

City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
June 11, 2009 6:30 pm

**Signed in Attendance:** Nancy Huster, Tim Schmidt, Mark Ditch, Tony Midiri, Dave Walter, Tim Reynolds, Patsy Jones, Bill Lattimer, Don Reed and Barbara Lockhart for Gwen Lockhart.

**Others present not signed in:** Tim Schmidt of Warren County Record and Joe Scott of Suburban Journals

**City Official attendance:** Mayor White, Alderman Schuchmann, Alderman Black, Alderman Abercrombie and Alderman Reynolds were present.

**Staff and Others:** Superintendent Larry Janish, Economic Developer Karen Girondo, Police Chief Henry Matthews, Parks Director Curt Kehoe, Officer Jeff Scanlon, City Attorney Leslie Tolliver-Rogers and City Clerk Christine Martin.

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

**Roll Call**

City Clerk Christine Martin called roll with Mayor White, Alderman Schuchmann, Black, Abercrombie, and Reynolds present. The City Clerk reported the Mayor and four Board Members present.

**Meeting Minutes**

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Alderman Meeting on May 28, 2009. Alderman Abercrombie seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Responses to previous comments/concerns**

Alderman Schuchmann brought up at the last meeting where Chief Matthews was seeking Grant money for bullet proof vests. There is no guarantee the grant will come in and if it does it will probably be matching funds. Alderman Schuchmann said he looked over the budget and did not find where we can pull it out of anywhere. He said he didn't feel we could ignore the need since we do ask the guys to put themselves in harms way for the City's safety. He said they will need \$3600 to \$9000 for vests. Alderman Schuchmann said he will start a campaign for this and will meet Tuesday with a local organization to try to start a fund raising campaign to see if we can get the vests immediately. He said he will make the initial contribution into it and appreciates support from anyone else that can contribute to it. Alderman Reynolds said she would help support it.

**Open meeting to public comments/concerns**

Nancy Huster spoke up and asked if all of the other fireworks stands will be allowed to shoot off fireworks like Phantom Fireworks. She said it is very annoying. Mayor White said it should not be

allowed without a Special Permit. Alderman Reynolds said she called about it and they are setting them off in the County and she understands they got permission from whoever owns the property where they are setting them off.. Alderman Abercrombie said they can shoot them off as long as they are in the County.

Mayor White announced there was a situation where a little girl did a good deed and asked Police Chief Henry Matthews to explain. Police Chief Henry Matthews called Bria Oberhaus up to the front and said without her alertness they would not have been able to make an arrest in a bad situation as quickly as they did. He said she deserved a lot of credit and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to her in recognition of her valuable assistance to the Wright City Police Department on May 24, 2009, where she acted properly when confronted with a dangerous situation and he congratulated her. Mayor White stated with some of the training from the Police Department the young lady knew exactly what to do and the Police Department should also be recognized.

**Public Hearing - None**

**Ordinance/Resolutions**

Bill #12-09 – Ordinance – Providing for Annexation & Extension of Corporate Limits - Tabled since May 14, 2009, Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Resolution #13-09 - Providing for a Special Election for Annexation - Tabled since May 14, 2009, Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Bill #18-09 was presented to the Board. Bill #18-09 was read for the first time by title. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH LESLIE TOLLIVER-ROGERS OF LAW OFFICE OF LESLIE TOLLIVER, LLC. Alderman Abercrombie made a motion to read Bill #18-09 a second time by title. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. After the second reading, Alderman Schuchmann moved that Bill #18-09 be placed upon final passage with striking statement B. on Page 2 under COMPENSATION that the City will provide Law Office any benefits, including but not limited to health or medical coverage or pension benefits. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor White then put the question “Shall Bill #18-09 be passed and become an ordinance?” Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Black	Yea	Alderman Schuchmann	Yea
Alderman Abercrombie	Yea	Alderman Reynolds	Yea

