

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, August 9, 2018
City Hall, 203 Veterans Memorial Parkway**

Mayor Dan Rowden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Board of Aldermen chambers of the City Hall, 203 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Wright City, Missouri.

Roll Call

City Clerk Karen Girondo called the roll with Mayor Rowden, Alderman John O'Connor, Alderman Kerry Lambright, Alderman Nathan Rohr and Alderman Thomas Dixon present. City staff present were Ms. Girondo, Public Works Superintendent Kenny Robinett, Police Chief Matthew Eskew, Project Manager James Schuchmann, Parks Director Curt Kehoe, City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, and Officer James Hepperman. Others present were Cheryl Lambright, James Toothman, Michelle Valley and Adam Rollins of the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden asked Ms. Lambright to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2018, Board of Aldermen meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Girondo said the July financial reports were not completed.

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

Ms. Valley asked for an update on the review of the designated truck route. Mayor Rowden said city officials met with engineers from George Butler and Associates August 8 to discuss the street study the firm is conducting and review of the truck route was the first issue officials asked engineers to study.

Open Meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

A citizen expressed concern about the water accumulating around the parking lot of Greif, Inc. and black areas on the city street. The Aldermen asked Mr. Robinett to investigate the matter.

Proclamation – Mayor Rowden read a Proclamation honoring Ralph Hellebusch on his retirement as administrator of the Warren County Ambulance District. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve the Proclamation. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning Commission

None

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Report – Mr. Schuchmann presented a revised contract with Office Essentials for the purchase, delivery and set-up of furnishings in the new city hall building. The contract is for \$59,729.09, he said. The contract presented and approved at the July 26 Board of Aldermen meeting did not include delivery and installation fees, he said. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to accept the contract from Office Essentials for \$59,729.09. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Mr. Schuchmann presented two bids for solid surface laminate tops - \$12,603.02 from A-Z Laminating of Wentzville and \$15,168.49 from LAMI Wood Products of St. Charles. He and Mayor Rowden recommended the Aldermen accept the bid from A-Z Laminating. Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$12,603.02 from A-Z Laminating. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Mr. Schuchmann presented two bids for flooring - \$36,759.00 from Henges Interiors of Earth City and \$56,626.00 from Office Essentials of St. Louis. He and the Mayor recommended the Aldermen accept the Henges Interiors bid. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$36,759.00 from Henges Interiors. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Mr. Schuchmann presented a bid of \$1,973.00 from Missouri Vocational Enterprises of Jefferson City for shelving units for the Municipal Division and the public works storage areas. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$1,973.00 from Missouri Vocational Enterprises for shelving units. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Joy Howard 2016 GO Bonds Defeasance – Ms. Howard did not attend the meeting. Mr. Rost referred the Aldermen to the passage of Bill #17-18 elsewhere on the agenda.

2009 COPS Park Payoff – Ms. Girondo presented information from the City’s financial advisor regarding paying off the outstanding COPS Park bond debt. By paying off the \$210,000 debt now, the City would save approximately \$42,525.00 interest fees, she said. Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to retire the 2009 COPS Park debt. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Preliminary Tax Rate for 2018 – Ms. Girondo presented information on the 2018 property tax rate based on an assessed valuation of \$58,947.004. A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be conducted August 23, she said.

Lion’s Club Liquor License for Strassenbash – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to approve a liquor license for the Wright City Lions Club to serve beer at the Strassenbash Sept. 14 and 15, 2018. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Small Batch Winery Liquor License for Stassenbash – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to table an application for a liquor license from Small Batch Winery to serve wine at the Strassenbash to allow time to gather more information regarding the sale of bottled wine. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Sale of Surplus Vehicles – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to sell two surplus vehicles – a Jeep and 2005 Ford Explorer – on the website govdeal.com. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Park Workers – Mayor Rowden recommended Trent Bruning and Leo Kniffin be employed as parks department workers at a rate of \$7.85 per hour and \$25.00 per game they umpire.

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Ordinance/Resolutions

Bill #17-18 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A PARTIAL DEFEASANCE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, SERIES 2016; AND RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING PRIOR ACTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Ms. Girondo read the Bill by title. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion for the second reading of the Bill. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Girondo read the Bill a second time. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #17-18. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Dixon	Yea	Alderman O'Connor	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. 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 signature and approval and then duly signed and becomes Ordinance #944 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Reports

Parks – Mr. Kehoe reviewed upcoming events at the city parks. He said there are enough participants to field 12 soccer teams this fall. The teams will play on Saturday mornings, he said.

Public Works – Mr. Robinett reviewed highlights of his written report and the recent work of his department.

Police Chief – Chief Eskew reviewed highlights of his department's calls for services, arrests and investigations.

City Hall/Treasurer/Economic Development – Ms. Girondo reviewed highlights of her written report and said she continues to work on a revised 2018 budget. Ms. Girondo said Judge Nathan Carroz has notified the City he will resign his post effective December 31, 2018.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$107,868.74. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Announcement

Pastor Purl announced the annual 9-11 remembrance service will be September 9, and updated Aldermen on activities at the food pantry.

Vote to Enter Executive Session

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to exit regular session and enter executive session to discuss business for the purpose of dealing with matters related to one or more of the following: legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City's representatives and its attorney pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo; leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where

public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore, pursuant to Section 610.021(2), RSMo; and hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded, pursuant to Section 610.021(3), RSMo. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O'Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

The Board returned to open session from Executive Session.

Adjournment

Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Approved: _____

Attested: _____