill, was present to address the Board. Police Chief Matthew Eskew discussed with Mr. Blakeney the recent violence and fights that they were called to Copperhead for, and questioned his promise to the Board for providing adequate security on February 13<sup>th</sup>, when his Liquor License was approved. Mr. Blakeney stated he did have a problem with security on the nights of the fights, as his cousin's work schedule changed. He said he now has a person, Daniel Lindemann, as head of security is lined up for security for 5 nights of the week and he stated that Daniel has hired two more people to help with security on the weekends. Mr. Blakeney said he started posting signs that state they have zero tolerance of fights and is taking the matter very seriously. Chief Eskew stated that his first concern was safety for the citizens, and wanted to make the Board aware of the situation. Alderman Schuchmann explained to Mr. Blakeney that the Board expects for the situation to be resolved and licenses in place by next week. Mr. Blakeney agreed..

**Utility Billing Adjustment Report – February** - Alderman Rowden made a motion to accept the Adjustment Report for February. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Hiring of Park Seasonal Staff** – Park Director Curt Kehoe asked the Board for permission to hire five (5) seasonal umpires paying Abbie Ogborn at the rate of \$25 per game and Jacob Meneau, Dylan O'Neal, Jordan King, and Mike Ogborn at the rate of \$20 per game and to increase last year's umpires Austin Marsh and Dallas Deroy to \$25 per game. Mayor Heiliger made a recommendation based on Curt Kehoe's Recommendation to hire five (5) seasonal umpires paying Abbie Ogborn at the rate of \$25 per game and Jacob Meneau, Dylan O'Neal, Jordan King, and Mike Ogborn at the rate of \$20 per game and to increase last year's umpires Austin Marsh and Dallas Deroy to \$25 per game. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion based on Mayor Heiliger's recommendation to hire five (5) seasonal umpires paying Abbie Ogborn at the rate of \$25 per game and Jacob Meneau, Dylan O'Neal, Jordan King, and Mike Ogborn at the rate of \$20 per game and to increase last year's umpires Austin Marsh and Dallas Deroy to \$25 per game. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Purchase of Baseball Uniforms** – Parks Director Curt Kehoe went over the Uniform Bids. Harts Sports will provide the T-shirts and hats, Johnny Mac's will provide the pants and socks and he hopes to receive the donation of pants again from the Elks Club. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve purchase of baseball uniforms. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Hiring of Part-time Police Officer** - Chief Eskew recommended moving Chris Beard from Reserve Status to Part-Time Police Officer Status effective immediately at the rate of pay of \$11.75 per hour. Mayor Heiliger made a recommendation based on Chief Eskew's Recommendation to move Chris Beard from Reserve Status to Part-Time

Officer Status at the rate of pay of \$11.75 per hour. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion based on Mayor Heiliger's recommendation to move Chris Beard from Reserve Status to Part-Time Officer Status at the rate of pay of \$11.75 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Request for Utilities Payment Agreement – Account #100433003** – Treasurer Karen Girondo stated this is an account that was found when the vacant accounts were read. Alderman Schuchmann expressed his concern with the account that was missed and asked if an occupancy permit was issued. Karen said there was not one issued. Alderman Rowden suggested we review the ordinance a little closer. Alderman Schuchmann asked has anyone ever been fined for not getting an occupancy inspection and Karen answered no. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the request. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

### **Ordinance/Resolutions - None**

### **Reports**

**Park** – Park Director Curt Kehoe gave report to the Board. He said there have been about 200 kids signed up for baseball. On March 31<sup>st</sup> the Soccer Program “Soccer Shots” will begin for ages 3 to 8 years at Diekroeger Park. They are getting ready for the Kids and Adult Easter Egg Hunt on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Curt said they are going to move “Concerts in the Park” to Thursdays with the Farmer's Market held on Thursdays to try to build up the attendance. Liberty Christian Academy will hold a 5K run on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am starting at Diekroeger Park. Coed Softball signups are full with sixteen (16) entrants and begins on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Curt added they are working on preparing the building for Court.

**Public Works** – Superintendent Larry Janish reported to the Board and said for the last two snow and ice storms they used 9 pallets of salt and 15 tons of cinders.

Superintendent Larry Janish said they completely rebuilt the manhole on Indian Head Lodge Road with a new frame, cover, and concrete. They plan on going out to bids for Asphalt Overlay next month or so. Larry discussed repairs to Well #4 and said when they began to run the camera down the well they found that pieces of pipe were left in the well attached to the ring holder during the previous repairs and they couldn't run the camera. Larry said he told them he wanted a video of it when they do run the camera.

**Building Official** – The Building Report submitted was included in the Board Packet.

**Police** – Police Chief Eskew was present and reported to the Board and said they've had 465 calls for service resulting in 22 incident reports. There were fugitive arrests, motorcycle accidents, an assault on Law Enforcement and dangerous drugs. He discussed a case where a search warrant was executed and resulted in the seizure of a substantial amount of marijuana, packaged individually for distribution, and counterfeit money was involved. He said charges are pending. He stated they have the hardware for the server project and is waiting for software for it. Chief Eskew announced the resignation of Officer Sitton last week.

**City Hall** – City Clerk Christine Martin gave report to the Board. A Business License was issued to Mark Games for Wright City Hardware at 105 North Elm and William Cayce of Cayce Insurance at 100 West Second Street North Suite C, Pending Proposed Business License for an Internet Firearm Sales Business by Todd Plumb in the Lake

Tucci Subdivision. Received a visit from James Gaddy who will be bringing in an application for selling Vapor Cigarettes at Wildcat Center.

Conditional Use - Received two (2) applications for Conditional Use Permits for the Season Fireworks Stands, which were Reed's Rockets and Meramec Specialty Company.

Liquor and Peddlers License – None

Business License Renewals – Out of 96 License, 67 were issued, and six (6) are paid with pending tax information. 29 Businesses are still non-compliant and violation letters will be sent.

Cemetery – Still waiting to hear about a second urn burial.

LAGERS – Completed the first online submittal of the employee's deductions for February in the Eclipse System for LAGERS.

Spring/Summer Newsletter - City Clerk Christine Martin stated the Spring Cleanup will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Citywide Yard Sale will be May 17<sup>th</sup>, prior to Spring Cleanup.

**Treasurer/Economic Development** – Treasurer Karen Gironde gave report to the Board. She said February Financials were in the packet and added most funds were under budget for expenses. 2004 COPS final payment was made this month. The Auditors will be here on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The first payment has been made to LAGERS. Karen said there seems to be a lot of activity in realty and some potential businesses that are looking in Wright City. Karen thanked everyone that attended the Annual Business Breakfast. Karen discussed the matter with the Cell Tower Lease.

The Board decided on May 10th for a Wright City Cleanup Day.

### **Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman Rowden made a motion to approve the Bills. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Final Questions** – Angie Reynolds asked questions about the requirements of Occupancy Permits and discussed trash sitting out at different locations.

**Adjournment** – Alderman Schuchmann made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

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