

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, August 26, 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 Don Andrews, and Mayor Dan Rowden present. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Administrator James Schuchmann, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Acting Police Chief Tom Canavan, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Treasurer Laura Hutchings, Sports Director Eric Burton, and Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger. Others present were Amanda and Tyler Koester, Marie Hollenbeck, Chris Dahl, Shane Waltermann, Dale Waltermann, David Henke, Keith Myers, Tim Kovath, Michael Cardenas-Salas, Kathy Kehoe, Adam Rollins, and Dale Schaper with the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to amend the agenda and add item 11a. to discuss parking on Hickory Trails.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 12 and August 17, 2021, Board of Aldermen Meetings. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Financial Reports

None

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

Michael Cardenas-Salas with the Park Board submitted revised bi-laws for review. Mayor Rowden asked the City Attorney to review the bi-laws and to save discussion for September's workshop.

Open meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

Aldermen Heiliger and Alderman Andrews met with Julia Ramey and several other residents of the Spring Lakes Subdivision. Alderman Heiliger asked for it to be put on the record that the city is in support of the tree line submitted on the plan and that a fence will be up before construction begins to preserve the tree line.

Kathy Kehoe read a letter on behalf of Corey Kehoe expressing concern of the sidewalk condition at the 100 block of Locust Street.

Public Hearing

Rezoning Application – Tract 1 & 2 The Shire –Mayor Rowden opened the hearing for public comments on the rezone application. David Henke, applicant, and engineer for the rezone, is applying to change the zoning from the current SR-3 to SR-4. The change would allow 8 additional lots at the development. He answered concerns about storm water retention, types of homes, and green space. Mr. Henke stated two additional small lots will remain open for future HOA to develop if they decide. Angela Bernardo, via Zoom, expressed her concerns with the additional density of the proposed change. Marie Hollenbeck expressed her concerns with lack of green space in subdivisions and asked the Board to consider a formula for greenspace with future development. With there being no further comments, Mayor Rowden closed the public hearing.

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

Conditional Use Permit – 141 Auburn Drive - Tyler Koester explained their business and that the conditional use permit is only temporary. His desire is to have an offsite location for the business. Mr. Koester expressed his concern with the cost to pour a concrete pad to be compliant with city codes to park a trailer at his residence. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to table this item to the September 7, Workshop meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Rezoning Application – Tract 1 & 2 The Shire – Aldermen Rohr moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to approve the rezone application. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. The City Attorney will prepare an Ordinance for the next meeting.

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Mr. Schuchmann stated another office had been completed and progress continues.

ATV/UTV Ordinance – Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to table the discussion to the September 7, Workshop meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Park Board Applications – Based on the Mayor’s recommendation, Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to appoint Richard Lagemann of Ward 1 and Rachel Hakim of Ward 2 to the Park Board. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0. Alderman Hakim abstained.

COVID pay – Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to table this item to the September 7, Workshop meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Outdoor Storage Facility – Tim Kovath provided updated drawings with lighting, fire hydrants and an access gate in the rear of the property recommended by the Fire Marshall. The Board had many concerns regarding the retention basin and additional water flow to surrounding properties and neighborhoods that already develop a high volume of water flow. The Board has requested letter of approval from the Wright City School District allowing the additional storm water to flow into their retention basin and contour sheets from the applicant.

New Business

Hickory Trails – Parking on Street – Alderman Heiliger was contacted by a resident with a concern of the number of cars parked on the street. Mr. Cardenas-Salas expressed how hard it is for developers to turn

over HOA to the subdivision that is not completely developed. After discussion, Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to table the discussion to the September 7, Workshop meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinance/Resolutions

BILL #11-21 – AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND IMPOSING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2021 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 Andrews seconded the motion to read Bill #11-21 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 Hakim seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #11-21. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Heiliger	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 #1004 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Resolution R07-21 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION FOR TESTING AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to approve Resolution R07-21. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Reports

Parks – 125 children are registered for fall soccer. Alderman Hakim asked a member of the Park Board to contact the newly appointed park board members.

Public Works – New trash cans have been placed in city parks. Updates on existing and future projects were given. Discussion was held on a policy for storm damage.

Building Official – Mr. Fick informed the Board of violation letters sent regarding the condition of Brookview Drive, a privately owned street, that needs repaired. Discussion was held on code enforcement.

Police – Norfolk Southern Railroad has selected the Police Department to receive a Community Impact Grant for helping during several investigations on the railroad.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn provided a list of upcoming public hearings and information on businesses in the community.

Treasurer – Ms. Hutchings is preparing to work on the 2022 Budget. Mayor Rowden and Mr. Schuchmann will discuss dates to meet with department heads.

City Administrator – The Board was presented with an amount of \$55,000.00 to allow Sweetens Concrete to replace an 1850 linear feet section of sidewalk near the 400 block of Westwoods Road that was not included in the initial bid for the Project. The replacement will bring the sidewalk level with Westwood’s Road after the overlay to avoid storm water run off issues. Alderman Rohr moved and

Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to carry on with the project and have the contractor be made aware that the Board will have to approve final cost for payment. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

The City Short Term Disability and Life policy cost is increasing 13%. By switching to MetLife, the cost would only increase 3%. The Board gave permission to switch to MetLife.

Mr. Schuchmann attend a Transportation Advisory Committee meeting and provided updates on future projects in surrounding areas.

The City will be receiving \$434,747.01 in America Rescue Plan Act Funds.

Alderman Hakim asked for an update on the tornado sirens that were approved for purchase on July 22. After discussion, Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion that the city contacts Outdoor Warning Consulting LLC the next morning, August 27, 2021, and purchase three tornado sirens at \$35,487.00 each and, in addition, purchase the RapidWarn activation controller with WeatherWarn at \$9,650.00 and, if necessary, purchase the Whelen E1000 Central Station Control Desktop Encoder at \$1,750.00. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$32,868.78. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

Pastor Joe provided an update of the food pantry. The Sports Closet will be open Saturday, August 28th from 9am-12pm to provide equipment for youth soccer children. Alderman Heiliger thanked Public Works for helping maintain weeds at Wright City Hair Fashion and reminded everyone of the Dave Heiliger Memorial Golf Tournament. Alderman Hakim reminded everyone of the 1st Friday Event themed Hometown Heros and will have a 9/11 Ceremony at 7:47 p.m.

Final Questions

None

Vote to enter Executive Session

Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to exit open session and enter executive session for the purpose of dealing with matters pursuant to privileged communications between the City's representatives and its attorney (Section 610.021(1) RSMo); and hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting employees (Section 610.021(3) RSMo).

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

The motion was approved 4-0. The Board entered executive session at 9:04 p.m.

Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to exit executive session and return to open session at 9:38 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Approved: _____

Attested: _____