

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, October 26, 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, Director of City Services Mark Strutmann, Police Chief Tom Canavan, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Treasurer Laura Hutching, and Parks Director Stuart Bruning. Others present were Jason Koch with the Warren County Record, John Gottschalk, Del Moeller, MD, Vicky Steinkamp, and Mark Brandt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Andrews 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 Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Hakim moved to approve minutes from the October 12th Board meeting and October 16th and October 19th special workshop meetings. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Financial Reports

None

Public Comments

John Gottschalk, who resides at 59 Spring Hill Circle, expressed concerns with code enforcement in the Spring Hill Meadows subdivision. Del Moeller expressed concerns of water shed management along Peruque Creek and erosion control.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

Amending Chapter 400 – Solar Panel Arrays – Alderman Hakim moved to accept the recommendation from Planning and Zoning. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Conditional Use Permit – 117 East Veterans Memorial Parkway – Alderman Hakim moved to postpone discussion to the November 9th meeting to allow the applicant to be present and answer questions from the Board. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Old Business

62-acre Park Letters of Credit savings account –This account will hold escrow money for two Letters of Credit for Public Water District #2 for the Water and Sewer extensions for the 62-acre park that were installed. Alderman Hakim moved to open a savings account at American Bank of Missouri in the amount of \$44,167.02 for year 1 and \$10,000 for year 2 and year 3. 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.

New Business

Police Evidence Bank Account – In order to be complaint an upcoming policy, and overall best practice, the department is requesting the creation of a bank account to deposit seized funds. Communication was made with the Auditors. There will be multiple users on the account and it will require two signatures to remove the funds. Alderman Owens moved to open the City of Wright City Police Evidence bank account. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Resolution R13-23 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; GRANTING FURTHER AUTHORITY; AND VERIFYING CERTAIN COMMITMENTS IF THE GRANT IS APPROVED. Ms. Ogborn read the Resolution by title. Alderman Owens moved to approve Resolution R1303. Alderman Hakim seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Resolution R14-23 – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, ON APRIL 2, 2024. Ms. Ogborn read the Resolution by title. Alderman Hakim moved to approve Resolution R14-23. 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.

Reports

Parks – Mr. Bruining highlighted department events, projects, partnerships with the school district for a Basketball Clinic.

Public Works – Equipment for snow plowing has been maintenance and salt has been ordered. The drainage system has been installed at City Hall.

Building Official – There has been a slight decrease in building permits but a pick up in plat review.

Police – The department will participate in several Halloween events.

City Hall – Continuing day to day tasks.

Treasurer – Continuing day to day tasks.

HR/Payroll – There was nothing to report.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$49,111.18. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

The Monday night hot meals are successful with seeing over 30 families. Trunk or Treat will be October 31st at Diekroeger Park. Mayor Heiliger reminded residents to prepare for the below freezing temperatures.

Final Questions

Pastor Joe asked for an update on Donnie Reed’s storage containers. John Gottschalk asked if the 62-acre park would be cut one more year. Del Moeller asked if Ms. Fanning with DNR could meet with the Board at a future meeting. Mr. Koch asked the Board why residents should get involved and run for candidacy.

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 7:25 p.m.

Alderman Andrews moved to exit executive session and return to open session at 7:59 p.m. Alderman Hakim 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 8:00 p.m. Alderman Hakim 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: _____