

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, August 27, 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**

City Clerk Abbie Ogborn 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, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Treasurer Stephanie Hampton, Lieutenant Thomas Canavan, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger and Acting Parks Director Joshua Cole. Others present were Donald Andrews, Liz Schubert, Marie Hollenbeck, Marcella and Aaron Holiway and Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Rowden asked Joshua Cole to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2020, Board of Aldermen Meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**Financial Reports**

None

**Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns**

Mr. Schuchmann provided responses to questions that had been asked by Justin Crady at the previous Board of Aldermen's Meeting.

**Open meeting to Public Comments/Concerns**

Donald Andrews asked if there were any plans on adjusting the annual budget for the Parks Department to have enough money to operate without ending negative each year. Mayor Rowden said in October the City will begin looking at the Budget for next year and what the City has to work with. Mr. Andrews asked how the Trunk or Treat event was going to be handled and at this time there is no change in plans.

**Public Hearing**

**2020 Tax Rate** - Mayor Rowden opened the Hearing to here public comments on the proposed Tax Rates for 2020. Mr. Andrews asked who set the tax rates and Mr. Schuchmann said the formulas are set by the State and were originally voted on in the 1980's.

**Recommendations from Planning and Zoning**

None

### **Old Business**

**Wright City Municipal Project Status Report** – Mr. Schuchmann reported the Police Department had been occupying Phase 1 for two weeks and everything is working smoothly. The back up generator has been installed and additional office furniture has been delivered.

### **New Business**

**Payment Agreements** – A list of two payment agreements approved by City Administrator Jim Schuchmann, was reviewed by the Board of Aldermen as part of the Payment Agreement Policy. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to accept the Payment Agreement report. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**MCHCP Medical, Dental and Vision 2021** – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to accept the recommendation and approve the PPO 750 Health Plan. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**Cemetery Trees** – Mr. Schuchmann presented the Board with a quote from Hoette Farms and Nursery, Inc. for Fall Treatment on nine declining Oak Trees and one Sugar Maple Tree in the City Cemetery. The cost of the treatment would be \$5,500.00 and due to our insurance, several bids will need to be submitted. No motion was made.

**Surplus Equipment to sell** – The Board was presented a list of equipment from several departments that are no longer in use and that they would like to sell. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to accept the list and have City Staff post for sale. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

**Chamber of Commerce light pole decorations** – The Wright City Chamber of Commerce would like to decorate light poles along the Parade Route for Strassenbash. Mr. Schuchmann presented a list of rules and specifically asked for no political signage due to the light poles being City Property. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion approving the light pole decoration rules. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

### **Ordinances/Resolutions**

**Bill #11-20** – AN ORDINANCE LEVING AND IMPOSING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2020 FOR: GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES; PUBLIC PARK PURPOSES; AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PURPOSES. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Lambright 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 Lambright seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #11-20. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Rohr	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Heiliger	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 #990 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

**Bill #12-20** – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE RECORD PLAT FOR HICKORY TRAILS “PDA” PHASE 1, PLAT 3 AND DIRECTING THAT IT BE RECORDED WITH THE WARREN COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Lambright 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 Lambright seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #12-20. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Michelle	Yea	Alderman Lambright	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 #991 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

### **Reports**

**Parks** – Mr. Cole reviewed highlights of his written report including upcoming events, progress on the diamond 1 ball field and stated that Woofstock was a huge success. Mr. Cole said fall soccer games will start on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and thanked all the organizations who were able to sponsor kids who were unable to afford the fee.

**Public Works** – Mr. Roettger said future projects such as sidewalks, concrete pads and entrances to subdivisions were in the works for the department.

**Building Official** – Nothing to report.

**Police** – Lieutenant Canavan said the department has been very proactive. Officer Malta will complete K9 training at the end of the week and the department is getting settled into Phase 1.

**City Hall** – Ms. Ogborn said the City-Wide Yard Sale is Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, and asked residents to register by September 3<sup>rd</sup> to be listed in the Warren County Record.

**Treasurer** – Ms. Hampton asked if City Staff could begin issuing refund checks following a park reservation so the deposit is returned in a timely fashion. A report of these refunds would be presented at the next Board Meeting. After discussion, a written policy would be best and at this time, City Staff is to continue current procedure.

**City Administrator** – Mr. Schuchmann said things are running along and looks forward to addressing future projects in the City.

### **Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$32,366.03. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

### **Announcements**

Pastor Joe mentioned the 9/11 Remembrance and Appreciation Service will be on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:30am. Mayor Rowden and Alderman Heiliger both said its well done and recommended all to attend the service.

**Final questions**

None

**Vote to enter Executive Session**

Alderman Lambricht moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to exit open session and enter executive session for the purpose of dealing with matters related to Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney, pursuant to Section (610.021(12)), and hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees (610.021(3)), RSMo. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Heiliger	Yea	Alderman Lambricht	Yea
Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

Alderman Lambricht moved and Alderman Heiliger second the motion to exit Executive Session and return to open session at 8:45 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Lambricht	Yea	Alderman Heiliger	Yea
Alderman Rohr	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

**Adjournment**

Alderman Lambricht moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_