

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 2012, 6:30 pm**

Signed in Attendance: Joe Moran, Angie Reynolds and Gina Allen were present Sarah Johnson of the Warren County Record was also present.

City Official attendance: Mayor Heiliger, Alderman Schuchmann, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Rowden were present. Alderman Toothman was absent

Staff and Others: Assistant Superintendent Harry Harper, City Clerk Christine Martin, City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chief Doug Saulters, Treasurer/Economic Developer Karen Gironde, Park Board Director Curt Kehoe and Police Officer Jim Hepperman. Superintendent Larry Janish was absent.

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

Roll Call

City Clerk Christine Martin called roll with Mayor Heiliger, Aldermen Schuchmann, Smith, and Rowden present. The City Clerk reported the Mayor and three (3) Board Members present. Alderman Toothman was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Harry Harper led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board Meeting of September 27, 2012 – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Alderman Meeting of September 27, 2012. Alderman Smith seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Financial Reports – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to accept 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 – None

Recommendations from Planning & Zoning - None

Old Business

Health Insurance Bids – Treasurer Karen Girondo explained that Matt from the Scott Agency came in and left some final rates for the Board to review. Karen Girondo went over the different health insurance plans. She said the rates are good as long as there are no new hires and if we paid the first months premium, it wouldn't matter if we had new hires or not. She said the yearly figures do have the City paying the deductible. It was stated that MCHCP is not accepting any new clients and may not in two years if the City would want to go through MCHCP. Alderman Schuchmann said he was okay with not paying a premium at this time.

Proposed Emergency Water System Interconnection – City Clerk Christine Martin said this was the agreement for Public Water District #2 and there is a Resolution on the agenda. She said Larry brought this before the Board. City Attorney Paul Rost said he reviewed and revised the Agreement. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to postpone for review and questions from Larry Janish and Public Water District #2. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Request for Adjustment on sewer charge – Landmark Plaza – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the credit on the sewer charges. Alderman Smith seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

New Business

Fine Arts Council Survey – Treasurer/Economic Developer Karen Girondo explained that she sits on the Fine Arts Committee as treasurer and they are trying to get the community more involved. She said the Fine Arts Council is asking if a link to their survey can be put on the City Website until November 1, 2012. Alderman Rowden made a motion to approve putting the link on the website. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Special Permit for Parade - Connection Community Church – There was no one present from Connection Community Church. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to postpone the request for a Special Permit until the next meeting. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Application for Liquor License – Joseph Moran for Copperhead Road, LC – Mr. Joseph Moran was present to request a Liquor License for a new proposed restaurant to be located in Wildcat Center where the former Branding Iron Restaurant was operating. He said it will be similar to Fast Eddie's, and they will ask that you buy a drink of some kind with your meal. He stated he already has his sign permit approved and has applied for his occupancy inspection. Mr. Moran stated he has no restaurant experience but will hire a manager that does have experience. His new manager will be Robert Kyle who is in business already and owns Caddyshack in Wentzville. They will have 35-cent peel-n-eat shrimp, 99-cent half-pound burgers, wraps, and fries and will have eleven TV's. It will be considered a family sports bar. Hours will be 11:00 am to close at 1:00 pm 7 days a week.

Alderman Schuchmann asked about the floor plan. Mr. Moran said he plans to open the partial wall up to be more open and will keep the one (1) entrance. He said they would like to have a soft opening on October 26th and be open for business on November 1st. Alderman Rowden suggested to Mr. Moran that if he could do something to control the smoke, he felt they would do much better. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the Liquor License to Joseph Moran for Copperhead Road LC. Alderman Smith seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Chief Saulters discussed security with Mr. Moran and made suggestions on quality of the cameras he plans to purchase.

Old Newsboys Day – Request to sell Newspapers - Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the Special Solicitation Request for Old Newsboys Day to be held Thursday, November 15th from 6:00 am to 9:00 am. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Utility Billing Adjustment Report – Alderman Schuchmann asked about the hydrant use by Scott’s Company and Karen explained that they had a contractor come in to do concrete. She stated the work was done on a Monday and the City had a check for the water used on the following Wednesday. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the Utility Billing Adjustment Report. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Utility Disconnect Hearing – Mayor Heiliger opened the hearing. Ms. Roberta Meyer of 431 W. Service Road North asked the Board for an extension on her water bill to prevent her water from being shut off. The Board agreed on a 30 day extension for her \$40 delinquent water bill and for Ms. Meyer to come back to the Board in thirty (30) days if she is still having a problem or inform the Board through the City Billing Clerk Robin Polston. Mayor Heiliger closed the hearing. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to proceed with the other disconnects per City ordinance. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

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

Proposal to Amend Chapter 700 Section 700.205 b. Water Meter Testing – There were no questions on the amendment.

