

City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
April 9, 2009 6:30 pm

**Signed in Attendance:** Tim Reynolds, James Toothman, John O'Connor, Chris O'Connor, Tony Midiri, Jamey Abercrombie, Tim Schmidt, Chase Abercrombie, Teal Abercrombie, JoAnn Black, Lyn Walter, Matthew Ruge, Cathy Mozee, Florence Hoeber, Cindy Graham, Nancy Huster, Jason Walker, Dale Schaper, Keith Rucker, Christina Lemons and Drew Lemons.

**City Official attendance:** Mayor White, Alderman Denkler, Alderman Schuchmann, Alderman Reynolds and Alderman Walter.

**Staff and Others:** City Superintendent Larry Janish, Economic Development Director Karen Gironde, Chief Henry Matthews, City Attorney Darryl Hicks and City Clerk Christine Martin.

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

**Roll Call**

City Clerk Christine Martin called roll with Mayor White, Alderman Schuchmann, Denkler, Walter and Reynolds present. The City Clerk reported the Mayor and four Board Members present.

City Clerk Christine Martin asked for a motion to add Parks to the Report section. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to amend the Agenda to add Parks to the Report section. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Meeting Minutes**

Alderman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes from March 26, 2009 with corrections. Alderman Walter seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Approval of Election Results**

City Clerk Christine Martin read the Certified Election Results as received and certified on April 9, 2009, from the County Clerk of Warren County, Barbara Daly for the Municipal Election held April 7, 2009, for Aldermen Ward 1 and Ward 2. The results were: for Alderman Ward 1 candidate Tom Black 100 votes, Write-in Ward 1 Candidate Dave Walter 25 votes; for Alderman Ward 2 Candidate James Toothman 54 votes; Jason Walker 18 votes, and Jamey C. Abercrombie 88 votes. Alderman Denkler made a motion to approve the Election Results. Alderman Walter seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor White said before he adjourns the meeting with the outgoing Board he wanted to give Alderman Denkler and Walter a chance to make a statement. Mayor White then presented the two outgoing Aldermen with an award for their service to the community.

Alderman Walter thanked everyone for allowing him to serve on the Board for the past two years and said he was very proud of Wright City and the things they had accomplished. He thanked the Department Heads for staying within their budgets and said it has been a real pleasure.

Alderman Denkler congratulated the two new Aldermen Mr. Tom Black and Mr. Jamey Abercrombie and wished them both nothing but the best. He said he would be available to assist them in any way that he can. He thanked the constituents in Ward 2 for their support over the last four years. He said it was an honor and an experience that he will always cherish. He extended a heartfelt thanks to former Mayor Eileen Klocke and Board President Paul Mueller, Alderman Bill Schaffer and Alderman Carl Blank for asking him to complete out Dave Rohan's term. He said he has learned a lot with the help of fellow Board Members and City Staff. He said City Staff was the most special of all. He said we're not a large community but we have a lot of heart and our staff reflects that. He said Staff has been nothing but respectful and courteous no mater when he called on them. He said what he has learned during his tenure has come down from each and everyone of the staff in one form or another and considers each staff member to be a dear friend. He thanked the Mayor, Board President, and fellow Aldermen for the time to wish everyone well.

President of the Board, James Schuchmann told Alderman Denkler and Walter that he appreciated their guidance, dedication and service. Alderman Schuchmann said it was an honor to work with them, get to know and become friends with both of them.

City Clerk Christine Martin thanked both of the Aldermen.

Nancy Huster thanked them for their service to the City.

### **Adjourn meeting with outgoing Board**

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to adjourn with the outgoing Board. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

### **Swear in newly elected Officials**

City Clerk Christine Martin swore in Tom Black as Ward 1 Alderman, and Jamey Abercrombie as Ward 2 Alderman.

Mayor White called the meeting to order with the new Board

### **Roll Call**

City Clerk Christine Martin called roll with Mayor White, Alderman Black, Alderman Abercrombie, Alderman Schuchmann and Alderman Reynolds present. The City Clerk reported the Mayor and four Board Members present

**Elect President of Board**

Alderman Reynolds made a motion to nominate Alderman James Schuchmann as President of the Board. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and a vote was taken:

Alderman Reynolds	Yea	Alderman Schuchmann	Yea
Alderman Black	Nay	Alderman Abercrombie	Nay

The motion did not carry.

Alderman Black made a motion to nominate Alderman Jamey Abercrombie as President of the Board. Alderman Abercrombie seconded it and a vote was taken:

Alderman Black	Yea	Alderman Abercrombie	Yea
Alderman Reynolds	Nay	Alderman Schuchmann	Nay

Mayor White cast the deciding vote in favor of Jamey Abercrombie in order to break the tie and the motion carried and Alderman Abercrombie became the President of the Board. Mayor White then reassigned seats.

