

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2021
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 Alderman Nathan Rohr, Alderman Michelle Heiliger, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, Alderman Kerry Lambright, and Mayor Dan Rowden present. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Administrator James Schuchmann, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Chief Matt Eskew, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger, Treasurer Laura Hutchings, and Elizabeth Schubert. Others present were Donald Andrews, Maria Beyer with Papu's Cuban Cafe, Jacob Ruul with BMR Earthworks, Heath Sellenriek with Gateway Fiber, and Adam Rollin's with the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021, Board of Aldermen Meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Mayor Rowden stated that Resolution 04-21 had been added to the agenda due to the need of adding additional authorized signatures to conduct vital City business with our Bank. Alderman Lambright moved and Aldermen Rohr seconded the motion to modify the Agenda. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Mayor Rowden asked the Board to table items 11g through 11i to the workshop meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to table the items. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Financial Reports

None

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

None

Open meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

Donald Andrews asked permission to place a campaign sign on city property and was informed that MO Statutes prohibit the City from allowing campaign signs on their property.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Ground Rough plumbing was completed and public works re-poured the floor in phase 2. Discussion was held on ways to expedite the completion date.

Wetland Application – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve and have Mayor Rowden sign the Nationwide Permit Pre-Construction Notification application. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Penalty write-off request account 200893000 – Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to waive \$200.00 of accumulated penalty fees on the account. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-1.

Auditor Engagement Agreement Transfer – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to approve the Engagement Agreement Transfer. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Vacation roll over request – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to roll over Marie Hollenbeck's 48 hours of vacation time. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Gateway Fiber Right-of-Way agreement – Heath Sellenrick spoke regarding installing high speed internet in the city limits of Wright City. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to engage in a Right-of-Way agreement pending the Performance Bond with Gateway Fiber. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Trash bill write-off request account 200850000 – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to waive \$274.00 in bills and penalty fees. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Maria Beyer – Special Event – Maria Beyer cancelled her festival for March 13th. Currently, there is no re-scheduled date.

Park Bi-Laws – Item was tabled to workshop at the beginning of the meeting.

Park Sponsorship Program – Item was tabled to workshop at the beginning of the meeting.

Park Memorial Benches – Item was tabled to workshop at the beginning of the meeting.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Resolution R03-21 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RIGHT-OF-WAY USE AGREEMENT WITH GATEWAY INFRASTRUCTURE, LLC. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to approve Resolution R04-21. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0. Alderman Heiliger abstained.

Resolution R-4-21 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AUTHORIZED SIGNING OFFICERS FOR THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY’S BANK ACCOUNTS AT AMERICAN BANK OF MISSOURI AND DIRECTING THE BANK TO CHANGE SAME. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to approve Resolution R03-21. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Reports

Parks – Ms. Schubert reported six teams will participate in youth baseball. She highlighted upcoming events and is looking for new members to join the Park Board.

Public Works – Mr. Roettger asked the Board to keep Joseph Besselman and Michael McDonnell as full-time employees and give them a .50 raise for completing probation. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion for Joseph Besselman was approved 3-0. Alderman Lambright Abstained. The motion for Michael McDonnell was approved 4-0.

Building Official – Nothing to report.

Police – Chief Eskew stated the department is having trouble keeping up with records management due to new requirements.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn stated 21 Business License renewals are still pending. The Board agreed on Heidi Halleman to be the spear head of the Spring Clean-up event along with the Ambassadors.

Treasurer – Ms. Hutchings said preparation for the Auditors continues and Audit begins March 8th.

City Administrator – Mr. Schuchmann said he has received 6/10 responses for the Westwood Easements. He attended a meeting regarding Homelessness in Warren County.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$30,048.81. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

Reminder the food pantry is hosting fish fry’s from 4-7p.m. through Easter at Wright Way Diner.

Final Questions

Donald Andrews asked if a sidewalk will be placed on the North Side of Westwoods Road. Mr. Schuchmann stated yes.

Adjournment

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

Approved: _____

Attested: _____