

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 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. The meeting was available to attend via Zoom.

Roll Call

City Clerk Abbie Ogborn called the roll with Mayor Dan Rowden, Alderman Kerry Lambright, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, Alderman Michelle Heiliger and Alderman Nathan Rohr present. City staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Administrator James Schuchmann, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Chief Matthew Eskew, Police Chaplin Joseph Purl, Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger, Treasurer Stephanie Hampton, and Acting Parks Director Josh Cole. Others present were Cherryl Howard, Lisa Foran, Veva Karn, Jeff Trentmann with Hochschild Bloom & Company and Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2020, Board of Aldermen Meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Financial Reports

None

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

Mr. Schuchmann said there were no questions or hands raised via Zoom.

Open meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

Mr. Schuchmann said there were no questions or hands raised via Zoom.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Mr. Schuchmann said a lot of progress has been made and the projected move in date of July 11th is on track. The Public Works department helped frame a

porch and ramp at the back exit of building. Mr. Schuchmann said a ribbon cutting on phase 1 may be in a couple of weeks.

Audit Report – Jeff Trentmann with Hochschild Bloom and Company LLP presented and reviewed highlights of the 2019 audit report and said it was overall a very good audit.

GWCEDC increase request – Mr. Schuchmann gave background information on what the GWCEDC is and recommended the Board approve the rate increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually and added that this expense was accounted for in the 2020 Budget. Alderman Rohr moved and Aldermen Hakim seconded the motion to increase the support of the GWCEDC to \$15,000 annually. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Gateway Fiber – Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to table this item to a later date. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Payment Agreement account #200808002 – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to move this item to the end of New Business to discuss other important items on the Agenda. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Once reviewed by the Board, Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the payment agreement as presented. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Liquor License renewals – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the Liquor License renewals. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Write off request – old accounts – Alderman Hakim expressed his concern to the Board about writing off the outstanding balances. Alderman Hakim would like to investigate what it would cost the City to try and collect these balances instead of writing them off. Alderman Rohr added the City has spent just as much if not more trying to collect these balances and they are not collectable. Mr. Schuchmann added it is legally impossible to collect these outstanding balances. After discussion, Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to table this item to the Board of Aldermen Workshop meeting on Monday, July 6, 2020.

Payment Agreement account #400054002 – Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Ramiz seconded the motion to table the Payment Agreement to the next Board of Aldermen meeting on July 9, 2020. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Penalty write off request account #203074001 – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to table the write off request to the next Board of Aldermen meeting on July 9, 2020. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment recommendations – Mayor Rowden recommended Kim Arbuthnot to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to appoint Kim Arbuthnot to the Planning and Zoning Commission. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Mayor Rowden recommended John O'Connor and Scott Schroeder to the Board of Adjustment. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to appoint John O'Connor and Scott Schroeder to the Board of Adjustment. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Write off request account #100363001 – Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to table the write off request to the next Board of Aldermen meeting on July 9, 2020. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Write off request account #100039002 – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to table the write off request to the next Board of Aldermen meeting on July 9, 2020. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Write off request account #100039004 – The outstanding balance of \$160.55 was covered in a payment agreement that was approved in February of 2015 and was never adjusted off. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to write off the balance of \$160.55. On voice vote, the motion was 4-0.

Outstanding balance account #100384002 – After discussion, Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to table this item to the next Board of Aldermen meeting on July 9, 2020. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Penalty write off request account #200892002 – City staff asked the Board to write off \$59.48 in accumulated penalties that should have never been applied to the account. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to write off \$59.48 in penalties. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. After discussion regarding the outstanding bill, Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to table this item to the next Board of Aldermen meeting on July 9, 2020. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Reports

Parks – Mr. Cole reported the playgrounds are open, bathrooms are only open Monday – Friday from 8am – 5pm and on weekends that there is a reservation. The Farmer’s Market has opened and that the Parks Department has been working on Strassenbash Vendors.

Public Works – Mr. Roettger reviewed highlights of his written report. Mr. Roettger said a section of street on Wild Oats Drive was repaired, a French drain was installed at the Police Department and the frames for the porch and ramp is set and ready for concrete. On July 6, Mid River’s Asphalt will be repairing a section or Roelker Road.

Building Official – Nothing to report.

Police – Chief Eskew said the Police Department is still taking precautions related to COVID-19. Chief mentioned that 32 or the 43 COVID-19 cases within the 63390-zip code have recovered and reminded everyone that the 63390-zip code covers a large area.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn said Liquor Licenses will be delivered within the next few days with the current Licenses expiring on June 30, 2020. Ms. Ogborn said Stephanie and herself are still working on collecting old outstanding balances.

Treasurer – Ms. Hampton said she would like to discuss at workshop ways to collect from residents who have been sent to collections, shut off from trash collection and still will not pay their bills.

City Administrator – Mr. Schuchmann went over a memo with the update regarding the resumption of Municipal Court sessions. July court sessions have been cancelled and rescheduled for August.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Rohr second the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$59,002.59. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

None

Final Questions

Adam Rollins asked if there was an update on the New Park and Mayor Rowden said there are no updates at this time.

Adjournment

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

Approved: _____

Attested: _____