

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, May 28, 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 Nathan Rohr, Alderman John O'Connor, Alderman Thomas Dixon, and Alderman Kerry Lambright present. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Administrator James Schuchmann, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Chief Matthew Eskew, Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger and Assistant Parks Director Josh Cole. Chief Matt Eskew and Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger attended the meeting via Zoom and their images were available on the screen. Others present were Frank Ellis and Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record. Gary Balkenbusch with Hall Equipment attended via Zoom.

**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 May 14, 2020, Board of Aldermen Meeting and May 20, 2020, Special 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**

**Conditional Use Permit for Westplex Auto Group, LLC** – Mayor Rowden opened the public hearing on a Conditional Use Permit application from Matt Higginbotham d.b.a. Westplex Auto Group, LLC to display, rent and sell Automobiles. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Rowden closed the hearing.

## **Recommendations from Planning and Zoning**

**Conditional Use Permit for Pamir Mountain, LLC** - The Aldermen reviewed a recommendation from the Commission to approve the Conditional Use Permit if the applicant complies with the current COVID-19 safety and sanitation regulations that are in place. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to accept Planning and Zoning's recommendation and approve the Conditional Use Permit. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**Conditional Use Permit for RJM Equipment Sales, LLC** – The Board reviewed a recommendation from Planning and Zoning for RJM Equipment Sales, LLC to place one (1) combined advertising and directional sign at 4 Highway J that can be no larger than 50 sq. ft. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to accept the recommendation and approve the Conditional Use Permit. City Attorney Paul Rost added the motion includes the recommendation by Planning and Zoning that the directional and informational sign be combined and no larger than 50 sq. ft. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**Conditional Use Permit for Hall Equipment Company, LLC** – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to accept the recommendation from the Commission and approved the Conditional Use Permit for Hall Equipment Company, LLC to park equipment for display and advertisement at 13480 Veterans Memorial Parkway for their business with the Commission's recommendation the applicant understands the C-4 sign regulation of the sign being no larger than 50 sq. ft. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**Conditional Use Permit for Westplex Auto Group, LLC** – The Aldermen reviewed a recommendation from the Commission to approve the Conditional Use Permit as presented. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to accept the recommendation and approve the Conditional Use Permit. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

## **Old Business**

**Wright City Municipal Project Status Report** – Mr. Schuchmann said progress is moving forward and is estimating everything to come together in June and Officer's should be ready to move over to phase 1 in July.

**Security Camera quote** – Mr. Schuchmann made a recommendation to accept the quote from Sharp Security, LLC in the amount of \$7,850.00 to install 8 security cameras at the outside corners of the Police Department and 2 cameras at the entry door. Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to accept the quote from Sharp Security, LLC in the amount of \$7,850.00. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

## **New Business**

**Payment Agreement account #100043001** – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the Payment Agreement application as presented. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**Penalty write off request account #300115003** – Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to waive the penalty fee due to job loss from COVID-19. Alderman Dixon abstained from voting and on voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Fat Heads Car Show** – Frank Ellis approached the Board regarding the Fat Heads Car Show scheduled for July 25, 2020 and asked the Board if he should proceed with the event and advertising. Alderman Rohr made the motion to continue with advertising the event unless a mandate is put in place by the State that will no longer allow them to host the event. Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion and on voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**Park Operations** – Mr. Cole asked the Board of Aldermen if the pavilions at both parks could be rented out if it was made clear playgrounds were closed. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to allow pavilion use, no playgrounds and attendees must practice social distancing. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Mr. Cole asked the Board when a good time to begin reaching out to vendors for the Strassenbash Festival would be. Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to wait until after June 15<sup>th</sup> when the Governor re-evaluates the order in place whether we can enter phase 2. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Mr. Schuchmann made a recommendation to name Joshua Cole as the acting Parks Director. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to name Joshua Cole as the Parks Director as of May 28, 2020.

**Ordinance/Resolutions**

**Bill #9-20** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13230 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY CONSISTING OF 0.44± ACRES. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion for a second reading of the Bill. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill a second time. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #9-20. Roll Call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Dixon	Yea	Alderman Lambright	Yea
Alderman O’Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	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 of Aldermen for their signature and approval and the duly signed becomes Ordinance #986 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

**Reports**

**Parks** – Mr. Cole reported 2 teams have gone to play baseball in Lake Saint Louis since we are not participating in the New Horizon Youth Baseball League this summer. Mr. Cole reviewed projects that were completed, in the works and is preparing to plan for fall events.

**Public Works** – Mr. Roettger reviewed projects that were being completed such as: filling potholes, fixing street signs, mowing, and touching up of grave sites. Mr. Roettger recommended the Board of Aldermen move Howard Aubachon to a regular full-time employee with a 3% increase as his probation period is coming to an end. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to accept the recommendation and move Howard Aubachon to a regular full-time employee with the 3% increase effective June 2, 2020. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**Building Official** – Nothing to report.

**Police** – Chief Eskew reviewed highlights of his written report and said he is beginning to see an increase in calls. Chief stated the Senior parade was a success and only a few adjustments will need to be made in the future. Officer Malta has been selected as the new K9 handler and will be sent to K9 school.

**City Hall** – Ms. Ogborn said daily operations are running as usual and that the City is seeing an increase in miscellaneous permits such as decks and fences.

**Treasurer** – Nothing to report.

**City Administrator** – Mr. Schuchmann informed the Board of Aldermen that a violation letter was mailed to the owners of the Rite Sole building and if there is no response, a Public Hearing will be held on July 15, 2020. Mr. Schuchmann said 430 Acres East of North Stracks Church Road was purchased and the owners are waiting until closing to make public and added that they want to see Wright City grow.

**Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$26,846.71. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**Announcements**

None

**Final Questions**

Alderman Rohr asked if the City was planning on addressing the heaving on Westwood’s Road in front of the High School. Mr. Schuchmann said this is being addressed in the Westwood Road project. Mr. Cole asked about Stuerman Road and if it could be addressed. Mr. Schuchmann said the road is not in the location that MODOT would like it. They would like to see it come out at the top of the hill just south of the current entrance.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_