

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, April 12, 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 and Alderman Nathan Rohr present. Alderman Thomas Dixon was absent.

City staff present were City Clerk/Treasurer Karen Girondo, Public Works Supt. Kenny Robinett, Police Chief Matthew Eskew, Project Manager James Schuchmann, Parks Director Curt Kehoe, City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chaplin Joseph Purl and Officer James Hepperman. Others present were James Toothman, Nate Kammeier, Wayne Nolting, Hanny Yatim, Cheryl Lambright, Mickie Mora and Adam Rollins of the Warren County Record.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Rowden asked Chief Eskew to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018, Board of Aldermen meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Approval of Election Results**

Ms. Girondo read the results of the April 3, 2018, municipal election as certified April 6, 2018, by Warren County Clerk Barbara Daly. The results are: for Mayor – Dan Rowden 416 votes and Jim Logan 182 votes; for Alderman Ward One (one-year term) – Kerry Lambright 196 votes and Dwayne Paul 90 votes; for Alderman Ward One (two-year term) – John O'Connor 258 votes; for Alderman Ward Two – James Toothman 120 votes and Thomas Dixon 192 votes; for Proposition U – 503 Yes votes and 144 No votes. Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the results of the April 3, 2018, municipal election as certified by Ms. Daly. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Adjourn Meeting with Outgoing Board**

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting of the outgoing Board of Aldermen. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Swear in Newly Elected Officials**

Ms. Girondo administered the oath of office to Mayor Rowden and Aldermen O'Connor and Lambright. Ms. Girondo said she administered the oath to Alderman Dixon prior to the meeting.

## **Call Meeting to Order of New Board and Roll Call**

Mayor Rowden called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order. Ms. Girondo called roll with Mayor Rowden, Alderman O'Connor, Alderman Lambright and Alderman Rohr present. Alderman Dixon was absent.

## **Elect President of the Board**

Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to re-elect Alderman Dixon president of the Board of Aldermen. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

## **Financial Reports**

Ms. Girondo said the March financial reports are not yet completed.

## **Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns**

None

## **Open Meeting to Public Comments/Concerns**

Mr. Nolting suggested the City obtain an appraisal of the acreage on Bell Road it plans to purchase for a city park. Pastor Purl thanked municipal candidates for their professional conduct during the municipal election. Mayor Rowden thanked the citizens for their support of Proposition U.

## **Public Hearing**

None

## **Recommendations from Planning and Zoning Commission**

None

## **Old Business**

**Wright City Municipal Project Status Report** – Mr. Schuchmann presented three bids for installation of drywall at the new city hall. They are: Gateway Drywall, Inc. of Moscow Mills, \$43,400.00; Sundermeyer Construction Services of Bridgeton, \$44,855.00; and Hakenwerth Drywall and Insulation, Inc. of Wentzville, \$42,100.00. Mr. Schuchmann and Mayor Rowden recommended the Board accept the bid from Gateway Drywall, Inc. Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$43,400.00 from Gateway Drywall, Inc. for the installation of drywall. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0. Mr. Schuchmann presented two bids for the installation of a platform lift at the new city hall. The bids are Lifts of Illinois of Roanoke, IL, \$28,982.00; and Custom Home Elevators of St. Louis, Inc., \$32,070.00. The Mayor recommended the Board accept the bid from Lifts of Illinois. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$28,982.00 from Lifts of Illinois for a platform lift. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**UB payment Agreement Request Account #100038001** – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to disconnect the utilities for UB account #100038001. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**Michelle Wells, 542 Falcons Flight** – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to approve the request submitted by Michelle and Scott Wells at the March 22, 2018, Board of Aldermen meeting for reimbursement of \$197.68 for expenses incurred as the result of a sanitary sewer backup March 9, 2018, at their residence located at 542 Falcons Flight. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Cemetery Mowing Bids** – Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to accept the bid submitted by Buchheit Lawncare and Landscaping for \$1,000.00 per mowing of the city cemetery. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

### **New Business**

**Ruiz – Cinco de Mayo Special Permit** – Mr. Mora presented an application for a special permit to have outside music and dining May 5, 2018 until 10 p.m. in celebration of Cinco de Mayo at Ruiz Castillo. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to approve a special permit allowing Ruiz Castillo to have outside music and dining until 10 p.m. May 5, 2018. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Hanny Yatim – Liquor License for Farmers Supermarket** – Mr. Yatim told the Board he is purchasing the Farmer's Supermarket business and is seeking a package liquor license that includes Sunday sales. The Aldermen asked Chief Eskew to conduct a background check of the applicant before they act on the liquor license application.

**Forest Lake Waterline** – No one from the subdivision was present to speak about the issue.

**UCC Church Sidewalk Letter** – The Aldermen reviewed a letter from Immanuel United Church of Christ regarding the repairs needed to sidewalks in front of the church along the North Outer Road. The Aldermen instructed Mr. Robinett to inspect the sidewalks and include the repair project on the City's sidewalk program list.

**Nate Kammeier – Removal of Barriers at Falcons Crest** – Mr. Kammeier, a resident of Gator Road, asked the Aldermen to consider removing the barriers the City installed between Falcons Flight and Gator Road. The Aldermen said the barriers were installed to prevent vehicles from Gator Road, which is outside the city limits, from accessing the city streets in Falcons Crest and there were no plans to remove the barriers.

**UB Payment Agreement Status Report** – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to disconnect utility services to all account holders who are delinquent on their payment agreement with the City. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**UB Payment Agreement Request and Sewer Write-off Request #300030001** – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to waive the excess sewer charges that were the result of a waterline break on the property of UB account holder #300030001. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**UB Adjustment Report for March** - Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the March UB Adjustment Report. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**204 Cherry Street Utility Service** – Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion that the property owner at 204 Cherry Street must abide by a letter he signed with the City regarding utility services for the multi-family unit. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Street RFQ** – Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to accept request for qualifications for a qualified consultant to develop a comprehensive pavement management program. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Liberty Tree – Warren County 4-H** – Ms. Girondo said the Warren County 4-H Council has received a grant to plant a Liberty Tree in the Wright City Cemetery April 28. After the tree-planting, 4-Hers will help with service projects in the cemetery and picking up litter throughout the City, she said.

**Ordinance/Resolutions**

None

**Reports**

**Parks** – Mr. Kehoe reported on the Easter Egg Hunt and upcoming events at the parks. He said Coca Cola is donating LED lights for diamond number two at Ruge Park and also the installation of the lights.

**Public Works** – Mr. Robinett reported two of the City’s three water wells have been repaired and an electrician is reviewing the electrical system at the third well site and it will be in operation when that report is completed. The electrical system is being reviewed after three motors have failed there in the past 18 months, he said. Tornado sirens in the City were tested April 11, he said.

**Building Official** – None

**Police** – Chief Eskew reviewed highlights of his Department’s recent investigations, arrests and calls for service.

**City Hall/Treasurer/Economic Development** – Ms. Girondo reviewed highlights of her written report.

**Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to pay bills in the amount of \$125,415.71. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Final Questions**

Pastor Purl announced plans for a safety fair April 28 on the parking lot of the Nazarene Church.

**Vote to Enter Executive Session**

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to exit regular session and enter executive session to discuss business for the purpose of dealing with matters related to legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O’Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Absent

The motion was approved 3-0.

The Board returned to open session from Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

