

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, August 24, 2017
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 City Clerk Karen Girondo, Project Manager James Schuchmann, Public Works Assistant Superintendent Kenny Robinett, Police Chief Matthew Eskew, Parks Director Curt Kehoe, City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chaplin Joseph Purl and Police Officer James Hepperman. Others present were Kimberly Jumper, James Toothman, Cheryl Lambright, Joe Grunwaldt, David Buck, Roy Mahnesmith, Aaron Holiway, Randy Lewis and Adam Rollins of the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Toothman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017, Board of Aldermen meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. There was no financial report.

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

None

Open Meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

Mr. Holiway addressed the Board regarding property he owns at 125 East First Street North. He said the two buildings on Lot 1 of Block 2 are for sale, and he has a buyer for one of the buildings. Mr. Holiway inquired about the possibility of dividing the lot in two. The Aldermen told Mr. Holiway he must have a legal description of the two proposed lots before city officials could make any decision regarding dividing the lot.

Public Hearing – 2017 Tax Rate

Mayor Rowden opened the public hearing on the proposed 2017 tax rate for the City of Wright City. The proposed tax rates are based on an assessed valuation of \$54,495,336.00 and are: \$.4970 for the general fund; \$0923 for the park fund; \$.1846 for the street light fund; and \$.1792 for the debt service fund. Total proposed tax rate is \$.9531. There being no public comment on the proposed rates, Mayor Rowden closed the public hearing.

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to divide the property on which well #3 is located on Westwoods Road into two lots, a 0.11 acre lot for the well site and a 0.81 acre lot that adjoins the new city hall property. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Mr. Schuchmann reported the roofing contractor is expected to have the new roof installed by the end of September, and the architect has completed revisions to the building plans. The revisions have been submitted to the city building inspector, he said.

Sewer Proposals Status – Mr. Rost said negotiations with Public Water Supply District No. 2 of St. Charles County for the possible sale of the City's sewer system to the district are not progressing, and said the contract submitted by the District is not reasonable. He said any proposal to sell the City's sewer and possibly water systems to the District would not be put before the voters for approval until April 2018. The Aldermen asked Mr. Schuchmann to contact Kuhlmann Design Group regarding the company's previous recommendations for upgrades to the City's sewer system and to review viable options for an upgrade. Alderman O'Connor suggested the City may wish to investigate the possibility of contracting with a management company for the operation of the sewer system.

Water Request UB Account #100527003 – The Aldermen agreed to deny a request from UB Account #100527003 holder for a reduction in a water bill due to malfunctioning toilets in the residence.

2020 Census – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to appoint Marie Hollenbeck as the City's LUCA liaison for the 2020 Census with Ms. Girondo as the reviewer of the address list. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Frank Ellis – Fatheads Car Club – Mr. Ellis presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 to Chief Eskew to be used for the benefit of the police department. The check represents a portion of the proceeds from the car show held earlier this year at the city park. The car club presented the other half of the proceeds to the Wright City Fire Department, Mr. Ellis said.

Kim Jumper – Red, Wright and Blue – Ms. Jumper gave a recap of the event held August 19 for the benefit of the police department's K9 Unit. The event raised \$11,200.00 for the department, she said. In addition, organizers of the event secured an \$8,000 donation from the Ryan Griffith Foundation to purchase a new dog for the K9 Unit, and a donation of \$1,800 from the Dogs on Duty organization to purchase a safety vest for the dog, she said. Mayor Rowden thanked Ms. Jumper and State Rep. Bryan Spencer for their efforts organizing the event.

Wright City R-2 Foundation Permit Request – Dr. Buck presented plans for the Foundation's benefit 5K run/walk September 9. Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve a permit for the event. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Vacation Rollover Request – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to allow Ms. Girondo to carry over six vacation days until the end of the year and to allow Mr. Kehoe to carry over 56 hours of vacation to the end of October 2017. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Wilson Waster Contract Request – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to extend the City's refuse contract with Wilson Waste Systems, LLC, from

March 1, 2018, through February 28, 2021, with the same rates that are now in effect. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

K9 Program – Chief Eskew reported the department has received its new K9, and the dog has been named Athena. Officer Andrew Huston will be the K9 officer, he said. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to send both Officer Huston and Athena to a six-week training course at a cost of \$1,700.00. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Letters of Appreciation – Chief Eskew said he will send letters of appreciation to all individuals, businesses and organizations who have supported the department through monetary gifts or volunteer work.

Officer Safety Grant – Chief Eskew reported the safety vests now worn by city police officers expire in May 2018, and 20 new vests are needed. He said there is an officer safety grant available that would allow the city to purchase 13 vests. The grant pays 90 percent of the costs of the vests and the City would be responsible for the remaining 10 percent or \$1,075.00. Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to apply for the officer safety grant. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Listing Contract with Randy Lewis – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to extend the City’s listing agreement with Mr. Lewis of Tom Shaw Realty for six months on the city-owned property on Veterans Memorial Parkway. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Spring Lake Villas – Empty Lots – Mr. Mahnesmith, representing the Spring Lake Villas Homeowners Association, addressed the Aldermen regarding three lots in the Spring Lake Villas subdivision whose ownership was transferred to Warren County when the previous owner failed to pay property taxes on the lots for three years. He said the lots have not been mowed, and asked the City to consider mowing the lots. The Aldermen agreed to contact county officials regarding the overgrown lots.

UB Payment Agreement Status Report – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to approve the UB payment agreement status report. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Bill #16-17 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS. Ms. Girondo read the bill by title. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to read Bill #16-17 a second time. 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. Ms. Girondo read the bill a second time. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #16-17. 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. Mayor Rowden then put the question: “Shall Bill #16-17 be passed and become an Ordinance?” 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 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 #919 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Bill #17-17 – AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND IMPOSING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2017 FOR: GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; STREET LIGHTS PURPOSES; PUBLIC PARK PURPOSES; AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PURPOSES. Ms. Girondo read the bill by title. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to read Bill #17-17 a second time. 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. Ms. Girondo read the bill a second time. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #17-17. 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. Mayor Rowden then put the question: "Shall Bill #17-17 be passed and become an Ordinance?" 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 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 #920 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Bill #18-17 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE RECORD PLAT FOR THE WELL #3 SUBDIVISION AND DIRECTING THAT IT BE RECORDED WITH THE WARREN COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS. Ms. Girondo read the bill by title. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to read Bill #18-17 a second time. 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. Ms. Girondo read the bill a second time. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #18-17. 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. Mayor Rowden then put the question: "Shall Bill #18-17 be passed and become an Ordinance?" 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 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 #921 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Bill #19-17 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY AND BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR AN UPDATE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY. Ms. Girondo read the bill by title. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to read Bill # 19-17 a second time. 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. Ms. Girondo read the bill a second time. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #19-17. 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. Mayor Rowden then put the question: "Shall Bill #19-17 be passed and become an Ordinance?" 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 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 #922 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Reports

Parks – Mr. Kehoe reported on recent events at the park. He also informed the Board the Chamber of Commerce is vacating its office at the Heiliger Activity Building at the end of September.

Public Works – Mr. Robinett reported asphalt bids are due September 12.

Building Official – None

Police – Chief Eskew reviewed highlights of his department's recent calls, investigations and incidents. He said the former K9 Zeus has been retired, and Dogs on Duty has agreed to pay for all medications Zeus will need for the remainder of his life.

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 approve the bills in the amount of \$29,307.85. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Final Questions

None

Vote to Enter Executive Session

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

Approved: 

Tested: 