

City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
September 11, 2008 6:30 pm

Signed in Attendance: James Toothman, Lyn Walter, Cindy Graham, Cathy Mozee, and Patsy Jones. Others present not signed in: Peggy Sherman

City Official attendance: Mayor White, Alderman Schuchmann, Alderman Denkler, Alderman Walter and Alderman Reynolds were present.

Staff and Others: Superintendent Larry Janish, Police Chief Henry Matthews, Economic Developer Karen Gironde, Holly Elterman, City Attorney Darryl Hicks and City Clerk Christine Martin.

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

Roll Call

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

Meeting Minutes

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to table the minutes from July 30, 2008, for review and clarification. Alderman Denkler seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to table the minutes from August 21, 2008, for review and clarification. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes from August 28, 2008. Alderman Walter seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Responses to previous comments/concerns - None

Open meeting to public comments

Cathy Mozee was present and complained about the kids coming to and from school not walking on the sidewalks. She said the kids don't use the sidewalks and feels they are going to get hurt. The coach at school tells the kids that have track to run in the street and not on the sidewalk. Cindy Graham said there should be some kind of ordinance that controls it. Alderman Schuchman said he does not believe there is an ordinance that can force someone to walk on the sidewalks. Cindy Graham suggested that it be considered as illegal 'J' Walking. Alderman Schuchmann said it is a right-of-way and everyone has a right to use the right-of-way. Alderman Denkler suggested writing a letter to the School Superintendent asking the School to address it through letters going home with the kids to parents. Chief Matthews said they have run those kids off the street that are on bikes and skateboards. Mayor White said he will go up and talk to the School Superintendent

and then come and talk to the Chief. Cindy Graham asked about crossing guards and Mayor White said he will also talk to the School Superintendent about that issue.

Nancy Huster said she wanted to thank the girls in the office for getting the problem resolved in the alley with InfraSource having cut their cable, telephone and water lines. City Clerk Christine Martin said she will thank the girls.

Peggy Sherman was present and asked about 208 Midland and the tall grass there. She said it's about time the grass gets cut there and asked if the City couldn't cut it and put a lien on the property. City Superintendent Larry Janish said he personally cut the grass two (2) weeks ago and it now is tall again. He contacted George Noe about it and it's still not cut. Alderman Reynolds said she saw in the paper the property was going to be sold on the courthouse steps. Larry Janish said he will post the property with a notice for it to be cut.

Public Hearing - None

Ordinance/Resolutions

Bill #30-08 was presented to the Board. Bill #30-08 was read for the first time by title. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH LAMB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY REGARDING DIEKROEGER PARK ACTIVITY BUILDING DESIGNATED AS PROJECT NO. 08-3849. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to read Bill #30-08 a second time by title. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. After the second reading, Alderman Schuchmann moved that Bill #30-08 be placed upon final passage. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor White then put the question "Shall Bill #30-08 be passed and become an ordinance?" Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Denkler	Yea	Alderman Schuchmann	Yea
Alderman Walter	Yea	Alderman Reynolds	Yea

The Bill having the affirmative vote of all members present was adopted. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor and Chairman of the Board for their signatures and approval. It was then duly signed and becomes Ordinance # 663 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Old Business

Request for Additional Antenna on Water Tower - Alderman Schuchman said he has not had time in the last two weeks to get any new information on this. The Board tabled this to the next regular Board of Alderman meeting.

Ordinance #257, Section 615.180 Solicitation in Streets – Karen said she was working on a draft because it also has to do with the Peddlers License. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to table discussion of Ordinance #257, Section 615.180 Solicitation in Streets. Alderman Denkler seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

No Parking Sign Follow Up - Alderman Schuchmann asked Chief Matthews what the status was on the investigation on the No Parking Sign issue. Chief Matthews said a summons was issued.

