

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 8, 2015**

Signed in Attendance: Tim Schmidt of Warren County Record.

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

Staff and Others Present: City Clerk Christine Martin, Treasurer Karen Girondo, City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chief Matthew Eskew, and Pastor Joe Purl. Officer Jim Hepperman, City Superintendent Larry Janish, and Park Director Curt Kehoe were 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, Rowden, Bruce and Toothman present. The City Clerk reported the Mayor and four (4) Board Members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Eskew led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Board Meeting of December 29, 2014 - Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Aldermen Meeting of December 29, 2014. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Financial Reports – None

Responses to previous comments/concerns – None

Open Meeting to public comments/concerns – None

Public Hearing – Hearing on Delinquent Sewer Account – Kenny Mechlin – Mayor

Heiliger opened the Public Hearing. Kenny Mechlin was present. Mr. Mechlin stated he had not been billed for over 12 months and that he has been billed at three times the regular rates plus sewer charges for watering his horses. Mr. Mechlin stated he put his own well in last year. He stated after having the title company search, there was no easement found for the City's pipe to be on his property. He stated he never signed a water agreement with the City, but has paid the City about \$85,000 in bills in the last 15 years and there is an easement for the City pipe across his property that the City hasn't paid for. He stated he would like the City to leave him alone, unless it would be a community need. Mayor Heiliger closed the Public Hearing. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to take the matter under advisement and to

postpone it to the next Board Meeting. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Recommendations from Planning & Zoning – None
Old Business – None

New Business

Recognition Award – Wright City High School – Cross Country Track Team – This item was moved to the next Board Meeting.

MO Rides – Presentation – Deana Tucker Dothage, Mobility Coordinator, of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission was present and explained the MO Rides program to the Mayor and Board. She stated it's a program that helps people find rides. The program serves five (5) counties and is funded by a Federal Grant through MODOT on an 80/20 share with Missouri Development. The program does not pay for the rides as it is just a service to find rides. They will provide help for stranded people 24/7.

Fuel Policy – Treasurer Karen Girondo explained the fuel policy and stated a resolution is on the Agenda to pass the policy.

Quote for New Water Reader – Treasurer Karen Girondo explained the quote for the new Software and Laptop for the new Water Reader. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the quote. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Software Agreement for Water Reader – Treasurer Karen Girondo discussed the Software Agreement for the Water Reader for the cost of \$1,000. Alderman Schuchmann stated the City is losing money due to a blind spot in current Utility Billing Program. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the Software Agreement for the Water Reader with the stipulation it is brought to Data Technology's attention regard and if it is not resolved, the City will seek damages. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Payment Agreement Status Report – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the Payment Agreement Status Report and to waive the penalty from 9/30, 10/31, and 11/26/14 on Account 201513601. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Utilities Billing Balance Adjustment Report - December – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the Adjustment Report for December. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Resolution #01-15 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR A FUEL POLICY FOR THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve Resolution #01-15 by title. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Schuchmann Yea Alderman Bruce Yea

Alderman Toothman

Yea

Alderman Rowden Yea

The Resolution having the majority vote of the members present was adopted. Said Resolution was thereupon presented to the Mayor and City Clerk for their signatures and approval and then duly signed and becomes Resolution #01-15 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Bill #02-15 Ordinance – An Ordinance was read by title. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 700.320 E. AND 715.050.B OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to read Bill #02-15 a second time by title. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. After the second reading, Alderman Schuchmann moved that Bill #02-15 be placed upon final passage. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor Heiliger then put the question “Shall Bill #02-15 be passed and become an Ordinance?” Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Schuchmann Yea
Alderman Toothman Yea

Alderman Bruce Yea
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 #840 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Reports

Park – Park Director Curt Kehoe was absent.

Public Works – Superintendent Larry Janish was absent.

Building Official – No Report was submitted.

Police – Police Chief Eskew was present and reported to the Board and said they had 434 calls for service, with 18 incident reports since the last meeting. Some reports included fugitive arrests, stealing reports, recovering stolen property, domestic assaults, possession of drug paraphernalia and dangerous drugs. He said that Detective Deatherage stated that the training he is at has been phenomenal. Chief Eskew said he has the vehicle lease agreement for the City Attorney Paul Rost to review.

City Hall – City Clerk Christine Martin reported to the Board.

Licenses – There were no new Business Licenses issued

Licenses Pending – Fireworks Fanatics for Storage Containers at 277 E. Service Road N. Business License Renewals are coming in on a daily basis with close to 54 licenses issued and five (5) pending tax information. The only Conditional Use Permit pending is Thomas Foster for a home office that was postponed due to not attending the Planning & Zoning Meeting.

The Emergency Plan has been updated and the book is located in City Hall where it is accessible.

Year-end reports and Fourth Quarter Payroll has been completed. Payroll was adjusted for the 2 percent raises for the first 2015 Payroll and the next step is to run W-2's.

Cemetery – There were three burials, which were Mary E. Lee, James Beckmeyer, and Cheri Heiliger.

Treasurer/Economic Development – Treasurer Karen Girondo was present and reported to the Board. Karen said Financials were not ready due to County's figures not being in, but was

working on year-end reports, schedules and verifications. She said there wasn't a date for the Auditors yet.

Karen said the first meeting with KDG on the sewer study to get things started is set for Monday. She discussed the TAP Project and the federal funds the city will receive in the amount of \$191,760, and that a meeting is scheduled with Robert Manzke of MoDOT. With the \$50,000 Sewer Study Grant and the TAP Project, the City will receive \$241,760 in 2015 for projects.

She talked to Commissioner Dan Hampson and he stated the Commissioners are in favor of granting the roads to the City, but would like a survey sent to the property owners and residents along the roads proposed for annexation to see what their feelings are. The Board agreed to send one out. The Commissioners were currently having a meeting at the Park Building regarding proposed repairs for Glen Road and Ranch Road.

Review/Approval of Bills – Alderman Rowden made a motion to approve the Bills. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Final Questions – Chief Eskew thanked the Board for the 2 percent raise in the 2015 Budget.

Vote to go to Executive Session - Alderman Rowden made a motion to come out of regular session and go into an executive session to discuss business for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to one or more of the following; Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City's representatives and its attorney (610.021(1)). Alderman Bruce seconded it and roll call was taken:

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| Alderman Schuchmann | Yea | Alderman Toothman | Yea |
| Alderman Bruce | Yea | Alderman Rowden | Yea |

The motion carried.

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

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| Alderman Schuchmann | Yea | Alderman Toothman | Yea | Al- |
| derman Bruce | Yea | Alderman Rowden | Yea | |

The motion carried.

Adjournment – Alderman Schuchmann made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Approved _____

Attested _____