

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 8, 2014**

**Signed in Attendance:** Randy & Cindy Lewis, Michael Blakeney, and Linda and Pat Case.

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

**Staff and Others Present:** City Clerk Christine Martin, Superintendent Larry Janish, Treasurer/Economic Developer Karen Girondo, Park Director Curt Kehoe, City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chief Matthew Eskew, Pastor Joe Pearl, and Police Officer Jim Hepperman.

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, Toothman, and Bruce present. The City Clerk reported the Mayor and four (4) Board Members present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Larry Janish led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes**

**Minutes from Board Meeting of April 24, 2014** - Alderman Rowden made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Alderman Meeting of April 24, 2014. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Approval of Financial Reports – March** – Treasurer Karen Girondo said the Financial Reports weren't ready, but should be available next week for the following Board Meeting.

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

**Open Meeting to public comments/concerns – None**

**Public Hearing – None**

**Recommendations from Planning & Zoning –None**

## **Old Business**

**Request for Adjustment – Account 100496001** – Alderman Schuchmann said he would be satisfied with a final adjustment for the sewer portion and to keep the Invoice on file. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve an adjustment to the Sewer charge for the April 1<sup>st</sup> billing. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**RFQ'S – Sewer System Study** – Treasurer Karen Girondo asked the Board who they wanted to review the RFQ's for the Sewer System Study. The Board recommended that Superintendent Larry Janish review the RFQ's.

## **New Business**

**Proclamation – Chad Lewis** – In memory of and for the loss of Chad Lewis, Mayor Heiliger read a Proclamation honoring Chad Lewis and presented the parents Randy and Cindy, and Linda and Pat Case each with a framed Proclamation proclaiming May 23, 2014, as Chad S. Lewis day in the City of Wright City.

**Proclamation – Masonic Home of Missouri** – Mayor Heiliger read a Proclamation proclaiming June 14, 2014, as MASONIC HOME OF MISSOURI DAY throughout Wright City, Missouri, and the Pauldingville Lodge #11 and presented it to Lodge Master Bruce Flowers and Masonic Representative Larry Carter of Pauldingville Lodge #11.

**Request for Utility Payment Agreement – Account 200896001** – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to accept the request for utility payment agreement. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Special Permit – Copperhead Road** – Michael Blakeney, owner of Copperhead Road Bar & Grill was present. Police Chief Eskew discussed the request and the Mr. Blakeney said they will have eight (8) security personnel on the night of the event and will enforce that minors leave the premises by 8:30 to 9:00 pm and will be required to wear arm bands. Chief Eskew said he is concerned with the proposed event, but said Mr. Blakeney has been doing what has been asked of him. Mr. Blakeney said he has permission from the property owner to hold the event. The area will be roped off from the rest of the parking lot. The band he plans to have is called “one more round”. Chief Eskew discussed the request asking to have outside music until 1:00 pm and mentioned that Ruiz Castillo was required to shut their music down at 10:00 pm for their Special Outdoor Event. Alderman Rowden said he was concerned with the length of time that the event would be held and asked if the other business owners were okay with it. Mr. Blakeney said he did not talk to them. He stated he only planned to have about 15 vehicles at the “Car and Truck Show Event”. Alderman Rowden suggested to Mr. Blakeney that the City receive letters from the other businesses in the strip mall that they are okay with it. He also suggested to Mr. Blakeney to try having the event from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm for this year.

**Payment Agreement Status Report** – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to accept the Payment Agreement Status Report. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Request for Vacation Carryover – Police department** – Alderman Rowden made a motion to approve a 30 day extension for vacation carryover for Sgt. Davis Bernard. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Utility Billing Balance Adjustments – April** – Alderman Rowden made a motion to approve the balance adjustments for April. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**32 Spring Hill Circle – Drainage Problem** – Mr. James Young, property owner, was present and discussed a drainage issue that he and his neighbor had that he believes is a result of a pipe located in the neighboring Mobile Home Court. He discussed the damage to his property and was concerned with structural damage. Superintendent Larry Janish said he looked at it and there is a problem. Mr. Young welcomed everyone to come out and look at the situation. Alderman Schuchmann told Mr. Young that the City will review it and get back with him.

**BB Gun Safety Class at Diekroeger Park** – Park Director Curt Kehoe asked for permission to conduct a BB Gun Safety Class pending Pauldingville’s Liability Certificate. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the request for Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, with exception to the Fire Arms Ordinance<sup>t</sup>. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Hiring of Seasonal Part-time – Parks** – Park Director Curt Kehoe asked for permission to hire Abby Ogborn at the rate of \$7.50 per hour as a part-time Seasonal employee. She is currently employed as an umpire for the Park Department. Curt explained that he has been short-handed during multiple events that are held on the weekends. Mayor Heiliger made a recommendation to hire Abby Ogborn at the rate of \$7.50 per hour as a part-time seasonal employee. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to accept Mayor Heiliger’s recommendation to hire Abby Ogborn at the rate of \$7.50 per hour as a part-time seasonal employee. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Ordinance/Resolutions**

