

City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
August 26, 2010, 6:30 pm

Signed in Attendance: Tim Schmidt, Nancy Huster, Michael L. Smith, Tony Midiri, Bill Sherman, and Ken McLaughlin.

City Official attendance: Mayor Heiliger, Alderman Black, Alderman Toothman, Alderman Schuchmann and Alderman Reynolds were present.

Staff and Others: Economic Developer/Treasurer Karen Gironde, City Clerk Christine Martin, City Attorney Josh Payton, Assistant Superintendent Harry Harper, Police Chief Henry Matthews and Officer Jeff Scanlon.

Mayor Heiliger called the regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call

City Clerk Christine Martin called roll with Mayor Heiliger, Aldermen Black, Schuchmann, Toothman and Reynolds present. The City Clerk reported the Mayor and four Board Members present.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting of May 27, 2010 – Minutes were not available
Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting of June 10, 2010 – Minutes were not available

Responses to previous comments/concerns - None

Open meeting to public comments/concerns

Tony Midiri asked if the City is aware of the shoes hanging on a power line on Roelker Road by the railroad tracks. He said he heard it signifies drug activity. Harry said he would see if AmerenUE can do something about it.

Ken McLaughlin asked about the status of Stuermann Road between Wright City and the County. Mayor Heiliger said there is a lot of discussion going on and the City is getting closer. Ken McLaughlin said school buses will not go back there due the road conditions.

Public Hearing - None

Old Business - None

Ordinance/Resolutions

Bill #30-10 was presented to the Board. Bill 30-10 was read for the first time by title. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING PLAT OF “THE SHIRE, PLAT TWO” BY THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to read Bill 30-10 a second time by title. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. After the second reading,

Alderman Schuchmann moved that Bill #30-10 be placed upon final passage. Alderman Black seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor Heiliger then put the question “Shall Bill #30-10 be passed and become an ordinance?” Roll call was taken with the following vote:

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| Alderman Toothman | Yea | Alderman Schuchmann | Yea |
| Alderman Black | Yea | Alderman Reynolds | 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. It was then duly signed and becomes Ordinance # 722 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

New Business

Picnic Liquor License for Lions Club for Strassenbash - Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the Picnic Liquor License for Lions Club for Strassenbash. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to waive the fees for the Picnic Liquor License for the Lions Club for Strassenbash. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Tony Midiri asked about the policy of the beer not leaving the pavilion. Mike Smith said he knows they are not to leave the grounds. Karen said the Police Officers are on the property on patrol during the event.

Special Permit/Solicitation Request – Knights of Columbus - Bill Sherman was present to request the permit and said it is just to stand at the intersection to collect for the Mentally Handicapped Children. He said 25 percent of proceeds go to the Sheltered Workshop, 25 percent goes to Handicapped Services in Warren County and 50 percent goes to the Children’s Hospital. Only adults will be collecting the money. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve Special Permit to Knights of Columbus. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Planning & Zoning Appointment – Mayor Heiliger made a recommendation to appoint Sal Gertken to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to accept Mayor Heiliger's appointment of Sal Gertken to Planning & Zoning. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Chemical Spill Response Training – Sigma Consulting & Training Inc. - Alderman Schuchmann asked Harry Harper if they had any chemical spill training. He said Kenny Robinett may since he worked for MFA in the past. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to have Larry Janish have two people attend the Chemical Spill Response Training on September 15th. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Transportation Enhancement Grant – Booneslick Regional Planning Commission – Karen Gironde explained the letter from Jason of Booneslick Regional Planning Commission. It is the same type of program we did with the sidewalks to Ruge Park. It is the same project and the maximum Grant money is \$175,000 which is an 80/20 match this year and the emphasis seems to be on sidewalks and related safety features. Karen asked if the Board wants to go after the downtown area for sidewalks

or another area. Karen said the time tables haven't been released from MODOT yet. She asked about putting it on the Workshop. It is an Enhancement Grant so it has to be tied in with a roadway and the improvements must stay there for so many years.

Mick Mehler & Sons, Inc. – 1st Pay Estimate – South Water Line Phase 3 – Karen said it is the first invoice and Harry Harper reviewed it and is okay with payment. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve Pay Estimate #1 to Mick Mehler & Sons. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Sidewalks – Bell Road - Alderman Tom Black said he put this on the Agenda and if the City can get Grant money for sidewalks then Bell Road sidewalks should also be entitled. He said kids need it for safety as they are now walking in the ditch and one child riding his bicycle was forced into the ditch. Alderman Schuchmann agreed it is an issue that needs to be looked at. He said Bell Road was brought up about three years ago and was tabled. Alderman Schuchmann said if it is a 44 feet wide right of way you would measure 22 feet from the center of the road, if the road is centered correctly. Harry said when they ran the water line down Bell Road a few years back they could not get an easement from the owners of the Tower and it cost the City more because of it. Alderman Toothman asked about putting walks on the west side of Bell Road and said we need to widen Bell Road to three lanes at a minimum. Alderman Toothman made a motion for Alderman Black to spearhead getting the sidewalks in. There was no second to the motion. Alderman Black agreed to spearhead it, but said he needs the entire Board.