2009 Employee Health Insurance Information - Karen informed the Board after Workshop on Monday she talked to all the employees and everyone is in agreement with the selection of Mercy HMO Health Plan. The Dental and Vision Plan had no changes over last year. Alderman Schuchman made a motion to approve renewing the two year participation Agreement with Missouri Consolidated Health Care and the selection of the Mercy HMO Plan. Alderman Denkler seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Cindy Graham – Request to name Alley - Cindy Graham was present and said she was waiting for the answer on naming the Alley after the Clerk having checked with 911, the post office and FMB Bank to see if the name was okay. She is opening her business October 1st.. Alderman Schuchmann read the memo from City Clerk Christine Martin regarding 911's response to naming the Alley and from Farmers & Merchants Bank. 911 Addressing said it was the City's call on naming the Alley and said they usually address a building according to where the entrance to the building is, not which way the building faces. FMB Bank stated in their letter if the Alley was going to be named, they would like it to be named FMB Bank Lane giving credit to their institution for its long-standing commitment to the downtown area of the City. Mayor White said he would like the first request considered for naming the alley. The Board discussed not wanting to name alleys in town. Alderman Schuchmann asked who would pay for street signs. Mayor White said the City will pay for it if the City can pay for No Parking Signs. Lynn Walter spoke up and said No Parking Signs are put up by the City due to an ordinance being in place. Nancy Huster said as far as the location, it is between Wright Stop and FMB Bank. Ms. Graham said her business entrance faces the alley. Mayor White asked for a motion. There was no second to the motion. Naming the Alley was not approved. Alderman Schuchmann said at this time the Board feels there are other implications. Alderman Denkler said he concurred with Alderman Schuchmann. Cindy Graham became very upset and was very vocal about the letter from FMB Bank. Alderman Schuchmann informed Ms. Graham she was being disrespectful and that her tone was not respectful to the Board and explained to her if you treat the Board with respect you get respect back. Alderman Schuchmann said the building she will occupy was originally a back door. Ms. Graham said she had no knowledge of it. Alderman Walter asked if the parking lot was gravel or was paved. Ms. Graham said it was asphalt. Alderman Schuchmann explained again the Board was just not inclined to start naming alleys. City Clerk Martin said Trey Ruge came to City Hall today and said it didn't matter if the alley was named or not. Cindy Graham stated when the alley is named FMB she is suing.

New Business

Park Building Financing – Patsy Jones was present and discussed the financing for the new park building. . The amount financed will be the entire amount of \$328,000 out of capital improvements for fifteen years. The total bond debt will be \$405,000. Karen said there will be a reserve fund of 10 percent set aside. Patsy said by financing, it will leave them a balance to work with. Alderman Denkler said it was a wise decision. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the financing as outlined. Alderman Walter seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Band Competition Parade for High School - Bill Schaffer requested permission for Band Competition for September 27th on Westwoods Road from the Elementary to the High School. Karen said the Band Parade will not last that long, probably less than an hour. Karen said they did this last year and it went fine. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve it with the stipulation that the Police Chief is okay with it. Alderman Walter seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Knights of Columbus – Charity Drive October 10th & 11th - Alderman Schuchmann said he saw no problem as long as there are no small children and suggested restricting it to above the age of 15 years. Alderman Denkler asked about the problem with putting an age limit on it. City Attorney Hicks said the City should check with our insurance company to see if we accept any liability for it. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to table it to obtain more facts on it. Alderman Denkler seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Thomas Industrial Coating – Change Order #1 – Alderman Schuchman said this is just to allow keeping the sand and said as long as the sand is not contaminated we are good. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for Thomas Industrial Coating. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Utility Billing Adjustments - Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve Utility Billing Adjustments. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Special Permits - This was discussed at Workshop on September 8th. Alderman Schuchman said he did not get to review all the information on it. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to table Special Permit to the next meeting. Alderman Walter seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Reports

Engineering – Holly Elterman from Archer was not present but Karen said she emailed her and said they have reached contract completion date. Karen said Holly gave a punch list of items not completed by the completion date with the days added onto it and we are working under the deadline of next month and added Huey Construction contract documents allows for liquidated damages for every day the project is not completed. Larry said he feels the City gave them plenty of time. Karen asked how to proceed. City Attorney Darryl Hicks said Holly should know the procedure. Alderman Schuchmann asked City Attorney Darryl Hicks if September 12th is the completion date do we want to notify the contractor the City is going to charge liquidated damages. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion that Huey Construction be given notification they are in default of their contract and our intention is to collect liquidated damages. Alderman Walter seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Park - Patsy Jones was present to give a report to the Board. She said the rain washed out the walk trail at Ruge Park again and Curt has been working on it. They have been doing mulching in the park. Alderman Schuchman asked about the drinking fountain at the park. Curt said he is still

working with Larry Janish on it and not sure when the fountain will be set completely. Alderman Denkler gave Patsy a brochure from the Home and Garden Show on Blue Star Program for Parks. Patsy said the Farmers Market is still doing well. Curt said the tomatoes have run out but they have lots of sweet corn. Curt thanked Alderman Schuchmann for all the help and expertise he has given on the Park Building Project.

