

**City of Wright City**  
**Board of Aldermen Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 27, 2017, 6:15 p.m.**  
**City Hall, 203 Veterans Memorial Parkway**

Board of Aldermen President Dan Rowden called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. in the Board of Aldermen chambers of the City Hall, 203 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Wright City, Missouri.

City Clerk Karen Girondo called the roll with Alderman John O'Connor, Alderman Dan Rowden, Alderman Nathan Rohr and Alderman Thomas Dixon present.

Board President Rowden said the purpose of the special meeting was to consider an appointment to the vacant mayoral post created by the death of Mayor David Heiliger. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to appoint Alderman Rowden mayor until the April 2018 municipal election. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0. Alderman Rowden did not vote.

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor Dan Rowden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Board of Aldermen chambers of the City Hall, 203 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Wright City, Missouri.

**Roll Call**

City Clerk Karen Girondo called the roll with Mayor Rowden, Alderman John O'Connor, Alderman Nathan Rohr and Alderman Thomas Dixon present. City staff present were City Clerk/Treasurer Karen Girondo, Public Works Director Larry Janish, Police Chief Matthew Eskew, Project Manager James Schuchmann, Parks Director Curt Kehoe, City Attorney Paul Rost, Lt. Randy Deatherage, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Kenny Robinett, Robin Polston and Officer James Hepperman.

Others present were Darlene Sydnor, Linda Howard, Ida Woolfolk, Denise Mozee, James Toothman, Florence Blanks, Donnie Bishop, Preston Howard, Victoria Ball, Sonda Ball, Charles Edwards, Harriette France, Shirley Wyatt, Jean Jones, Keith Dixon, Caryn Dixon, Tarla Novel, Kevin Novel, Bertie Jones, Herman Jones, Charles Mozee, Nathaniel Thomas, Jane Franklin, Titus Blackmon, Daisy Mozee, Betty Milliner, Kerry Lambright, Lori Harrison, Karen Wright, Marie Sydnor, Bernard Sydnor, Ramona Wyatt, Julius Ball Jr., Jammie Mozee, Howard Sanford and Adam Rollins of the Warren County Record.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Toothman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2017, Board of Aldermen meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Financial Reports – June and Six-Month Financial**

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the June and six-month financial reports. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns**

None

**Open Meeting to Public Comments/Concerns**

**Brian Clark from Planning and Zoning Commission** – Planning and Zoning Commissioner Lambright said the Commission agreed to forward a written concern presented at its last meeting by Mr. Clark regarding the lack of street lights at the east entry to Trotter's Creek. The Aldermen agreed to discuss the issue at an upcoming Board workshop.

**Karen Wright** – Ms. Wright read a letter from her and her husband, Robert, regarding ordinance violations at the former Rite Sole, Stone Storage and former Big Boy’s properties. She cited violations regarding tall weeds and brush, standing water, and building in disrepair, and asked why the violations are addressed only when a citizen files a complaint. The Aldermen agreed to discuss the concerns at an upcoming Board workshop.

### **Public Hearing**

None

### **Recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission**

**Appointment of New Member Tom Uhl** – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and appoint Tom Uhl to fill the term of the late Angie Reynolds on the Commission. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

### **Old Business**

**Wright City Municipal Project Status Report** – Mr. Schuchmann reported interior demolition work continues at the building on Westwoods Road that is being renovated into a City Hall. Bids to replace the roof on the existing structure are due August 9, he said.

**Sewer Proposals Status – Contract with Butler Burgher Group, Inc.** – City Attorney Paul Rost reported the City has received a proposal from Butler Burgher Group, Inc., of Dallas, TX to appraise the City’s water and sewer systems at a cost not to exceed \$12,500.00. The appraisal would take three to four weeks to complete, she said.