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

**Open meeting to public comments/concerns** - Mr. Keith Rucker of 7 equestrian Trail complained of water drainage destroying his yard from the three neighbors up above him. He said last year he had \$150 worth of sod ruined because of the excess water drainage. Now, this year he has had more sod ruined. He asked if there was anything the City could do. Mr. Rucker did say that he previously talked to Larry Janish. Mayor White asked if it was visible for Larry to see if he came over to take a look. He said yes, the water drains in about a 4 feet wide path along side his garage. He gave his contact information to the City Clerk. Mayor White said the City will be in contact with him.

Florence Hoerber was present and complained about cars running over the sidewalks on Westwoods Road. She also complained of how long the speed limit zone was from the High School to the Elementary School and said there should be sections of it, not a continuous stretch. Larry said the distance of the speed zone is because there originally were no sidewalks. She then asked why there was no school zone by Liberty Christian Academy. Larry explained for Westwoods Road he will have to ask the State to put a lower speed limit sign up. Chief Matthews said he will be getting with the State for a few areas throughout the City, such as an area out on Highway ‘H’ at Stuerman Road. He told Ms. Hoerber they will check the situation out on Westwoods Road and try to make a better effort to enforce the speed limit in that area.

Cindy Graham was present and said she would like the Board to revisit naming the alley that she had requested previously. Mayor White asked that the request be put on the Workshop agenda.

Dale Schaper was present and asked about his property where it was previously used for a Mobile Home Sales Lot. He asked if he needed a Conditional Use Permit for a Modular Home Sales Lot

or if the previous one could still be used. Alderman Schuchman informed Dale Schaper that he previously had a Conditional Use but stopped the use, so will need a new one. He said the Conditional Use Permit goes with the applicant, but added that only a variance goes with the land.

**Public Hearing** - None

**Old Business**

**Award Insurance Bids** - Mayor White said he recommended the bid be awarded to Tri-County Insurance Agency. Alderman Schuchmann said he agrees but would like to have the uninsured motorists and insured motorists increased to \$100,000. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve awarding the bid to Tri-County Insurance Agency with the increase of \$100,000 for insured motorists and uninsured motorists. Alderman Abercrombie seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**306 South Elm, Driveway Approach** - Larry said Mr. Hoerr stated on a Water Bill that he wanted his driveway fixed. Larry said Mr. Hoerr had a disagreement with the contractor and did not want the contractor on his property. He believes that he just wants it fixed now. Larry Janish said he would go talk to the resident and Alderman Abercrombie said he would also go along with Larry. Alderman Abercrombie made a motion to table this to the next meeting. Alderman Black seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Ordinance/Resolutions**

Karen explained the Agreement for Bill #07-09. Mayor White asked what the cost to the City would be and she the City's share is 80/20 and that would cost about \$40,000. There will be about 17 lights from Diekroeger Park east along Second Street to the four-way intersection.

Bill #07-09 was presented to the Board. Bill #07-09 was read for the first time by title. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MISSOURI HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS PROGRAM-STP-99900(363). Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to read Bill #07-09 a second time by title. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. After the second reading, Alderman Schuchmann moved that Bill #07-09 be placed upon final passage. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor White then put the question "Shall Bill #07-09 be passed and become an ordinance?" Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Black	Nay	Alderman Schuchmann	Yea
Alderman Abercrombie	Yea	Alderman Reynolds	Yea

The Bill having the majority vote of all members present was adopted. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board for their signatures and approval. It was then duly signed and becomes Ordinance # 683 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Bill #08-09 was presented to the Board. Bill #08-09 was read for the first time by title. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 115.010 OF CHAPTER 115 OF TITLE 1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI REGARDING APPOINTMENTS. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to read Bill #08-09 a second time by title. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. After the second reading, Alderman Schuchmann moved that Bill #08-09 be placed upon final passage. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor White then put the question “Shall Bill #08-09 be passed and become an ordinance?” Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Black	Yea	Alderman Schuchmann	Yea
Alderman Abercrombie	Yea	Alderman Reynolds	Yea

The Bill having the affirmative vote of all members present was adopted. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board for their signatures and approval. It was then duly signed and becomes Ordinance # 684 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

RESOLUTION #09-09 was presented to the Board. RESOLUTION #09-09 was read by title. A RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO A PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF A CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED AREA TO THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve Resolution #09-09 with respect to a proposed Annexation of a certain unincorporated area to the City of Wright City, Missouri. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Black	Yea	Alderman Schuchmann	Yea
Alderman Abercrombie	Yea	Alderman Reynolds	Yea

The Resolution having the affirmative vote of all members present was adopted. Said Resolution #09-09 was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board for their signatures and approval. President of the Board Jamey Abercrombie and Mayor Roy White signed the said Resolution and the same was attested by the City Clerk.