Public Works - City Superintendent Larry Janish talked about 310 Elm Street and said they have some more prices on it. Total cost will be around \$2000. There is a 50 feet right of way from the center of the road. Larry said he hasn't talked to any property owners on it yet. Larry said he is open for suggestions on it. Alderman Schuchmann said he would like to look at the site. Larry said he will meet with who ever would like to look at it.

Larry said they need credit hours for their Water and Wastewater license. He and Kenny plan to attend a class at Lodge of the four Seasons on October 8th and 9th. The class is \$170 per person which is covered under a DNR voucher so the only cost to the City is \$95 for the hotel. They will be gone two days. Alderman Schuchmann said he had no problem with it.

Larry said if the City is interested in putting the lettering on the Water Tower with the City's Logo. The "Wright City" lettering will be \$1,500 but if you want the logo it would cost an additional \$1,800. Larry said to do the lettering with the logo it would be about \$5,300 and with the \$2,100 sand credit. The original contract price is \$75,000. Alderman Schuchmann and Mayor White both agreed to save the money and just stick with the block lettering only and not the Logo.

Building Department – Larry Janish said he is still working on getting complaint tickets caught up. He approved a building permit for Snap Fitness that will be located at the Wildcat Center on Wildcat Drive.

Larry said he is also meeting with Mr. McRae tomorrow morning to go over with him what he needs to do.

Police Department - Police Chief Matthews was present and gave his report. He said since the last meeting they have confiscated and made an arrest on a rolling math lab and have confiscated some marijuana since the last meeting. The Railroad has been notified about the Strassenbash Parade for Saturday and notified MODOT for the one way traffic on the South Service Road and they gave the okay. Chief said since the last meeting and for the last sixteen days they have had 257 calls. Chief Matthews talked about the kids on the sidewalk on Westwoods and said the kids are still going to walk on the road. They have at times taken skateboards and had parents come and pick them up. There is a lot of activity in that area and one officer is not enough.

City Hall – No Report

Treasurer Report – Karen Girondo gave the Board the bank reconciliation report and said she doesn't have the budget and financial report ready. Karen said she is having a problem with the cash to the general ledger and had to call Summit for the problem. Karen said she preferred not to give the report if it wasn't balanced and would have it for the next meeting. She is off \$300 to \$400. She said all receivables in the office affect her general ledger.

Economic Development - Karen said she's had several inquiries for industrial/commercial land. ECMODEV did get the regional marketing grant approved. Karen asked the Board if they were okay with her work schedule for the end of September. The Board was okay with the schedule. Karen said all the Board Members has an invitation in their packet to ride in the Parade for

Strassenbash and hoped to see everyone there. They have more booths assigned this year for Strassenbash than ever before.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Denkler asked about the water department electric for \$3036.00. Larry said that is for all three wells combined each has a 75 hp motor. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve bills. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Final Questions – Jim Toothman said he believes there may be some confusion on reporting the high grass. He said he feels we are not relaying the addresses to the grass cutter contractor. Mayor White said it has to go through Larry first. Larry said he first tries to contact the homeowner to get the grass cut, he sends a letter and then if no response he posts the property for so many days. If they don't cut it then he contacts the company to cut the grass. Larry said by the time the company gets out there it's been three weeks or so since the first attempt to contact the homeowner. The Board discussed complaint forms and it was mentioned that you do not have to personally come in to fill out a complaint form. Complaints can be filled out by calling in.

Peggy Sherman asked how many times the Thoroughbred property has been cut. Jim Toothman said it has been cut a total of about 3 times. Alderman Schuchmann told Peggy that it takes about 30 days to get the process started for grass cutting and after it's cut the first time, the property can probably be cut every couple weeks after that.

Executive Session: Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to come out of regular session and go into executive session at 8:00 pm to discuss business relating to Legal, as allowed pursuant to the exception of the provisions of section 610.o21(1) RSMo. Alderman Reynolds seconded it and roll call was taken

Alderman Denkler	Yea	Alderman Schuchmann	Yea
Alderman Walter	Yea	Alderman Reynolds	Yea

The motion carried.

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

Alderman Denkler	Yea	Alderman Schuchmann	Yea
Alderman Walter	Yea	Alderman Reynolds	Yea

The motion carried.

Adjournment

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Walter seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Approved _____

Attested _____