

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 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 Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Police Chief Tom Canavan, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Director of City Services Kyle Roettger, Treasurer Laura Hutching, Human Resources Clerk Denise Queen, Building Inspector Joe Godier and Program Manager Liz Schubert. Others present were Jason Koch with the Warren County Record, Kathy Kehoe, Sarah Schroeder, Carson Schroeder, and Nicole Cook.

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Arbuthnot led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Andrews moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023, regular meeting and May 1, 2023, workshop meeting. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Financial Reports

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to approve the April 2023 Financial Reports. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Public Comments

Sarah Schroeder asked the city to review the 62-acre park plans and reconsider what has been planned and find the current needs for the city residents. Mrs. Schroeder asked for an update on Indian Head Lodge Road. A title company has been hired to determine the owner of the road. Frank Ellis and members of the Fat Heads Car Show were present to discuss their car show in July.

Public Hearing

None

Old Business

Roelker Road Heavy Construction Damage – The Board received an update on the condition of Roelker Road from Mr. Roettger and Mr. Godier.

New Business

Code Supplement Estimate – General Code, the city’s code book host, sent over an estimate to update the code book with 17 pieces of legislation that had been approved since October 2021. The Board asked for the cost for General Code to update the code book automatically as legislation is approved. Alderman Hakim moved to postpone discussion to the May 25, 2023, meeting. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Bill 08-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1038 AND SECTION 605.140 OF THE WRIGHT CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SPECIAL PERMITS.

Reports

Parks – Sport programs are going well. The Bike and Book It event will be May 20th. The Flag Retirement Ceremony will be June 10th and the department is looking for speakers. The sign at Diekroeger Park will be replaced after a car hit the sign during a car accident.

Public Works/Director of City Services – Materials are being gathered to seal the roads in the Forest Lakes Subdivision. The sidewalk project at Westwoods Road and Indian Head Lodge Road will begin after school is out for the summer. The parks department facilities have received new door locks. Mr. Roettger will provide an updated road priority list.

Building Official – Mr. Godier provided an update on the residential and commercial construction.

Police – The department has received SRO applications. The Chief will be meeting with Dr. Way to set up interviews over the next few weeks. The United States Deputy Sheriffs Association has granted the department a small, infrared camera. Officer Malta has begun the 6-week K9 program in Michigan and has selected an 18-month-old German Shepard. K9 Athena will be retired within the next few weeks.

City Hall – Liquor License renewals have been sent out. Those who volunteered, worked, or donated towards the City Wide Clean up day were thanked. The Planning and Zoning meeting for May 15th has been cancelled.

Treasurer – Preparations for the Audit report, tax rate, and 6-mo financials are underway. The Work Comp audit went well.

HR/Payroll – Officer James Auer was welcomed to the city. Gail Wesley, Thomas Canavan, and Joseph Chadd were acknowledged for their years of service to the city.

Mayor Heiliger would like the Board to review internal reports being created within the city to remove unnecessary reports.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$45,427.92. Alderman Hakim seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Arbutnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

The Kiwanis Club will be selling ducks throughout the First Friday events for a Duck Race at the August event. The grand prize is estimated to be \$1,000.00. The food pantry continues to see many families at both the drive through food pantry and at their location. The food pantry received the check to purchase the walk-in cooler. Library book sale May 18th – 20th. The city will be hosting a non-profit round table on May 17th. Alderman Andrews attended the Kickball Tournament to raise money for the 5th Grade camp and said it went well. The Special Olympics will be hosted on May 19th at the High School.

Final Questions

None

Vote to enter Closed Session

Alderman Andrews moved to exit open session and enter closed 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 Arbuthnot seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

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

The motion was approved 4-0. The Board entered executive session at 7:53p.m.

Alderman Hakim moved to leave closed session. Alderman Arbuthnot 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 Hakim moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Alderman Arbuthnot 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: _____