### **New Business**

**Lamb Construction Pay Estimate #5** - The Mayor and Board discussed with Curt the payouts to date made to the contractor. Mayor White asked about GFI's in the building. Curt Kehoe explained the GFI's they changed it to are the ones that can be reset on the spot so individuals renting the building can reset it in the kitchen and they will not have to access the electrical panel. JoAnn Black asked if their tax dollars are paying for all of it and had questions about the new park building such as what it was for and who gets to use it. She said she thinks the fees are too high. Curt explained it will serve the community in many ways. The meeting room will seat at least 100 people. It is a place that the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and other organizations can meet. Curt said they were able to build the building without going back to voters for a tax increase because the Capital Improvement Sales Tax was already in place. Tony Midiri asked about a Grand Opening for the building and Curt said they are planning it for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Curt added there is an office that will be rented to the Chamber of Commerce and the City will have a monthly income

to go towards payment of the building. It was modeled after the old Railroad Depot that was in the middle of town. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the pay estimate #5 in the amount of \$45,441.11 to Lamb Construction. Alderman Abercrombie seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Data Technology – Summit Training** - Karen Girondo explained the training that was offered and said they roll out software upgrades every two years. It is the City's Accounts Payable, Receipt Management, Court, Utility Billing, General Ledger and Payroll. The cost is \$95 and it will be at Farmington or St. Roberts, Missouri. Karen said she just needs Board approval to go. Alderman Schuchmann stated the software is what is used to run City Hall and said we need to know of any enhancements. Alderman Abercrombie asked Karen if this is the only time she could go. She said there are only four dates available and these are the closest locations. She said more than one person can go, it would just be an additional \$75. Alderman Abercrombie said he just thinks that two people should go in case Karen is not here and some need to know. City Clerk stated the good thing about Karen going is she knows something about each module of the Summit System. The dates available for the two closest locations is May 13 and 14 and they need to know by April 27th. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve Karen to attend the training. Alderman Reynolds seconded it. There was no unanimous affirmative vote. Alderman Abercrombie said he would like to see two people go if possible. Alderman Abercrombie made a motion to table it. Alderman Black seconded it the motion unanimously carried.

**Procedure for Park Deposit Refunds** - Curt said for the new building the City requires \$75 clean-up deposit and \$200 if they are going to have the alcohol. The City is not allowed to keep a deposit check overnight and then return it. Curt said he asked the auditors when they were here what other Cities do in that situation. He said the Auditors discussed this with him and explained there are three options. The first option is to deposit with a check refund, second is setting up a petty cash fund with everything being cash, or have a special checking account for it. Curt said if we don't use any of these procedures he will just have to let people know that it will be two weeks before their money can be refunded. Mayor White asked if the process can be expedited. City Clerk Martin asked if it can be done the same way that the Court checks are done by processing the refund immediately without going to the Board for Approval. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to allow the instant refund of the Park Deposits with a report issued at each meeting to the Board as what deposits were instantly refunded. Alderman Abercrombie seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Mrs. Florence Hoeber asked about the deposit amounts and why they are so expensive. Curt said he surveyed a lot of other Cities on what they have for damage and cleaning deposits. Wentzville and O'Fallon were surveyed for their prices. Curt said anyone with a not-for-profit 501C can use the building for free such as Girl and Boy Scout troupes.

**Westwood Sidewalk/Beautification Enhancement Grant** - Karen said they don't have anything on it yet. She talked to Linn Heying of Meco and Bob Manzke of MODOT could not come out this week due to all the rain. Curt is working with Mr. Barker who is the landscaper that needs to get some numbers back to Meco. Karen said she is hoping it can be wrapped up at the next meeting. Alderman Abercrombie made a motion to table it. Alderman Black seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Training Request for Court** - Tamie Smith was not present but submitted a request for approval to attend a Court Conference from May 18th to 22<sup>nd</sup>. She did not know how many days she planned to attend. She received a scholarship for training and lodging at Tan-Tar-A. There may be mileage reimbursement cost. Alderman Abercrombie asked if she will use comp time for it. City Clerk Christine Martin said that any time an employee goes to training relating to City business it is paid for by the City. Alderman Abercrombie made a motion to table it to the next meeting for Tamie to come and answer questions. Alderman Black seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Utility Adjustments for Approval** - The Board reviewed the monthly Utility Adjustment Report. Alderman Reynolds made a motion to approve the report. Alderman Abercrombie seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**209 Oak Street – No Parking Sign** - Mayor White stated he had this put on the agenda because the person that lives there got a ticket for removing the sign when the City installed it. Mayor White requested that the sign be taken down since the ordinance was not approved at a Board meeting to erect it. Alderman Abercrombie made a motion to have the sign removed. Alderman Black seconded it and a vote was taken:

Alderman Black	Yea	Alderman Abercrombie	Yea
Alderman Reynolds	Nay	Alderman Schuchmann	Nay

Mayor White cast the deciding affirmative vote to break the tie and the motion carried.

Mayor White informed Superintendent Larry Janish to remove the sign on Friday morning.

## **Reports**

**Engineering** – None

**Park** - Curt said the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Normally we get 200 to 250. We had 300 plus kids for the event. He said they put out over 6,000 eggs out in the park. Within ten minutes they were all picked up and it was over. Next year they will plan for an additional 100 kids. Scheduling for the Ball Leagues is complete and they start on April 20<sup>th</sup> for all the youth leagues. They are up to 280 kids and have one more team than last year. Curt said all but one of the teams is sponsored and he is about to put their uniform order in. Christina Lemons asked about sponsoring a team and Curt said the cost is \$275. The next park event is Arts in the Park which will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's a free community day and the only thing sold at that event is the concessions and that is done by the Wright City Academy kids. Since it's gone to a two-day event, other High School groups have also helped out, including the Quest Group has offered supervision for the youth groups that work in the park. The other event coming up is the Vintage Baseball but it is possible that it will be rained out this Saturday. The next date for it will be May 2. The Baseball Association that runs the concession stand and helps with a lot of things with the Ball Program will have their "Night at the Ball Park" on July 17. They sell the tickets for less than face value and the Cardinals sell them the tickets for a bit lower price. Any money made off of the ticket sale is donated to the Baseball Program for purchase of new equipment. Last year

it was \$400. Curt also mentioned the change orders he submitted for their review on installation of smoke alarms and a Knox Box. He said the Change Orders just came in today.

**Public Works** - Superintendent Larry Janish presented his report to the Mayor and Board. He said they are still working on Roelker Road with preparing ditches for the 19<sup>th</sup> of April for paving. It will take it down to Fruit Farm Road. They have had some high ammonia problems at the WWTF. EDI has been back and they are making some adjustments. The last test result showed it has come down considerably, but we still need for them to get it into limitations so we don't get any violations. EDI should be back next week to make some more adjustments. Total Suspended Solids and Biochemical Oxygen Dissolve is okay. The blowers are now running 24/7 to keep the nitrogen down. Larry said he tried cutting back on the blowers due to the expense of running them and the ammonia level went up. They are considering changing some of the diffusers in the partial mix cell. Alderman Schuchmann asked how many blowers are being run. Larry said they alternate two of the 60 hp blowers, one blower one day and the other blower the next day. A 25 hp blower runs by itself 24/7 with no rest cycle. Larry said he may have more to report at the next meeting. Alderman Abercrombie asked about the Public Notice in the Warren County Record for Failure to meet Microbiology Monitoring Requirements for Drinking Water. Larry confirmed the notice and said Harry failed to submit a sample last month for which he has talked to him. Larry said he has only known it to happen to Harry one time in the past. Alderman Abercrombie asked what we can do to address this because not everybody reads the paper. Can it be on the water bill. Larry said we did what was required by DNR and was posted at City Hall. It was asked to put this subject on the Workshop Agenda.

**Building Department** - Larry said there has only been one (1) fence and two (2) shed permits issued. He had a call from a lady in Spring Hill Circle for him to check on permits that may be in violation for uncompleted projects. Larry said he wanted to thank Mr. Denkler and Mr. Walter for dedicating their time to the City and welcomed the two new Aldermen Tom Black and Jamey Abercrombie to the Board.

**Police Department** - Chief Henry Matthews was present and went over the number of calls they had since the last meeting which included domestic, peace disturbances, suspicious persons, and dogs, etc. The recovery grant will be going in next week for which they are asking for one new officer on the Recovery Grant. The Grant will pay for him on the first three (3) years. After that the City will have to pick it up. There are some areas that the roads aren't in the City venue but go to subdivisions that are in the City. He said we need to talk to MODOT about getting some signs out for school buses for loading and unloading and possibly a speed zone put in for where the busses stop. One area is Stuerman Road and the other is North Stringtown by Forest Lakes. He said somebody needs to talk to MODOT. Larry said Stringtown is County. Chief Matthews said if the Board wants him to talk to MODOT and County he will. The Board agreed. Chief Matthews said they are working several fraud cases and a burglary case at the time. Chief said they have all their flashlights from the Grant and three (3) walkies. He said he is hoping to get three (3) more walkies from Homeland Security.