The Bill having the majority vote of all members present was adopted. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board for their signatures and approval. It was then duly signed and becomes Ordinance # 690 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Bill #19-09 was presented to the Board. Bill #19-09 was read for the first time by title. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING PLAT OF “HICKORY TRAILS PHASE ONE, PLAT ONE” BY THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to read Bill #19-09 a second time by title. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. After the second reading, Alderman Schuchmann moved that Bill #19-09 be placed upon final passage. Alderman Abercrombie seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor White then put the question “Shall Bill #19-09 be passed and become an ordinance?” Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Black	Yea	Alderman Schuchmann	Yea
Alderman Abercrombie	Yea	Alderman Reynolds	Yea

The Bill having the majority vote of all members present was adopted. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board for their signatures and approval. It was then duly signed and becomes Ordinance # 691 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

### **Old Business**

**Greater Missouri Builders – Review of Bill of Sale for Utilities for Spring Lakes (Plat 1 and Plat 2)** Karen Girondo stated she had talked with Brian of Greater Missouri Builders and he will be going to his Board for a letter to indemnify the City from any liability on the lift station and should be ready by the next meeting.

**Annexation** - The Board announced their decision and agreement with the City of Warrenton on the boundary that had been reached. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to draft a resolution that with the agreement reached with the City of Warrenton that the Wright City – Warrenton City boundary along Highway 70 will be 3300 feet west of Stracks Church Road. Alderman Abercrombie seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Time Clocks/Security Cameras** - Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to table Time Clocks and Security Cameras until the Board is ready to act on it. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**306 Elm Street – Steve Hoerr** – Larry said he and Harry Harper was in Court and the Judge asked what was the City’s stand was on it. The Contractor agreed to put the asphalt back and Mr. Hoerr did not want the contractor on his property. Larry Janish recommended that we stay out of it and a professional contractor be hired by Mr. Hoerr to fix the driveway. City Attorney Leslie Tolliver-Rogers asked some questions about the case. Alderman Schuchmann explained the case to the City Attorney and that the home owner wants to repair the driveway himself and have the City pay him around \$3000 for his time and troubles. Larry Janish said he would rather the City not be involved in it. Mayor White asked for a motion. City Attorney Leslie Tolliver-Rogers advised the City to stay out of it. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to follow the advice of the City Attorney to stay out of it. Alderman Abercrombie seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

### **New Business**

**Appointment of City Attorney** – Alderman Abercrombie made a motion to appoint Leslie Tolliver-Rogers as the City Attorney. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Wright City Memorial Society** – City Clerk Christine Martin stated she sent a memo to the Mayor and Board regarding this and when she attended the Memorial Society Meeting last week they again asked for their annual contribution. Karen said there is \$5,000 in the budget and it

was held up last year because of money being tight. She said this is over what they get from their endowment fund and they use the endowment fund for mowing and maintenance. City Clerk Christine Martin stated the contract is costing them \$750 per cutting and the cemetery was mowed twice this month. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to hold off until December to see what is up with budget. Alderman Reynolds seconded the motion.

Ms. Nancy Huster spoke up and said the \$5,000 would almost pay for half of the vests the Police Department needed. Alderman Abercrombie said he did not think we should wait that long. Alderman Abercrombie made a motion to amend the motion to look at it again in three months during the first meeting in September. Alderman Black seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Alderman Schuchmann said the new question is “shall the Wright City Memorial Society contribution be put on hold until the first meeting in September” and the Mayor asked the question and the Board was all in favor.

