

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, February 9, 2023
City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road**

President of the Board of Aldermen, Ramiz Hakim, 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 via Zoom, 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, and Sports Director Eric Burton. Others present were Susan Traylor, Nancy Huster, Karen Gironde, Kelby Hamilton, Brandon and Tia Caldwell, Sean McDonnell, and Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Susan Traylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Owens moved to approve the agenda. 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.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, meeting and February 6, 2023, Workshop 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

Alderman Owens asked what the \$150.00 donation in general revenue was. Ms. Ogborn said it was most likely a sports league sponsorship that was put in the wrong revenue code. Alderman Owens moved to approve the January 2023 Financial Reports. 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.

Public comments/concerns

Nancy Huster who resides at 407 East First Street North wanted clarification if the alley behind her residence was in fact an alley or a city road. Mr. Godier will contact Ms. Huster.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

IIMC Membership and Conference – Alderman Arbuthnot moved to approve the IIMC Membership and Conference request for Ms. Ogborn. 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.

New Business

Heiliger Building Mural Project – Mr. Roettger and Mr. Burton would like to make the mural in the Heiliger Building appear more professional to visitors. Alderman Andrews moved to approve the spending of \$300.00. 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.

Appointment to Planning and Zoning Commission – Mayor Heiliger and Alderman Hakim interviewed interested applicants to fill a Ward 2 vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Heiliger made a recommendation to appoint Frank Ellis. Alderman Arbuthnot moved to accept the recommendation. 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.

Appointment to Park Board – Mayor Heiliger made a recommendation to appoint Brent Evans to the Park Board. Mr. Evans would fill a vacant seat for Ward 2. Previous member Joe Holiway’s term expired in January 2023. Alderman Owens moved to accept the recommendation. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea
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Alderman Arbuthnot Yea Alderman Owens Yea
The motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Resolution #01-23 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF TWO (2) TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS TO VISTA ON THE PARK, LLC. Alderman Owens moved to approve Resolution #01-23. 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.

Resolution #02-23 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PARKS RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM; GRANTING FURTHER AUTHORITY; AND VERIFYING CERTAIN COMMITMENTS IF THE GRANT IS APPROVED. This application was for the 62-acre park. Alderman Arbuthnot moved to approve Resolution #02-23. 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.

Resolution #03-23 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PARKS RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM; GRANTING FURTHER AUTHORITY; AND VERIFYING CERTAIN COMMITMENTS IF THE GRANT IS APPROVED. This application was for Ruge Park. Alderman Arbuthnot moved to approve Resolution #03-23. 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.

Bill #02-23-A – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, AMENDING ARTICLE XI, OFFENSES CONCERNING DRUGS, OF CHAPTER 210 OFFENSES, RELATING TO MARIJUANA IN COMPLIANCE WITH AMENDMENT 3 TO THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION. The Board allowed time for public comments/concerns. After discussion, Alderman Andrews moved to postpone Bill 02-23-A to the March 9th Board of Aldermen meeting and to place this item on the March 6th Workshop agenda for discussion. 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.

Bill #02-23-B - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, AMENDING ARTICLE XI, OFFENSES CONCERNING DRUGS, OF CHAPTER 210 OFFENSES, RELATING TO MARIJUANA IN COMPLIANCE WITH AMENDMENT 3 TO

THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Hakim moved to read Bill #02-23-B a second time. 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. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill a second time by title. Alderman Andrews moved for final passage of Bill #02-23-B. Alderman Hakim 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 #1035 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Resolution #04-23 A RESOLUTION BY THE SHAREHOLDER OF THE WRIGHT CITY REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ELECTING THE 2023 DIRECTORS. Alderman Hakim moved to approve Resolution #04-23. 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.

Reports

Parks – The Basketball program is off to a great start. 70 kids are registered for Baseball/Softball. Registrations will continue throughout the month.

Public Works – The department has been attending an OSHA 10 class. Mr. Burton thanked the department for stripping and waxing floors at the Heiliger Building.

Building Official – Mr. Godier updated the Board on construction in the city.

Police – The department received the new 2023 Ford Explorer and are in the process of getting bids for car equipment.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn conducted an audit of the MOCCFOA Eastern Division’s financial reports. All monies were accounted for.

Treasurer – Ms. Hutchings is continuing to prepare for the audit. Audit will begin March 20th.

HR/Payroll – Ms. Queen was not present.

City Administrator – Mr. Schuchmann is continuing to do research for projects around the city.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$53,613.75. 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 25th. Blue and Gold will be March 18th. The Pauldingville Lodge is hosting the annual Pancake Breakfast on February 11th. Alderman Hakim has begun collecting signatures to petition the Warren County Planning and Zoning Commission to change their Commercial Storage Unit requirements.

Final Questions

None

Vote to enter Executive Session

Alderman Andrews 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 Owens 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 8:14 p.m.

Alderman Andrews moved to exit executive session and return to open session at 8:34 p.m. Alderman Owens 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 Owens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Alderman Andrews 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: _____