**Wright City Comprehensive Plan Update Proposal** – Ms. Girondo presented a proposal from Boonslick Regional Planning Commission to provide services for the update of the City’s strategic plan. The Aldermen agreed to discuss the proposal at an upcoming Board workshop.

### **New Business**

**Bill Hughes - Hydrogen Sulfide in Water** – Mr. Hughes was not present.

**Preston Howard – Highway J Conditions** – Mr. Howard asked the Board to address what he called “deplorable” properties on Highway J and enforce the City’s codes. Alderman Dixon said four of the residences on Highway J are within the city limits, and the City’s code enforcement officers has contacted each property owner regarding any code violations.

**Harvest Acres Letter – Request** – The Aldermen reviewed a letter from the Harvest Acres Association Board members requesting city employees flush the valves in the subdivision every four weeks. The subdivision is located outside the city limits and receives its supply of water from the City. The Aldermen informed Association representatives that city employees will not flush the water lines.

**Art Schaper – Cemetery Lots** – Ms. Girondo said Mr. Schaper has requested soil be added to the east half of his family’s burial lot in Block 4 to make the area suitable for burials. Mr. Janish said his workers will haul clean dirt there as it becomes available, and said excess dirt from burials elsewhere in the cemetery is being placed on the lot.

**Payment Agreement Request #200440002** – Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve the payment agreement request for UB Account #200440002 and to not assess any penalties because a billing error was made by the City. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Payment Agreement Request #300157001** – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to approve the payment agreement request for UB Account #300157001. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Payment Agreement Request #100511008** – Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the payment agreement request for UB Account #100511008. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Payment Agreement Request #400115005** – Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the payment agreement request for UB Account #400115005. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**UB Payment Agreement Status Report** – Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve the UB payment agreement status report. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

### Ordinance/Resolutions

**Bill #15-17** - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY AND BUTLER BURGHER GROUP, INC., FOR APPRAISAL OF THE CITY’S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS Ms. Girondo read the bill by title. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to read Bill #15-17 a second time. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O’Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Dixon	Yea		

The motion was approved 3-0. Ms. Girondo read the bill a second time. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #15-17. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O’Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Dixon	Yea		

The motion was approved 3-0. Mayor Rowden then put the question “Shall Bill #15-17 be passed and become an Ordinance?”. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O’Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Dixon	Yea		

The motion was approved 3-0. The bill having the majority of the members present was adopted. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor for his signature and approval and then duly signed and becomes Ordinance #918 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

### Reports

**Parks** – Mr. Kehoe reviewed upcoming events at the city parks and reported four Eagle Scout projects are underway at the parks.

**Public Works** – Mr. Janish said a decision must be made on what streets should be repaved before asphalt bids are accepted. The Aldermen agreed to discuss the matter at an upcoming workshop meeting.

**Building Official** – None

**Police** – Chief Eskew reviewed the calls, arrests and incidents his department responded to during the past two weeks. He said both the recent fishing derby and tip-a-cop benefit were successes and thanked Officer Jeff Catron for organizing the events.

**City Hall, Treasurer, Economic Development** – Ms. Girondo reviewed highlights of her written report. She reported sales tax collections for 2017 are ahead of last year. The city’s real estate assessed valuation increased 6 percent this year, and a slight decrease in personal property assessed valuation was reported, she said.

**Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve bills in the amount of \$105,637.16. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Final Questions**

Pastor Purl announced the 9-11 remembrance service will be Sept. 10, and he gave an update on the food pantry. It was announced a golf tournament in tribute to the late Mayor Heiliger is planned October 8.

**Vote to Enter Executive Session**

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to exit regular session and enter executive session to discuss business for the purpose of dealing with matters related to one or more of the following: legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City's representatives and its attorney pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo; leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore, pursuant to Section 610.021(2), RSMo; and hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded, pursuant to Section 610.021(3), RSMo. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O'Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Dixon	Yea		

The motion was approved 3-0.

The Board returned to open session from executive session.

**Adjournment** – Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

