

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, January 28, 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 via Zoom, Alderman Kerry Lambright, and Mayor Dan Rowden present. Alderman Nathan Rohr was absent. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost via Zoom, City Administrator James Schuchmann, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Lieutenant Thomas Canavan, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger, Treasurer Laura Hutchings, and Elizabeth Schubert. Others present were Donald Andrews, Thomas White and Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Rowden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021, Board of Aldermen Meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Financial Reports**

None

**Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns**

None

**Open meeting to Public Comments/Concerns**

Thomas White addressed concerns about water drainage near his property.

**Public Hearing**

None

**Recommendations from Planning and Zoning**

None

**Old Business**

**Wright City Municipal Project Status Report** – Mr. Schuchmann said the plumber is getting started on drainage and then the concrete floor will be put in.

**Trash Bills**

City Hall will be billing February 1, 2021 for January and February trash services to avoid two bills being delivered in March from both Grace Hauling and the City to the residents. A letter addressing the trash changes will be mailed with each bill.

### **New Business**

**Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant – N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. W. Sidewalk** – Mr. Schuchmann said MoDOT was accepting applications for the TAP for projects that communities are interested in completing in the next two years. If accepted, this project will be a 2022/2023 budget consideration. The “amount” that the city allocates is weighted to the award score that the project receives. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to pay a City Portion of 25% (\$81,287.50) to submit the TAP Grant Application for N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. W. project, with the condition that the Board could back out before the project begins. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Grant Participation** – Lieutenant Canavan said the Police Department was selected to receive \$2,214 in grant funding from the Missouri Coalition of Roadway Safety and would like to purchase a Stalker Lidar (laser radar) unit. If the grant is approved, the police department would be responsible to pay \$336.00. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to extend approval to the Mayor and City Administrator once City Council reviews and approves the grant application. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

### **Ordinance/Resolutions**

**Resolution R01-21** – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDING TO THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE N 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET W SIDEWALK PROJECT. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to approve Resolution R01-21. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

### **Reports**

**Parks** – Ms. Schubert reviewed highlights of her written report. If an event is cancelled, Ms. Schubert asked permission to spend money budgeted for that specific park event on clearance items to prepare for next years event. Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to not spend more than 20% of budget on items for next years event.

**Public Works** – Mr. Roettger reviewed highlights of his written report and work completed around the city.

**Building Official** – Nothing to report.

**Police** – Lieutenant Canavan read Chief Eskew’s written report. The department has thought about participating in the drug take back program. This would allow two Saturday’s for the community to bring prescription medications to the station for disposal. Lieutenant believes there is not enough space currently to participate.

**City Hall** – Ms. Ogborn thanked public works for destroying approved records that have met their retention schedule. Currently 85/111 Business Licenses have been renewed and the EO Laundromat is planning on opening this weekend.

**Treasurer** – Ms. Hutchings said she has been working with Auditors on the 6-mo financial reports and the Auditors will be at City Hall the first week of March 2021.

**City Administrator** – Mr. Schuchmann has looked at 1 on 1 training for Laura. He has also created an extensive spreadsheet to help the 6-mo financial process.

**Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$24,717.18. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

**Announcements**

Food pantry is open to 1 family at a time in person. Reminder the food pantry is partnering with Wright Way Diner to host fish fry's from 4-7p.m. starting February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Final Questions**

Mr. Andrews asked the status of the Westwood Road project. Mr. Schuchmann said a lot of focus has been on year end and 6-mo financial and will be working on the easements with property owners.

**Adjournment**

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

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

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