**Roelker Road Complaint** – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to move on to the next item. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Betty Whitener, 310 S. Elm** - Larry Janish explained Ms. Whitener could not be here at the meeting. She lives at the corner of Fourth and Elm and has had the flooding problem before when there were heavy rains. He said it is because the City has it piped in where the water can not get out and the water back ups in her yard and goes into her basement. He said it would be worth looking into it to try and fix the situation that was created from a lighting and sidewalk project the City did about five (5) years ago. Larry said he would like to revisit the situation and would like some ideas from the Board and asked the Board to also look at it. He said he is proposing to put piping above the existing piping. Alderman Schuchman said he would look at it with Larry. Alderman Abercrombie made a motion to table it. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Utility Billing Adjustment** – City Clerk Christine Martin stated that the Account 500410001 was owed a credit due to an error and a problem with the meter at that location. City Clerk Martin read the letter out loud from Robin Polston from the Water Department. She said Bob with Schulte Supply came and looked at the account and stated that the meter reading needed to be corrected and the customer was overcharged. After the problem the customer had during last winter with a leak and the meter actually got stuck on 3 and did not advance or register correctly. The customer was overcharged for water by 205,370 gallons. The customer should have only been charged \$1179.55 leaving a credit due of \$1756.55. Larry said it is a compound meter with a high and low side. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve adjusting the bill and issuing a credit of \$1756.55 to Account 500410001. Alderman Abercrombie seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**City Hall Copier Bids** - City Clerk Martin went over the copier bids and said the current lease expires June 30, 2009. The Board was provided with a bidders list with the bid results. City Clerk Christine Martin explained that at this point she did not know how the current contract will affect us and if we will actually own the existing copier after June 30<sup>th</sup> and if the City could keep it with just a maintenance contract. She said she could not get anyone on the phone today for an answer. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to table it. Alderman Black seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Gwendolyn Lockhart – Request for extension** - Barbara Lockhart was present on behalf of Gwendolyn Lockhart to speak about an extension for payment until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month as she gets paid on the 20th. She said it would be paid in full on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to grant the extension to Ms. Lockhart. Alderman Black seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Alderman Abercrombie asked why we are belittling people to have them come up here bringing their finances out in the open. Alderman Schuchmann said in the past there were possible abuse issues where people got extensions without Board knowledge. City Clerk Martin said the other reason is with so many accounts and so many people wanting payment arrangements, it is too much for Robin to keep up with and it is a burden on her so we put it back on the Board to approve extending payments. The Board decided to discuss the payment policy on the Workshop Agenda.

**Parks Department Purchases** - Curt Kehoe was present and asked the Board permission to purchase four (4) barrel trash cans and six (6) benches with engraving. He said the barrels would really go with the looks of the building. They will be placed at the four corners of the new pavilion and be secured in place. He said the prices went up \$50 each from the time they priced them first. He has six personal requests so far for the benches which will also be anchored in the ground. The money is in the budget for the total purchase of \$5500 for which \$3900 for the benches will come back to the City and the benches won't be ordered until the benches are paid for. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the purchases as requested. Alderman Abercrombie seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

**Special Permit – Don Reed of Reed's Rockets** - Mr. Don Reed was present and said he would like to have a thirty minute fireworks display Thursday or Friday night July 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are Class 'C' Fireworks and found that it is legal to shoot them off if over 100 feet from the sales tent. Alderman Black said he felt it would be throwing salt in the wound as there is already opposition to it. Alderman Schuchmann said in light of the Special Permit issued to the church for July 3<sup>rd</sup> he feels it would be best not to approve it and asked him to try again next year.

## **Reports**

### **Engineering – None**

**Park** – Curt Kehoe was present and said there will be Movie in the Park on Friday night and there will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. He said if anyone had any flags to be retired they can be brought up to City Hall. The flowers are all in around the Eagle Statue in the Memorial Garden at Diekroeger Park. Concert in the Park will have the Rich Helton Band on Tuesday evening June 16<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Huster asked if they replaced the flag in Ruge Park. Curt said he is in the process of replacing that flag at the present so it can be retired. Curt said he is working on another project of taking the grommets off old flags and giving them as a souvenir for people that want to save them. Another project is taking the stars off the flags and sending them to Iraq for soldiers to put on their pockets. Alderman Abercrombie asked about the old public bathrooms at Diekroeger Park and about making them look better. Curt said the upcoming Strassenbash Queens are going to paint the building with paint he has left over from the new building. Curt said it is handicap accessible from the front parking lot to the new building. Alderman Abercrombie also asked about the old pavilion and Curt said it was just painted last year. Curt added that the one community service worker has built a sidewalk from the new parking to the restroom buildings and it is now handicap accessible. He also put another walkway from the new building to the parking lot. Alderman Black asked about the wood chip walkway because a wheelchair has trouble getting along on it. Alderman Abercrombie asked

about getting the painting of the pavilion done and said he will see what he can do. Curt said he will paint the bathrooms in the same color scheme as the new activity building.

