

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 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 not available to attend via Zoom.

Roll Call

Mayor Heiliger called the roll with Alderman Kim Arbuthnot, Alderman Karey Owens, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, and Alderman Don Andrews present. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chief Tom Canavan, Police Lt. Aaron Sutton, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Treasurer Laura Hutching, Building Inspector Lance Bauer, and Parks Director Stuart Bruning. Others present were Jason Koch with the Warren County Record, former Alderman Tom Dixon, Kim Purl, Kim Fast and Billy Ivie.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Canavan 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 Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Owens moved to approve the November 30, 2023, meeting minutes. Alderman Arbuthnot 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.

Financial Reports

It was noted that the list of budget amendments was in the packet.

Public Comments

Former Alderman Tom Dixon asked about the current population of the City and whether the City had an economic development director. He said the City needed a full-service grocery store. Mayor Heiliger said that it was part of the City’s plan to hire for the position at some point.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

MO Department of Public Safety, First Responder Equipment Grant Proposal – The Board discussed the proposed equipment that would be purchased with the grant funds. The Chief pointed out that the cost on the list supplied to the board double counted the docking systems for the police cars as that cost was included in the \$24,500 cost for the six Toughbooks. He discussed that they could use 12 Toughbooks but are currently waiting to see if another grant applied for (asking for 6 Toughbooks) comes through. They also discussed the cost and interoperability of the Public Works radios in the proposal. Lt. Sutton will look into the compatibility and type of radios needed for public works to communicate with the WCPD. Alderman Hakim made a motion to postpone the discussion until the December 28 meeting. Alderman Arbuthnot 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

None.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Bill 19-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 365.070 AND ADOPTING SCHEDULE X OF III OF THE WRIGHT CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO STREETS WHERE COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC IS PROHIBITED. The Bill was read for the first time The Board discussed the need for and fairness of a law that would change builder access after the City approved the development. The Mayor cautioned that the City is growing, and the Board will have to be progressive to protect its infrastructure. The Board discussed not supporting the Bill.

There was no call for a second reading. Bill No. 19-23 died for lack of a second reading.

Reports

Parks – The Christmas Parade was a success with over 40 floats and vehicles in the parade which does not include the walking group. Estimated 350 to 400 people came to the park after the parade. The Mayor stated she thought Renee did a great job on the Parade. 193 for Breakfast with Santa.

Director of City Services – Lance reported that work started on Wildcat. The rest is in the report.

Building Official – Report is in the packet. They are still working on the coffee shop.

Police – Chief thanked everyone for the success of Shop with a Cop. Visit to Holy Rosary School. Highway patrol looking for overweight vehicles.

City Hall – Report in the board packet.

Treasurer – Ms. Hutchings is finalizing the budget and working on 6-month financials.

HR/Payroll – There was nothing to report.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$34,576.04. Alderman Hakim 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 reported they were able to supply 50 kids with toys and that they have 60 food baskets going out but are \$800 short of the goal for those baskets.

The Mayor gave an update on the St. Charles-Warren County portion of the I-70 project.

Final Questions

None.

Adjournment

Alderman Hakim moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 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: _____