Sewer Backup – 200 East South First Street – Alderman Schuchmann asked Harry Harper if he got a call on this on June 27, 2010, and asked if he found any obstruction in the City system. Harry said he did receive the call and he did not find any obstruction in the City's system. Alderman Schuchmann suggested writing a letter back saying this is not the City's problem. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to send a letter to the property owner stating it is not something the City's caused and is not the City's problem. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Utilities Payment Agreement Request – Account #3224 – Alderman Toothman made a motion to accept the payment plan as requested. Alderman Black seconded the motion. Aldermen Toothman and Black voted yes and Aldermen Schuchmann and Reynolds voted no. Mayor Heiliger voted no and broke the tie vote. The motion did not pass. Mayor Heiliger said he feels the customer needs to make a higher payment. This item was postponed to the next meeting so the applicant can be present.

Balance Adjustment Request – Sewer Charges – City Clerk Christine Martin explained that it was the City's error. When the account was set up the sewer was activated and it should have been inactivated. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the Balance Adjustment Request. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Health Insurance Selection for 2011 – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to postpone this to the next Board meeting and to also discuss this item at Workshop. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Reports

Engineering – None

Park - Curt Kehoe gave a report to the Board and said they have moved and leveled the bleachers at Ruge Park and put chips down underneath. It is safer now in case someone falls off of them. The Strassenbash Queens painted the Pavilion at Diekroeger the same color as the other buildings. This Saturday “Guns & Hoses” will play their games on Diamond #1 at Ruge Park. September 17th and 18th will be Strassenbash. September 24th and 25th will be the Hunter Safety Course and it can be registered for online. All Park sponsored events are all up and we have doubled attendance to the Movies and Concerts in the Park.

Public Works - Assistant Superintendent Harry Harper was present. He said Alternate #1 for Kerland Terrace is complete and has been tested and is totally in service. Kerland Terrace Water Improvement Phase 3 is 50 percent complete. The contractor is on schedule. For update of the WWTF, the contractor with the matting material showed up today and started putting the mat down. They will come back Saturday evening and on Sunday to finish it. The Engineers showed up and are working with them to get some issues resolved. The City’s WWTF ammonia test was .09 this morning. Harry said the City does not have a test kit for TSS but will look into getting one as it would be beneficial to have one. There is some outdated equipment he can purchase that has a two-day test result. Harry said he feels that equipment would be satisfactory. Alderman Toothman asked Harry about the lack of water at the WWTF which is a safety issue and also filter cleaning. Harry Harper said they were discussing using the air they have instead of buying a compressor. He said the water line is fairly close so they just need a dual check valve.

Building Official - Harry said there have been permits issued for one (1) deck, three (3) fence permits, one (1) shed permit, and one (1) partial basement finish.

Police Department – Police Chief Matthews gave a report to the Board and said they’ve had 289 calls since the last Meeting. He said they have had several investigations, including domestic disturbances, forgery cases, and assists in apprehending meth labs. School started up so they are writing more traffic violations. The Grant for the radios will be in next month. They are checking grants for car cameras. All cages are installed in the cars now

City Hall – City Clerk Christine Martin asked the Board since the next Workshop would fall on Monday September 6th which is Labor Day, if they would like to have the meeting on Tuesday September 7th. The Board agreed. She also asked if the first pay date in September could be changed to September 10th since she and Karen will be attending the MML Conference on September 13th and 14th. The Board agreed.

Treasurer Report – Karen Girondo gave Report to the Board and stated the City received notification from the State Auditor’s Office that our 2010 Tax Rate was set in accordance with Missouri Law. Karen said she received notification

Economic Development – Karen Girondo said she received notification from DED that the CDBG application for the Park Renovations did not score high enough for the City to be awarded the Grant. She said she’s been working with a prospect for the Kaplan building. She presented a program at Chamber of Commerce on the Workforce Assessment Study that was done by Warren, Lincoln, Montgomery and Franklin Counties through ECMODEV and AmerenUE. It is used for prospects in business, training and education. Karen said she has seen an increase in Industrial activity as a lot of properties have been updated on Location One. A meeting has been set up with Cochran and the Utility Department to start the ground work for the Water Study Grant. Harry and Nathan met with Cochran and gave them information on the water system.

Review/Approval of Bills

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

Final Questions - Nancy Huster had questions on the Kaplan building and Karen answered it.

Vote to go to Executive Session - Alderman Schuchmann 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 Reynolds seconded it and roll call was taken

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| Alderman Reynolds | Yea | Alderman Toothman | Yea |

The motion carried.

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The motion carried.

Adjournment - Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried

Approved _____

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