**City Hall** - City Clerk Christine Martin said she did not have a report but asked everyone if they had their letter from Missouri Rural Service Workers Compensation Insurance Trust that she provided on the desk. She said it is for the Hall of Fame Award for period April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2008, which will be held at Port Arrowhead in Lake Ozark, Missouri, on April 30th. She said she will not be able to attend it to accept the Award and said Karen would be able to attend and accept it for us. The room is paid for by the Trust. Mayor White asked if no one attends will they mail it. City Clerk Martin said if we don't go up to accept it, they will mail it



or drop it by. Mayor White said due to budget constraints he did not think it would be beneficial to send someone for two days and pay transportation. Alderman Abercrombie made a motion not to send anyone to accept the Award from Missouri Rural Service Workers Compensation Insurance Trust. Alderman Black seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Treasurer Report Economic Development** - Karen said the auditors are finished up on site and said she doesn't know if they will be presenting all of their findings at the end of April or one of the meetings in May. March financials are on the table including the Bank Reconciliation Report, Budget Report and the Cash Report.

**Economic Development** - Karen said we talked about the sidewalks already. She said she has someone looking at part of the Didion property. She said today Claire McCaskill's office had an Economic and Community Development Forum. There was a lot of people from different organizations that talked today and their main thrust was how the stimulus money is affecting them and how we can draw down for the money. Karen said the biggest thing she came away from it with it's all going to be competitive. They will use existing programs and guidelines for it. The State of Missouri has a new website called transform.mo.gov which is the clearing house for all the stimulus money for the different projects that will come down through the State of Missouri. The big emphasis for use of the money is jobs. Karen said she shared a ride with Michelle of the City of Warrenton which saved some money.

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

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

### **Final Questions**

James Toothman had a question about the Insurance Bids. He asked why the City approved the bids when the two new aldermen did not have a chance to review them. Mayor White said the two new aldermen had a cost summary in their packets. Mr. Toothman commented on the fact that they reviewed it in less than ten minutes and made a decision on it. Mayor White said they received the information before the meeting. City Clerk Christine Martin had the two packets ready for the new aldermen on Wednesday morning after the election.

Tony Midiri asked who was the new Insurance Company. Mayor White said Tri-County was the agent. Mr. Midiri asked when it takes effect. Mayor White stated it takes effect May 1. The new insurance company is Continental Western. Mr. Midiri asked if the new judgment will interfere. Karen said the companies were provided with ten years of loss ratio.

Nancy Huster asked about the Workshop coming up with regards discussion of naming the alley. Mayor White said the discussion will be between Planning and Zoning and the Board of Aldermen. Ms. Huster said she wouldn't be able to be at the Workshop, but asked if everyone is going to be able to rename their alley. Ms. Huster said if that is the case, she also has an alley and if the other lady can rename her alley then she would probably like to name her alley too. Ms. Huster thinks it should be looked into, before the Board considers naming an alley, as to if the address is to the front or back. She said if her address is in the front then it is an alley. Mayor White said the outcome will depend on what the majority does, but would like to see the City become more business friendly, whether it's her business or someone else. Mayor White said he does not want one person to feel like they got favored because they got a special name and the

other one didn't. Mayor White said it is still an alley. Alderman Abercrombie said this came up once and said he doesn't think they will leave because they did not get their alley named. Ms. Huster said she thinks it was brought up again because there is a different Board now.

Dave Walter asked the current Board about the "no parking sign" removal and asked if the current Board cares about the safety issues of the residents of Wright City. He also asked if the ordinances of the City will be enforced. Alderman Abercrombie stated he addressed the Board last year with the same concern. He said he measured the street in front of 209 Oak Street and also measured every street in Kerland Subdivision. Every street in Kerland Subdivision was narrower than Oak Street. There is more traffic in Kerland than there is on that street. Mr. Walter asked Alderman Abercrombie if he was going to enforce the City ordinances and Alderman Abercrombie stated yes, he plans on it. He said he will enforce it fairly and spread it across the entire City and not just one area. Mayor White said ordinances will still be enforced in Wright City, Missouri, and will be forced on everybody equally and fairly and with respect to the person that is being enforced upon.

### **Adjournment**

Alderman Abercrombie made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Black seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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