**Bill #11-14 Ordinance** – An Ordinance was read by title. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 502 “BUILDING CODES,” RELATING TO OCCUPANCY PERMITS; AND CHAPTER 700, “WATERWORKS,” RELATING TO NOTICE OF OCCUPANCY. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to read Bill #11-14 a second time by title. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. After the second reading, Alderman Schuchmann moved that Bill #11-14 be placed upon final passage. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor Heiliger then put the question “Shall Bill #11-14 be passed and become an Ordinance?” Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Schuchmann    Yea                      Alderman Bruce        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 #825 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

### Reports

**Park** – Park Director Curt Kehoe presented his report to the Board. He said the Spring Co-ed Baseball Team did get a week of games in. Holly is rescheduling the ball games due to rainouts. The Girl Scouts rescheduled the Tree Planting for May 17<sup>th</sup> due to the nurseries not having the trees available. Curt mentioned the Chevy Baseball Program with Gastorf Chevrolet where the Park's baseball program can earn an additional \$500 check if they get 25 people to test drive a new car at Gastorf Chevrolet. Flag Retirement will be on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. The 4-H Group will be at the Flag Retirement Ceremony writing letters to the soldiers. Curt added that the Farmer's Market will start on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works** – Superintendent Larry Janish reported to the Board.

Street Slabs – The slabs for the cave-in in Gettysburg Commons were replaced. Larry discussed Cannon Builders wanting to tear out some slabs.

Piping under Roadways – The Bell Road and Fourth Street asphalt will be replaced and they will then be working on sidewalks. They will then tear out Wildcat Drive and repair the 48 inch pipe that goes across it, but may wait until School closes.

Klausmeier Road Property – Larry Janish said he talked to Mr. Ravenscraft and he will be hearing back from him. Larry Janish said he stabilized the electrical panel box on the property.

**Building Official** – The Building Report was in the packet.

**Police** – Police Chief Eskew was present and reported to the Board and said they've had 571 calls for service, with 17 incident reports. He said the calls included fugitive arrests, DWI's, assault and trespassing, and dangerous drugs. The Detective Bureau has been very busy and doing a great job. He discussed a radio going out and had the opportunity to purchase 25 radios from the Missouri State Highway Patrol at the price of the cost of one (1) new radio. Chief Eskew said he may need to purchase some batteries. He plans to have the computer server up by mid next week.

**City Hall** – City Clerk Christine Martin gave report to the Board. A new Business License was issued to James Gaddy for The Vapor Source d/b/a Arch City Vapors at 10 Wildcat Center, Suite H for retail sales of Vapor/E-Cigarette Merchandise. Pending Proposed Business License is for an Internet Firearm Sales Business by Todd Plumb in the Lake Tucci Subdivision.

Conditional Use - Received four (4) applications for Conditional Use Permits. Two (2) are scheduled for the May 19<sup>th</sup> P&Z Meeting and they are Midwest Rod & Custom for 14980-C Veterans Memorial Parkway and Fearsome Entertainment, LLC for a "Haunted Attraction" at 302 East First Street South. The other two (2) are scheduled for the June 16<sup>th</sup> P&Z Meeting and they are William Survant to ask to have a residence in a Commercial District at his Heating & Cooling Business at 123 W. First St. North and James & Susan Scott to have a Saturday morning Flea Market at "A Walk Down Memory Lane" at 312 Warren Ave. City Clerk Christine Martin said that

Mr. Scott had also asked if he could participate in the City Wide Yard Sale and the Board was okay with it.

Business License Renewals – 100 Renewals sent out, five (5) have closed, 93 Licenses issued to date, with 2 Pending Outstanding Licenses.

Wright City Community Cleanup Day – A letter will go out to all of the businesses regarding the cleanup day. City Clerk Christine Martin said she talked to Bill Daum regarding the date of the event as Bill Daum said he will lead in getting it built and for the finances of it. He said it will be similar to the sign that O’Fallon has. Karen said she will get with Eric of MoDOT once she has the plan from Bill Daum.

Cemetery – Have been entering in cemetery lot sales information in the Computer and was ready to start entering in burials in the system. Public Works took care of one (1) urn burial for James Frederick Fuller.

**Treasurer/Economic Development** – Treasurer Karen Girondo gave report to the Board.

Finances – Karen said the Cemetery Endowment Fund CD was due this week and she reinvested it at one year for one (1) percent interest rate and the fund currently has \$404,075 invested.

Utility Billing – She stated she is still working on the Landlord accounts. It is the first month for no shut-off notices and shut-offs will happen on the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of May. The process has already freed up some extra time.

The Workman’s Comp Audit was completed on April 29<sup>th</sup> and if the City owes additional money, it will be due in June.

ED/Sewer Study- RFQ’s on the Sewer Study has been sent out.

Sidewalk/Lighting Project - TS Banze – She received the Payrolls from TS Banze but not the lien waivers. TS Banze purchased the 20 acres on South Stringtown Road and they plan on cleaning it up this summer to develop it in 3 to 5 acre tracts. TS Banze bought out Gold Star Paving.

Indian Head Lodge Road – Karen said the letter to the County Commissioners regarding the road was in the packet. The Commissioners will not get it until Monday Morning.

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

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the Bills. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Final Questions** – Pastor Joe Purl discussed the business next to the Nazarene Church. He said the business is an eyesore as some of the cars have flats and have been sitting in ruts for a while. He said the business property is not properly maintained.

**Adjournment** – Alderman Toothman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

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Attested \_\_\_\_\_