

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, February 23, 2023  
City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road**

Mayor Michelle Heiliger, 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 Mayor Michelle Heiliger, Alderman Kim Arbuthnot, Alderman Karey Owens, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, and Alderman Don Andrews present. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Administrator Jim Schuchmann, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Police Chief Tom Canavan, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger, Treasurer Laura Hutchings, Building Inspector Joe Godier via Zoom, and Sports Director Eric Burton. Others present were Rick and Sharon Wischmeyer, Jane Kelley, Monica Reed, Adam McCarthy, Kathy Kehoe, Rod Smith, Mary Groeper, Tim and Georgette Parker and Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Eric Burton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Alderman Andrews moved to approve the agenda. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Alderman Hakim moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, meeting. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

**Financial Reports**

None

**Public comments/concerns**

Rick Wischmeyer, a resident of Forest Lakes, asked for an update on the grants the city had applied for. Mayor Heiliger stated the city did not receive the Safer Streets 4 All grant and the

other applications are still pending. Rod Smith, resident of Forest Lakes, asked the Board what their plans are for addressing the condition of roads within the city.

### **Public Hearing**

**Rezone 2.23 ± acres from “PDA-Senior Living Facility” to “MR-2”** – Mayor Heiliger opened the public hearing on a Rezoning Application submitted by Pops Properties, LLC to rezone 2.23 ± acres located just North of the North Service Road and West of Brookview Drive. The applicants, Adam McCarthy and Monica Reed, presented the rezone application. A concept plan consisting of 24 townhomes, a sport court, playground, dog park, ample parking, and a hammerhead turn around for first responders was presented. Georgette Parker asked if there would be section 8 housing and was told there would not be. The recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approving the re-zone was presented. There being no other comments from the public, Mayor Heiliger closed the public hearing.

Rod Smith asked if the patch machine could be used on the roads in the Forest Lakes Subdivision. Mr. Roettger stated that this was on the schedule for Spring.

### **Old Business**

**Stuermann Road Bid** – Alderman Hakim moved to advertise the Stuermann Road project for bid. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

### **New Business**

**Area Homeless Presentation** – Jane Kelley with the Warren County Fragile and Homeless presented a video and handout regarding homelessness in Warren County.

**Potential benefits/challenges of I-70 expansion** – Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record asked for feedback relating to the I-70 expansion. The Board expressed the benefits and potential challenges that could come with the expansion.

**Board of Adjustment appointment** – The city is looking to fill a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment. This member will serve as an alternate in the absence of regular members.

**Park Board Resignation** – Michael Cardenas-Salas and Rachel Hakim have submitted letters of resignation from the Park Board. Brent Evans was appointed at the February 9 meeting. One vacancy exists in Ward I.

**Police Vehicle Equipment Purchase** – Alderman Hakim moved to approve the quote from VIP Public Safety in the amount of \$10,887.44 to outfit the new 2023 Ford Explorer. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

## **Ordinances/Resolutions**

**Bill #03-23** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY’S OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP BY REZONING A CERTAIN PARCEL FROM “PDA” PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA DISTRICT TO “MR-2” MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF TOWNHOME APARTMENTS. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Owens moved to read Bill #03-23 a second time. Alderman Hakim seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill a second time by title. Alderman Hakim moved for final passage of Bill #03-23. Alderman Owens seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Owens	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	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 #1036 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

## **Reports**

**Parks** – The Mural rehab project at the Heiliger Building has been completed. Discussion was held on removing dead trees in Ruge Park. Mr. Burton will get quotes and present them to the Board.

**Public Works** – Public Water District will replace two concrete boxes on Stuermann Road. Alderman Hakim moved to accept the bid from Pole Cats Tree Service in the amount of \$975.00 to remove a dead ash tree near the public works shed. Alderman Andrews seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Owens	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

**Building Official** – Mr. Godier updated the Board on construction in the city. A Conditional Use Permit issued to 13480 Veterans Memorial Parkway expired on February 23, 2023, that allowed for a temporary office to be on site. A letter will be drafted to the business owner with a deadline to remove the office from the property.

**Police** – The department assisted in drive your tractor to school day. The Department has been assisting with code enforcement violations.

**City Hall** – Ms. Ogborn received a scholarship in the amount of \$500 from the MOCCFOA Eastern Division to help with costs to attend the IIMC Conference.

**Treasurer** – Ms. Hutchings is continuing to prepare for the audit. Audit will begin March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**HR/Payroll** – Ms. Queen’s report was available for the Board to review.

**City Administrator** – Mr. Schuchmann is continuing to do research on Indian Head Lodge Road. Public Water Supply District #2 ran the force main from Hickory Trails to the treatment facility, plan to install a 12” force main under Highway 70 to provide water to future developments along Roelker Road.

**Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$128,748.97. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

**Announcements**

Pastor Joe provided updates on the food pantry and upcoming fish fry. The Wright City FFA is hosting a Comedy night on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Blue and Gold will be March 18<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Heiliger thanked Ruiz Castillo for their 31 years of service to the community. Alderman Owens congratulated two high school students for their wins at State. The Downtown Revitalization Committee has opened registration for their First Friday events.

**Final Questions**

Discussion was held on the requirements for political and advertising signs. A post will be sent out informing residents of the 10-foot right-of-way and to remove the signs within five days. Any sign that is removed by city staff after the five days will be kept behind City Hall to be picked up.

**Vote to enter Executive Session**

Alderman Owens moved to exit open session and enter executive session for the purpose of dealing with relating to Section 610.021(1) RSMo; Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney, and Section 610.021(3) RSMo; hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting employees. Alderman Hakim seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. The Board entered executive session at 8:27 p.m.

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to exit executive session and return to open session at 9:17 p.m. Alderman Andrews seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Owens	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

**Adjournment**

Alderman Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Owens	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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