

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, August 12, 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 Michelle Heiliger, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, Alderman Don Andrews, and Mayor Dan Rowden present. Alderman Rohr arrived late. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost via Zoom, City Administrator James Schuchmann, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Detective Chris Beard, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Treasurer Laura Hutchings, Sports Director Eric Burton, and HR clerk Denise Queen. Others present were Lance and Julia Ramey, Ashley Flickinger, Dale Schaper, Adam Rollins, John Gottschalk, David & Julia Parcel, Chris D., Tim Kovath, Karey Owens, Shane Walterman, Nick Birkmeier, Thomas Lindewirth and Peggy Sherman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden asked Detective Beard to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2021, Board of Aldermen Meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

Financial Reports

Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to approve the financial reports for July 2021. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

Dale Schaper was present to provide an updated drawing for the outdoor storage facility. The Board tabled discussion until he submits a drawing for the Board to review and will be placed on the next Agenda. Discussion was held regarding the tree line between the Spring Hill Circle subdivision and the 62 Acre Park and how the Board would like to find a compromise. Tim Kovath expressed concern about ice formation in front of his house in the street.

Aldermen Rohr joined the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Open meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

None

Public Hearing

2021 Tax Rate –Mayor Rowden opened the hearing for public comments on the proposed Tax Rates for 2021. With there being no comments, Mayor Rowden closed the public hearing.

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Phase 3 is left to be completed and no completion date was provided.

ATV/UTV Ordinance – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to table the discussion to the August 26th meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Fall Festival Parade – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to approve the special permit application and parade route as presented. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Park Board Applications – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to table this item. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Payment Agreement 400091004 – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to deny the payment agreement. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

COVID pay – Discussion was held regarding employee pay for those positive for COVID-19. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to table this item to the August 26th meeting to allow Mr. Schuchmann, Mrs. Queen, and the City Attorney time to do research.

P&Z re-appointment – Joe Iannicola’s term had expired and Mayor Rowden made a recommendation to re-appoint Mr. Iannicola to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to re-appoint Joe Iannicola to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 3-year term. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Personnel Manual – The Board asked this item to be placed on the September Workshop agenda.

HR Training – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to select Hesse – Martone to conduct harassment training for city employees. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinance/Resolutions

BILL #9-21 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND MAKING THOSE PROCEDURES PUBLIC. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to read Bill #9-21 a second time. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill a second time by title. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #9-21. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Heiliger	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea
Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. 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 #1002 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

BILL #10-21 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WRIGHT CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 110.380 PERTAINING TO COURT COSTS TO REMOVE THE SHERIFF’S RETIREMENT FUND SURCHARGE. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to read Bill #10-21 a second time. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill a second time by title. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #10-21. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Heiliger	Yea
Alderman Rohr	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. 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 #1003 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Reports

Parks – Eric Burton, the Sports Director for the Parks Department was introduced and welcomed to the city. Mr. Burton stated over 100 kids are enrolled in soccer and will be creating rosters.

Public Works – Mr. Roettger was absent but, a report was made available to the Board. Alderman Heiliger thanked the department for their work in Ruge Park for National Night Out.

Building Official – Mr. Fick was absent and there was nothing to report. Alderman Heiliger asked if Mr. Fick would start attending Planning and Zoning meetings.

Police – Detective Chris Beard gave an updated report on the new police vehicles.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn provided a list of upcoming public hearings for Boards and Commissions.

Treasurer – Ms. Hutchings stated the tax rate is completed and is working on day-to-day operations.

City Administrator – Mr. Schuchmann has been completing inspections and resolving issues with the Westwood’s Road project. ARPA paperwork has been submitted. Mr. Schuchmann contacted Amy Lablanca the director of 911 dispatch regarding the tornado sirens. Ms. Lablanca informed Mr. Schuchmann that they are updating their system and unsure of when the updates system will be running. Alderman Hakim would like this resolved by the next Board meeting.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$98,320.68. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

Pastor Joe provided an update of the food pantry and lunch programs. Alderman Heiliger thanked those that attended National Night Out. September 3rd will be the next First Friday on First Street. Alderman Hakim thanked those who attended the meeting. Julia Ramey asked about concrete for the new park playground.

Final Questions

Alderman Rohr asked about the process of hiring a new Chief of Police and Mayor Rowden asked to discuss this matter in executive session.

Vote to enter Executive Session

Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to exit open session and enter executive session for the purpose of dealing with matters pursuant to Personnel and its attorneys and Section 610.021(2) RSMO, leasing, purchasing or sales in real estate.

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Heiliger	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. The Board entered executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to exit executive session and return to open session at 8:34 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Rohr	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea
Alderman Heiliger	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Approved: _____

Attested: _____