

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2020
City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road**

Mayor 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

Treasurer Stephanie Hampton called the roll with Alderman Kerry Lambright, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, Alderman Michelle Heiliger, Alderman Nathan Rohr, and Mayor Rowden present. City staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Administrator James Schuchmann, Treasurer Stephanie Hampton, Chief Matt Eskew, Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger and Acting Parks Director Joshua Cole. Others present were Michael Baryo, Kevin and Pauletta Gallagher, Natalie Denando with Meridian Waste, Elizabeth Schubert, Jenn Olivio, Bryan Spencer, Aimey Stude, Maria Beyer, and Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden asked Michael Baryo to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2020, Board of Aldermen Meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Financial Reports

Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to accept the Financial Reports for July 2020 as presented. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

No questions or comments were made by those present and Mr. Schuchmann had no questions or hands raised via Zoom.

Open meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

Bryan spencer addressed the board thanking them for the opportunity to serve the people. He stated he was grateful, honored and blessed to have served. Natalie Denando, a representative from Meridian Waste, introduced herself to the board and brought sandwiches with her.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing to set the 2020 tax rates was opened and continued to the next meeting as the rates were wrong in the hearing notice. The correct rates are .4970 General fund, .1846 Lights, .0923 Parks and .2000 debt service.

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Mr. Schuchmann said Phase 1 of the Police Department renovation is complete. The department has started moving everything over. Phase 2 has begun which will include men's and women's bathrooms and he stated he will get a couple of offices knocked out quickly.

FoxCreek Furniture MOU release – The parking lot is complete. The mayor suggested to hold the MOU till Mr. Daum paid his outstanding trash bill and business license. The City attorney clarified that outstanding bills were not part of the terms of the MOU. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger second the motion to approve the release of the MOU as written. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Payment Agreement and Write-off Policy – Alderman Hakim stated he wanted to empower city staff and give approval to city clerks to make the arrangements with the citizens. The City administrator stated that as a good business practice and to satisfy the auditors there must be checks and balances. Alderman Hakim moved to approve the policy as presented, Alderman Heiliger second the motion to approve the Payment Agreement and Write-off Policy. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Woofstock Update- Park fees have been paid and we have received the copy of the insurance. Woofstock is still on for August 22nd, 2020.

Trotters Creek HOA Check – The HOA held a public meeting of its members and decided to divide the assets amongst 5 entities. Kevin Gallagher was present and stated there was no conditions on how to use the money, but he would like to see it used for road improvements. City Administrator stated that the City Attorney needed to review the documents we received to make sure it was ok for the City to accept the check. Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to table this to the next meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Strassenbash Car Show / Parade Route – Jenna Olivio with the Wright City Chamber of Commerce asked the Board for approval to have a car show and close the street at 3pm Friday, October 2nd, 2020. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the approval of the car show. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. The parade route was discussed and the only factor could be the train. As there has been times in the past that the trains only give them a thirty-minute window to get across. Mayor stated that the Board usually participates and asked for the Alderman to clear their schedule. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the approval of the parade route. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Comp Time roll over request – Denise Queen – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to approve the comp time roll over request of 66.88 hours. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Building permits and Variance – Justin Crady asked for a breakdown of the hot tub permit fee of \$125.00. Mr. Crady would like to go through with his original Variance request. City Administrator said

the City will reach out to the Board of Adjustments and set a date and get a notice published in the paper.

Sale of surplus equipment- Several departments have surplus equipment and we use Govdeal.com to sell our surplus equipment. The Police Department has 3 cars ready to sell. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to call Govdeals and get a list together of everything to sell for approval at the next Board meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinances/Resolutions

None

Reports

Parks – Mr. Cole reviewed highlights of his written report and said the Parks Department is still working on collecting vendors for Strassenbash. Michael Holmes is leaving for college. The bathroom sink was fixed Friday morning and Faithfest has cancelled due to Covid-19. Josh asked for approval to cancel the soccer season on August 19th 2020, if he did not get 40 more kids registered. Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to allow Josh to cancel the season. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Public Works – Mr. Roettger said the paving is complete on Roelker Road. There is a pipe collapsing in Forest Lakes and they have ordered a new pipe and will install it once delivered. He is also still accepting full time applications.

Building Official - New Home permits and Miscellaneous permits for July 2020 were in the packets.

Police Department – Chief Eskew requested vacation roll over for several employees. K9 training is going well and should be done in two weeks. Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to approve the vacation roll over to December 31st, 2020. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

City Hall – Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Ms. Hampton mentioned she worked on the tax rates and that she started preparing for Budget.

City Administrator – Mr. Schuchmann stated the Municipal Court continues to be shut down. The two trees in the Cemetery will begin being cut down on 8-15-20 - and continue 8-16-20. The Memorial Society is starting to improve grass in Block 8. Mr. Schuchmann reported that he was elected Treasurer of the GWCEDC.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Hakim second the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$145,715.92. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

None

Final Questions

Maria Bayer asked Board Approval to hold a festival at the park on November 7th. Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Hakim the motion to approve this festival under the condition that she hires 3 Police Officers.

Aimey Stude asked the Board about the new park and the estimated time it will be completed. Jim Schuchmann responded that it takes a while to purchase the land and hire engineers. A topographical map had to be done as well and that can only be completed in winter months.

Vote to Enter Executive Session

Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to exit open session and enter executive session pursuant to section 610.021(1), RSMo, Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney; (610.021(3)) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees.

Alderman Heiliger	Yea
Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea
Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. The Board entered executive session at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Return Alderman Hakim made a motion to adjourn the closed Executive Session. Alderman Rohr seconded it and on roll call, the vote was as follows:

Alderman Lambright	Yea
Alderman Heiliger	Yea
Alderman Hakim	Yea
Alderman Rohr	Yea

The motion was announced passed and the closed executive session adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Approved: _____

Attested: _____

