

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, August 10, 2017
City Hall, 203 Veterans Memorial Parkway**

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, Kenny Robinett of the public works department, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl and Officer James Hepperman.

Others present were Kerry Lambright, Cheryl Lambright, Carly Meyer, Rebecca Hudgens, Jaden Morgan, Joe Grunwaldt, Chad Hodges, Julia Ramey, JoAnn Farmer, State Rep. Bryan Spencer, Jamie Reynolds, Austin Reynolds, Trent Bruning, Dwayne Paul and Adam Rollins of the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Robinett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2017, Board of Aldermen meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the July financial reports. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

None

Open Meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

Rep. Spencer thanked all the first responders, churches and service organizations who participated in the National Night Out August 1. He also reminded city officials of the upcoming Red, Wright and Blue Motorcycle Fest August 19, and said filing of legislation for the 2018 Legislative Session begins September 1.

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Mr. Schuchmann reported the interior demolition work on the building that will house City Hall offices is nearly complete and the architect is making the suggested changes to the original renovation plans. He also presented two bids for replacement of the roof on the building. The bids are: \$26,400.00 from Baumstark Roofing and \$37,798.00 from Allen Roofing. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor

seconded the motion to accept the bid from Baumstark Roofing for \$26,400.00. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

Sewer Proposals Status – No report.

Wright City Comprehensive Plan Update Proposal – Mayor Rowden recommended the Board accept the proposal from Boonslick Regional Planning Commission to provide professional services for the update of the city’s comprehensive plan at a cost not to exceed \$12,933.00. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to accept the Mayor’s recommendation and contract with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission to provide professional services for the update of the city’s comprehensive plan. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

New Business

Appointment of Ward 1 Alderman – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to appoint Kerry Lambright to fill the unexpired term of former Ward 1 Alderman Dan Rowden. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0. Ms. Girondo administered the oath of office to Alderman Lambright, and he took his seat.

Election of Board President – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to elect Alderman Dixon president of the Board of Aldermen. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Julia Ramey –Ruge Park – Ms. Ramey expressed concern about the playground equipment needing repair and improvements at Ruge Park, along with needed improvements to the building that houses the concession stand and restrooms.

Eagle Scout Projects – Boy Scouts Trent Bruning and Austin Reynolds of Troop 835 presented plans for Eagle Scout projects at the city parks. Mr. Bruning proposed building a bench on each side of the basketball court at Ruge Park and Mr. Reynolds proposed constructing and erecting a park sign at the east entrance of Diekroeger Park and also landscaping around the sign. Mayor Rowden said both projects would be welcome additions to the parks.

2020 Census Address Review – Ms. Girondo presented information from the U.S. Census Bureau inquiring if the City wished to participate in a review and update of the Bureau’s residential address list for the city. The Aldermen asked Ms. Girondo to discuss the proposal with city staff and bring the matter up for review at an upcoming meeting.

Water Request for UB Account #100527003 – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to table a request from UB Account #100527003 for an adjustment in the July utility bill caused by malfunctioning toilets. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

UB Adjustment Report for July – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the UB adjustment report for July. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

UB Payment Agreement Status Report – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the UB payment agreement status report. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Eastern Missouri Police Academy Membership – Chief Eskew asked the Aldermen to consider approving membership dues of \$2,916.40 for the police department to join the Eastern Missouri Police Academy. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion for the police department to become a member of the Eastern Missouri Police Academy. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Police Equipment Sale – Chief Eskew reported he has received permission from authorities to sell a 2004 Toyota Camry that was seized by his department during a drug investigation and subsequent arrest. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to sell a 2004 Toyota Camry on govdeal.com. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

ITI and MULES Interface – Chief Eskew recommended the City proceed with a computer interface that will allow department officials to enter records and warrants into the MULES system at an annual cost of \$4,296.00. Currently warrants and records are entered by the county’s joint communications, however, that agency has announced it may began charging for the service, he said. Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to enter into an agreement for the ITI and MULES interface. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Appointment of Board Member to Planning and Zoning Commission – Mayor Rowden recommended Alderman Lambright be appointed to represent the Board of Aldermen on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Lambright has served as a commission member. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to appoint Alderman Lambright to represent the Board of Aldermen on the Planning and Zoning Commission. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinance/Resolutions

None

Reports

Parks – Mr. Kehoe reported on upcoming events at the parks. He said he and the park board are aware of the conditions of the playground equipment and restrooms at Ruge Park and said the equipment, toilets and sinks should be replaced. The walking trail at the park also needs gravel, he said.

Public Works – Mr. Janish reviewed highlights of his written report regarding street lighting and the city welcome signage. He also reported the City is receiving numerous calls from residents requesting animal control respond to wildlife nuisance problems. He asked if this was an issue the City should be responsible for addressing or if it should be the responsibility of the property owner/resident. The aldermen agreed animal control should not be asked to respond to wildlife nuisance issues, and suggested city officials instead prepare a list of agencies or businesses who handle such issues and refer the complainants to the agencies and/or businesses.

Building Official - None

Police – Chief Eskew reported on calls, arrests and incidents his department has handled during the past two weeks.

City Hall/Treasurer/Economic Development – Ms. Girondo reviewed her written report. She said the annual public hearing on the property tax rate will be August 24, 2017.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$84,642.00. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Final Questions

Pastor Purl gave an update on the local food pantry and said there is a need for cereal, canned fruit and pasta sauces.

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 Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

The Board returned to open session from executive session.

Adjournment

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Approved: _____

Attested: _____