

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, March 11, 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 via Zoom, and Mayor Dan Rowden present. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost via Zoom, 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. Other's present were Donald Andrews, Ann Neighbor, Audrey Ratliff, Thomas White, Jeff Culbertson, Frank Ellis, Kirk Rodeheaver, Jeanett Woehrle, and Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden asked Donald Andrews to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021, Board of Aldermen Meeting, as corrected. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Financial Reports

None

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

Thomas White expressed concerns with current street and sidewalk conditions in the downtown district and remaining railroad ties. Kirk Rodeheaver also expressed his concern with the stacked railroad ties.

Open meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

Ann Neighbor informed the Board about the water drainage issue on her property due to new development. Audrey Ratliff expressed concerns about the conditions of a neighboring property.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Mr. Schuchmann presented updates on phase 2 of the Police Department.

Veterans Memorial Parkway Right of Way – Mr. Schuchmann said he had a conversation with MoDOT on the issues and advised the Board to discuss this matter in Executive Session.

Fireworks – The city fireworks display will be held at the Wright City Lions Club on Saturday, July 3rd. Discussion was held on donations/sponsorships of the event.

Westwoods Rd. Supplemental Engineering – GBA presented a request for supplemental work to address a property owner’s concerns about an existing drainage problem. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the supplemental agreement in the amount of \$4,758.00. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Meridian Trash Totes – Mayor Rowden stated the Board of Aldermen are aware of the remaining totes and are looking into possible solutions. Mr. Schuchmann advised the Board to discuss this matter in Executive Session.

AJR Scoring – Eight engineering firms had previously submitted proposals to be reviewed and scored for the Strachs Church Road overpass project. Mr. Schuchmann stated his top four were Bartlett&West, GBA, Lochmueller, and EFK Moen. Alderman Hakim stated his top four were Bartlett&West, GBA, HDR, and Lochmueller. Mayor Rowden stated his top four were EFK Moen, GBA, Bartlett&West, and HDR. Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to invite Bartlett&West, GBA, HDR, and Lochmueller for interviews on Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Frank Ellis Car Show – Frank Ellis expressed concerns regarding the new park fees and asked for help providing amenities. The car show is scheduled for July 31, 2021.

Wreaths Across America – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion for Wreaths to be placed in our City Cemetery on December 18th, 2021. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinance/Resolutions

None

Reports

Parks – Ms. Schubert said sponsorships are needed for baseball teams. The National Honor Society will be stuffing eggs and volunteering for the Easter Parade. A meeting for community comments and those interested in being on the Park Board has not been scheduled at this time.

Public Works – Mr. Roettger presented a list of upcoming projects for the Board to review and that a contractor may need to be hired to complete the asphalt resurfacing work on Westwoods Road.

Building Official – Reports were available in packet.

Police – Chief Eskew reviewed highlights of his report and stated he is still looking into the records management issue.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn informed the Board of public hearings scheduled in the next few weeks. Discussion was held regarding outstanding business license renewals.

Treasurer – Ms. Hutchings said the Audit went well and is still helping retrieve documents.

City Administrator – Mr. Schuchmann said the workman’s comp premium payment is due by March 20th and has yet to receive a second quote. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to make the payment of the current quote we have or the better of the two if the additional quote is received. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$42,165.39. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

Pastor Joe reminded everyone about the fish fry and gave an update on the food pantry. Adam Rollins was thanked for great article regarding homelessness in Warren County.

Final Questions

None

Vote to Enter Executive Session

Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to enter executive session pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) RSMo; Privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Vote to Exit Executive Session

Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to exit executive session and return to regular session. A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Adjournment

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

Approved: _____

Attested: _____