Well #5 Bids – Assistant Superintendent Harry Harper discussed the bids. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to accept the bid from Brotcke Well Company for Well #5. Alderman Smith seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Request for “Utilities Payment Agreement – Acct 100537007 - Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the Utilities Payment Agreement for Account 100537007. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Vacation Carryover – Parks - Curt Kehoe asked the Board to approve carryover for him. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the vacation carryover for Curt Kehoe. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Police Department Furnace Bids - Alderman Smith made a motion to accept the bid from Polston Heating & Cooling for \$2450. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Police Department – Hiring of Part-Time Officers – Chief Saulters requested permission to hire Andrew Sitton and Jeffrey Catron to fill the vacant positions. Mayor Heiliger made a motion to hire Andrew Sitton and Jeffrey Catron as part-time officers at the pay rate of \$11.75 per hour. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion based on Mayor Heiliger’s recommendation to hire Andrew Sitton and Jeffrey Catron as part-time officers at the pay rate of \$11.75 per hour. Alderman Smith seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Police Department – Promotion - Chief Saulters requested permission to promote Officer Casey Doyle to Night Patrol Sergeant. Mayor Heiliger made a motion to promote Officer Casey Doyle to Night Patrol Sergeant with the stipulations as outlined. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion based on Mayor Heiliger’s recommendation to promote Officer Casey Doyle to Night Patrol Sergeant with the stipulations as outlined. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Resolution #44-12 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY AND PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO 2 OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY FOR AN EMERGENCY INTERCONNECTION. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to postpone for review. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Bill #45-12 Ordinance - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 700.205 WATER METER TESTING, OF CHAPTER 700 OF TITLE VII OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to read Bill #45-12 a second time by title. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. After the second reading, Alderman Schuchmann moved that Bill #45-12 be placed upon final passage. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor Heiliger then put the question “Shall Bill #45-12 be passed and become an ordinance?” Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Schuchmann	Yea	Alderman Smith	Yea
Alderman Toothman	Absent	Alderman Rowden	Yea

The Bill having the majority vote of the members present was adopted. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board for their signatures and approval and then duly signed and becomes Ordinance #774 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Reports

Park – Park Director Curt Kehoe gave report. Curt said ten (10) kids showed up for the Home School Program, which is the minimum target number. Tiny Tots is still not where it should be but they are offering it on Thursdays with a free introductory offer for trying the class and are having a special day with the Parents as Teachers by them bringing in ten to twelve kids. The Hunter Safety Class held was filled to capacity. The Girl Scouts held their registration and conducted their Bridge Ceremony in the “Wil Heiliger” Building. The Masons have asked to use the building again along with the Agape Food Pantry on December 1st. The Flea Market had a good amount of vendors and there was a good turnout. Trunk or Treat will be held at the park on October 31st. Curt said today was the last day for the outdoor Farmer’s Market and the Winter Market will start on October 19th and go from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the “Wil Heiliger” Building. Dance Classes will be held on Friday nights. The Murder Mystery dinner will be held on Friday, November 9th at 6:30 pm.

Public Works – Assistant Superintendent Harry Harper gave his report. He discussed water drawdown tests. He said he straightened the diffusers out at the WWTF and repaired laterals #11 to #15 per request. The asphalt work is done on Phase 5 water line project for all of the driveway crossings. Warner Communications has repaired the sirens.

Building Official – Harry Harper provided the Board with report on new home building permits issued which were fourteen (14) year to date, one (1) fence permit, fifteen (15) residential occupancy Inspections, and the violations reported and acted on. Harry Harper discussed the portable sign that was put up at South Stringtown Road on the right-of-way that no permit was applied for.

Police Department – Chief Saulters explained he gave a report to City Clerk Christine Martin to be emailed to the Mayor and Board, which will save the cost of copies. He stated that they’ve had 550 calls for service with 28 incident reports handled. Chief discussed the Bank Robbery at FMB Bank.

City Hall – City Clerk Christine Martin gave report on Business Licenses. The license is still a pending license for Lori Miller for a Flooring Sales Business at 409 Warren Avenue. Hansen’s has removed the trees at the Wright City Cemetery and on Locust Street. The Code updates were received and available. City Clerk Christine Martin thanked the Mayor and Board for the Picnic for the employees and Committee members.

Treasurer Report/Economic Development – Treasurer Karen Girondo gave report to the Board and went over the budget. She said it looks like it will be about 5 percent over. She said she put in the cost of the new furnace and the well repair.

Economic Development: Karen said she met with the realtors regarding the building next to City Hall. Several properties were submitted through Warren County EDC and said the Hawkeye building is drawing a lot of attention. She said MoDOT’s approval for the preliminary design was on the desk for the sidewalk and lighting project.

Review/Approval of Bills

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

Final Questions – Gina Allen was present and discussed two articles regarding the White Rabbit business. She thanked the Police Department and everyone involved in the White Rabbit case.

Vote to go to call for Executive Session - Alderman Rowden made a motion to come out of regular session and go into an executive session to discuss business relating to Legal, Real Estate and Personnel as allowed pursuant to the exception of the provisions of Section 610.021(1)(2)(3) RSMo. Alderman Smith seconded it and roll call was taken:

Alderman Schuchmann	Yea	Alderman Toothman	Absent
Alderman Smith	Yea	Alderman Rowden	Yea

The motion carried.

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to come out of executive session and go into regular session. Alderman Rowden seconded it and roll call was taken:

Alderman Schuchmann	Yea	Alderman Toothman	Absent
Alderman Smith	Yea	Alderman Rowden	Yea

The motion carried.

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Alderman Smith seconded it and the motion unanimously carried,

Approved _____

Attested _____