

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, November 8, 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 Gironde called the roll with Mayor Rowden, Alderman John O'Connor, Alderman Kerry Lambright, Alderman Nathan Rohr, Alderman Thomas Dixon present. City staff present were City Clerk/Treasurer Karen Gironde, 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. Also present were Don Goeglein, Robert Wright, Karen Wright and Adam Rollins of the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden asked everyone to join him in 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 October 25, 2018, Board of Aldermen meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the October financial reports. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

Mr. Goeglein asked the Aldermen how he should proceed with his plans to construct a garage on his property at 204 Cherry Street. The Aldermen said he must submit site and building plans to Robert Barclay, the City building inspector, and said the plans must include the concrete drive. Upon approval of the plans by Mr. Barclay, the Aldermen said the City would then enter into a memorandum of understanding with him and also would require him to post a performance bond. The memorandum would allow him one year to install the concrete drive.

Open Meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

Mr. Wright said storm water drainage at the Osage County Gun construction site continues to be an issue at his property on West Second Street North. He said officials from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources visited the site November 7. The Aldermen said the City continues to work with the business owners to correct the drainage issues, and the approved drainage system at the site will be installed as soon as weather permits.

Public Hearing

Mayor Rowden opened the hearing on the proposed annexation of 62 acres on Westwoods Road the City has purchased for development of a city park. There being no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning Commission

None

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Mr. Schuchmann said 80 percent of the flooring has been installed in the new city hall building. He presented two bids for appliances for the employee breakroom - \$1,305.23 from Home Depot and \$1,385.27 from Lowe's. Mayor Rowden recommended the Board accept the bid from Home Depot. Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$1,305.23 from Home Depot for appliances. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Mayor Rowden recommended the Aldermen approve a change order request for an additional 344 tons of base rock at a cost of \$6,192.00. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the change order of \$6,192.00 to Gold Star Paving. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

End of the Month Bills – Ms. Girondo asked the Alderman for authorization to pay bills due at the end of November before the next regular meeting on December 13. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to allow payment of the bills due by the end of the month of November. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Training for Public Works – Mayor Rowden recommended the Board allow public works employee Howard Aubuchon to attend a snow and ice control training in St. Louis November 27 presented by the Missouri Local Technical Assistance Program. The registration fee is \$45. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to allow Howard Aubuchon to attend a snow and ice control training in St. Louis November 27. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Interviews for Municipal Judge – The Aldermen asked Ms. Girondo to contact the three applicants for municipal judge and arrange interviews for November 14.

Sign Ordinance – The Aldermen agreed to send the proposed sign ordinance revision to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a public hearing before the Commission.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Resolution R11-18 – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, ON APRIL 2, 2019. Ms. Girondo read the Resolution by title. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to approve Resolution R11-18. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Reports

Parks – Mr. Kehoe reported an estimated 525 children attended the trunk or treat event at Diekroeger Park October 31. He reviewed dates for upcoming holiday events at the park.

Public Works – Mr. Robinett reviewed highlights of his written report. He asked the Board to approve William Thomas as a part-time employee for emergency snow removal. The Mayor recommended the employment of Mr. Thomas at an hourly wage of \$15.00. Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to employ William Thomas on a part-time

basis for emergency snow removal at an hourly wage of \$15.00. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Building Official – The Aldermen reviewed the building official’s written report.

Police – Chief Eskew reviewed calls, investigations and incidents his officers handled. He said during one incident, an officer was assaulted and treated by emergency medical responders. The officer is back on patrol, he said.

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

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$422,722.65. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Announcement

Aldermen were reminded of the public meetings regarding plans for the new city park November 13 and December 11. The Mayor announced plans for an employee open house at the new city hall November 29 and an open house for the public December 12. The Board of Aldermen’s first meeting in the new building will be December 13. Pastor Purl reported on services provided by the food pantry, and said a community Thanksgiving service will be held November 16 at Harmonie Church.

Final Questions

None

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 the 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 Lambright	Yea
Alderman Rohr	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

The Board returned to open session from executive session.

Adjournment

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

Approved: _____

Attested: _____