

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
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Thursday, April 9, 2020
City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road**

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

Roll Call

City Clerk Abbie Ogborn called the roll with Mayor Dan Rowden, Alderman John O'Connor, Alderman Nathan Rohr, Alderman Kerry Lambright and Alderman Thomas Dixon present. Alderman Lambright attended the meeting via Zoom and his image was available on the screen. City Staff Present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Administrator James Schuchmann, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Chief Matt Eskew, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, and Parks Director Curt Kehoe. City Attorney Paul Rost and Chief Matt Eskew attended the meeting via Zoom and their images were available on the screen. Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record was also present.

Mayor Rowden read the following message out loud:

Thank you for attending this meeting via Video-conferencing. In light of the current public health crisis and the Federal, State, County & City Emergency Declarations, and in accord with the provisions of Sec. 610.020, RSMo., the Board of Aldermen recognizes that it would be dangerous and impractical, if not impossible, for its meeting to be physically accessible to the public, so we are using the Zoom application to conduct these meetings online. We appreciate the effort that you have taken to be listening and/or watching this meeting tonight. We further appreciate your patience as we endeavor to be as transparent and open as we can be and yet keep the public and ourselves safe in this difficult time. To ask a question or make a comment you will need to enter your name and address and the question or comment via the Chat function located in Zoom. To access the Chat function, look under the "More" or "Participants" tabs in the control bar at the bottom or top of your screen. Just type in your name, address and questions or comments at any time during the meeting and we will do our best to address all appropriate questions and comments at the suitable time. We must have your name and address for our records to read and respond to any question or comment. You can always email or mail written questions or comments to City Hall at any time and they would be addressed at the next available meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2020, Board of Alderman Meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Financial Reports

Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve the Finance Reports for the month of March 2020. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

Mr. Schuchmann said he saw no questions submitted or hands raised online.

Open meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

Mr. Schuchmann said no comments were made online.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning Commission

None

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Mr. Schuchmann said the storm drain was installed from the lower parking lot of City Hall out to the other drain system and concrete work was completed by the Public Works Department. Another drain line will go in on the east side of City Hall to drain the small pond of water the north side collects. Steve Thomas, the builder of Carter Canyon Subdivision, delivered roughly 50 truckloads of dirt to help get the other part of the field at City Hall ready for ball fields. Mr. Schuchmann said drywall is going up at the Police Department.

New Business

Penalty write off request account #100034002 – Based on the recommendation from City Hall staff, Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to write off the accumulated penalties of \$450.11. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Appoint Title VI Coordinator – Mayor Rowden recommended to appoint Denise Queen. Based on Mayor Rowden's recommendation Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to appoint Denise Queen as the Title VI Coordinator. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Hiring of umpires and summer help – Mayor Rowden and Parks Director Curt Kehoe recommended to the Board to table this item once again from seasons being cancelled due to COVID-19. Based on the recommendation Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to table this item until the April 23rd meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Naming of City Street – Mayor Rowden said the Board of Alderman auctioned off the street located in front of City Hall during the Blue and Gold Auction and Dan and Bobbi Maestas placed the highest bid. They have asked the Board to name the Street E.W. Bueneman, Jr. Boulevard in honor and memory of her father. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the naming rights of the City street and give permission that the sign is given to the family when it is time to replace the sign.

WCW3 Letter of Credit Release – Mr. Schuchmann said WCW3 has completed the items outlined for 301 Locust St and the improvements to the building and asked the City to approve their work. Mr. Schuchmann said he went out and everything looked good and recommended the Board of Aldermen release the Letter of Credit. Based on the recommendation from Mr. Schuchmann, Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to release the Letter of Credit. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinances/Resolutions

None

Reports

Parks – Mr. Kehoe said all park playgrounds are closed and basketball rims have been removed to lower the number of gatherings at the parks. All spring soccer registrations have been refunded. Over 1,100 goodie bags were taken the school district to hand out with lunches due to the Easter Egg Hunt being cancelled.

Public Works – Mr. Roettger review highlights of his written report including work that has been completed around the City such as patch work, assisting with the new storm drain at City Hall and painting angled parking spaces in front of Railhouse.

Police – Mr. Eskew via Zoom said Officer Bone is wrapping up his 6-month probation and asked the Board to move him to full pay at \$20.60 as of April 12th, 2020. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to promote Officer Bone to non-probation salary level. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Chief Eskew mentioned the precautions the Police Department is taking to slow the spread of COVID-19 at their building. He stated, “We are a strong community and together we will get through this”. Mayor Rowden wanted to let the citizens and board know that there have been meetings on a regular basis to keep information updated and have open communication with the County Commissioner. City Hall staff has been attending video conferences over COVID-19 as well.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn said staff is completing day to day operations and receiving a lot of payments for trash services that were billed earlier in the week.

Treasurer – Mr. Schuchmann said the reports are available in the packet. Line items for expenses related to COVID-19 have been set up to keep track of labor, cleaning supplies and any additional costs.

City Administrator – Mr. Schuchmann said an application to FEMA has been submitted and we are continuing to operate as best as we can. Businesses are continuing to call in interested in the City.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$51,765.22. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

Mr. Schuchmann patched in Karen Gironde through Zoom and introduced her by saying “You can take the girl out of the City but can’t take the city out of the girl”. She said everyone is doing great.

Final Questions

None

Adjournment

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

Approved: _____

Attested: _____