**Public Works** - Larry Janish was present. Larry explained in regards to the resident with the drainage problem at 174 Lake Tucci Circle, the storm pipe on that property was installed according to the subdivision plans and approved by the City Engineer. He explained that the pipe can not be allowed to discharge on property owned by someone else and create a drainage problem for them. Larry showed the Board some pictures and said he will go back and talk to the property owner again. Alderman Abercrombie asked about the hours being changed and said they can revisit the hours again. Larry said it will start getting hot in the next week or so and said he will put in a request at the next meeting.

**Building Official** - Larry said there was one (1) fence permit, two (2) deck permits, and one (1) new home permit by Cozy Homes in Lake Tucci.

**Police Department** - Police Chief Matthews said there have been 213 calls since the last meeting. They have several ongoing investigations for thefts, domestics and assaults. They have submitted the case to the Prosecuting Attorney that the little girl was involved in. He said there has been a 30 percent increase in summons for speed and seatbelts since the last meeting. They are patrolling more in subdivisions. He said he got nothing back from the Traffic Grant yet. Alderman Reynolds asked if they are patrolling in Parks because it was reported to that someone was exposing themselves to people by the Basketball Court at Ruge Park. Chief said he had not heard anything but they are increasing patrol. Someone mentioned \$3 vehicle stickers and if that would help with vests for the Police Department. Chief Matthews said he is taking advantage of any free training and he has an officer in Nebraska now and the only thing the City will pay is gasoline. Curt added that there are people that are afraid to go to Ruge Park to use the walk trail. Chief Matthews said he will check it out and report back.

**City Hall** – City Clerk Christine Martin reported she only had the City Hall Copier Bids and Wright City Memorial Society request which were already discussed.

**Treasurer Report/Economic Development** – Karen Girondo gave report to the Board and stated the report on recaps is also there. She said she has talked to Jason of Booneslick regarding the stimulus money and he said the applications were sent in and felt the City had a good chance. She emailed the Auditor and is still getting information for them for the report that needs to be done by the end of June. The sewer averaging for utility billing in the computer has been done and is completed for the June billing. For Economic Development Karen talked about Project Hairspray with RCGA and talked about a company looking at and liking the Spec Building. She said Cosco is closing at the end of the year and is having a sale. Karen said it is advantageous for the City to look at what upgrades are needed now and said we need to talk about the water system, sewer and streets and suggested having a work session for working towards a grant. Karen said the supplemental agreement the City signed with Meco for the additional work on the Westwoods sidewalk project is sitting in Jefferson City waiting for approval. Karen said she is waiting to hear before anything else can be done. The Board agreed to have a meeting at 4:00 pm on Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss future projects. Alderman Abercrombie said he would know by Monday if he could attend or not.

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

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

**Final Questions** – Mr. Danny Campbell of 202 Lake Tucci Circle was present. He asked about the drainage problem discussed for 174 Lake Tucci Circle and about the process of when the City takes over a subdivision. He asked if the sewer is something the City takes care of after the homeowner moves in, or the builder does. Mayor White said if the City accepts the streets, the City would then be responsible for the streets but is not responsible for the lots. Alderman Schuchmann said the builder is responsible for the lots. Mr. Campbell stated when he purchased his house he was allowed to move into his house before the main sewer line was connected.

Alderman Abercrombie asked Larry how he was coming along with the information on shoring boxes. Larry said they are working on getting some prices.

**Adjournment**

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved\_\_\_\_\_

Attested\_\_\_\_\_