

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, April 11, 2019  
City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road**

Mayor Dan Rowden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Aldermen Chambers of the City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road, Wright City, Missouri.

**Roll Call**

City Clerk Karen Girondo called the roll with Mayor Rowden, Alderman Nathan Rohr, Alderman John O'Connor and Alderman Thomas Dixon present. Alderman Kerry Lambright was absent. City staff present were City Clerk/Treasurer Karen Girondo, City Administrator James Schuchmann, Police Chief Matthew Eskew, Parks Director Curt Kehoe, City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Abbie Ogborn and Officer James Hepperman. Others present were William Johanning, Mickie Mora, DeShon Johnson, Annette Kossman 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 Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2019, 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 2, 2019, municipal election as certified April 5, 2019, by Warren County Clerk Denise Stotler. The results are: for Alderman Ward One – Kerry Lambright, 188 votes; for Alderman Ward Two – Nathan Rohr 224 votes. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to accept the results of the April 2, 2019, municipal election as certified by Ms. Stotler. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Adjourn Meeting with Outgoing Board**

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Dixon 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 Alderman Rohr. Ms. Girondo said Alderman Lambright will be given the oath of office April 15.

**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 Rohr, Alderman O'Connor and Alderman Dixon present. Alderman Lambright was absent.

### **Elect President of the Board**

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Rohr 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**

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the March financial reports. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

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

None

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

None

### **Public Hearing**

**Westwoods Road Annexation** – Mayor Rowden opened the public hearing on a petition to annex the right-of-way of Westwoods Road from Spring Hill Circle to Bell Road. There being no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the hearing.

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

None

### **Old Business**

**Wright City Municipal Project Status Report** – Mr. Schuchmann reported interior demolition work continues at the former city hall.

**PWSD #2 Easement** – Mayor Rowden said the easement requested by Public Water Supply District #2 is on agenda later in the meeting.

**Easement and Closing of Third Street** – Mr. Schuchmann said work continues on this issue.

### **New Business**

**Proclamation National Child Abuse Prevention Month** – Mayor Rowden read a Proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Wright City.

**Transfer Money to Project Account or Pay out of General Checking** – Ms. Gironde asked the Aldermen if they wished to transfer \$500,000 from the general revenue fund to the bond construction fund to pay the costs of the police department renovation project or if they wished to pay the costs directly from the general revenue fund. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to pay the renovation costs from the general revenue fund. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Special Permit for Ruiz Castillo Mexican Restaurant** – Mr. Mora requested a special permit from the City to allow outside music and dining from 5 to 10 p.m. May 4 at Ruiz Castillo Mexican Restaurant for Cinco de Mayo. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to issue a special permit to Ruiz Castillo Mexican Restaurant and allow the

business to have outside music and dining May 4, 2019 from 5 to 10 p.m. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Tree in Cemetery** – Ms. Girondo said Elaine Keller Breese wishes to donate money for the purchase of an oak tree to be planted on two lots she owns, Lots 99 and 100, in the Keller Addition to the Wright City Cemetery. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to allow an oak tree to be planted on Lots 99 and 100 in the Keller Addition of the City Cemetery. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Bids for Park Finish Mower** – Mr. Schuchmann presented the following four bids for a finish mower deck for the parks department: \$3,159.00 from Heavy Duty Equipment of Chesterfield; \$3,480.00 from Mordt Tractor of Warrenton; \$3,850.00 from Sydenstricker Implement of Dutzow; and \$4,050.00 from Erb Equipment of Fenton. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$3,480.00 from Mordt Tractor for a 72-inch rear discharge Land Pride mower deck. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Utility Adjustment Report** – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to approve the utility adjustment report. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

### **Ordinance/Resolutions**

**Resolution #R10-19** – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PERMANENT SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS TO PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 2 OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI. Ms. Girondo read the Resolution by title. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve Resolution #R10-19. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Bill #8-19 AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY WITHIN THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, WARREN COUNTY, MISSOURI, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.** Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to table action on Bill #8-19. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

### **Reports**

**Parks** – Mr. Kehoe reported on upcoming events at the parks. He asked the Board for approval to hire individuals to umpire baseball and softball games. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to employ Abbie Ogborn and Mark Guern as umpires at a rate of \$30.00 per game and Kyle Johnson at a rate of \$20.00 per game. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to employ Josh Butler, Joseph Butler and Riley Heiliger as umpires at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to employ Mike Holmes and Stuart Bruning as umpires at a rate of \$30.00 per game. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

Mr. Kehoe said John Lacaillade and Sue Wright have resigned from the Park Board resulting in vacancies on the Board from both Ward One and Ward Two.

**Public Works** – Mr. Schuchmann reported the tractor and lawn mower for the cemetery have been delivered.

**Building Official** – The Aldermen reviewed the written report.

**Police** – Chief Eskew reviewed highlights of his written report and reported on crime statistics.

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

**Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$95,114.02. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Announcements**

Mr. Johnson introduced himself and said he is completing work on a Boy Scout citizenship badge. One of the badge requirements is attending a local government meeting. He asked the City's plans for the former City Hall, and the Aldermen said it is being renovated for the police department.

Pastor Purl said the food pantry is in need of peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, ravioli and cereal.

**Final Questions**

None

**Vote to Enter Executive Session**

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to exit regular session at 7:15 p.m. 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 Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Absent	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 3-0.

The Board returned to open session from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

**Adjournment**

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

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

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