

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, December 28, 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**

City Clerk Abbie Ogborn 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, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Police Chief Tom Canavan, Police Lt. Aaron Sutton, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Treasurer Laura Hutching, Director of City Services Mark Strutman, and Parks Director Stuart Bruning. Others present were Jason Koch with the Warren County Record, Tom Glosier, Austin Jones, Jason Koch, Jim Sharp and Mark Brandt.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Jim Sharp 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**

None

**K9 Acknowledgement**

## **Public Comments**

None

## **Public Hearing**

None

## **Recommendations from Planning and Zoning**

None

## **Old Business**

**MO Department of Public Safety, First Responder Equipment Grant Proposal** – Alderman Hakim moved to approve the itemized proposed cost of \$53,073.28 in Police Car Computers and Radios for the Public Works Department and approve the grant proposal. Funds for the Proposal will be taken out of the 2024 Budget. 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.

## **New Business**

**Lions Club Comedy Night Liquor License Application** – Alderman Owens moved to approve the application as submitted. 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.

**Street Financing** – The Board has researched finance opportunities to address infrastructure needs and met with a finance company to consult on GO Bonds and Lease Financing. The Bond council is drafting language for a Bill to adopt by the Board adding “Proposition R” to the April 2024 Election.

**Park Renovation Bids** – Park Renovation Bids for the Diekroeger Bathroom, Ruge Bathrooms, and Concession Stand were due and opened on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. One Bid was submitted from A. Eilers Construction in the amount of \$238,000 with an addition of \$7,800 if payment and bond were required. Alderman Hakim moved to postpone discussion to the January 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop meeting. 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.

**Police Department Taser Bids** – A quote was presented from Axon Enterprise, Inc, in the amount of \$24,570.00 for 6 tasers, holsters, and cartridges the department needs each year for

training purposes and for patrol use before costs inflated in 2025. Five equal payments of \$4,914.00 will begin in May of 2024, with the final payment being made in 2028. This is a specialized equipment and Axon Enterprise, Inc. is the sole provider and therefore there were no additional quotes. Alderman Hakim moved to approve the quote in the amount of \$24,570.00 with the first payment in May 2024. 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.

### **Ordinances/Resolutions**

**Resolution R16-23** – A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION PETITION FOR A CERTAIN 30.81 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN WARREN COUNTY. Ms. Ogborn read the Resolution by title. Tom Glosier, the applicant, was present. Mr. Glosier will present a 48-lot development. 100 acres remains in the county that will be annexed as water and sewer taps become available. Alderman Hakim moved to approve Resolution R16-23. 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.

**Resolution R17-23** – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TOAL FUND AMOUNTS IN THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI. Ms. Ogborn read the Resolution by title. Alderman Hakim moved to approve with the following comment for the record: The Board will review Budget Amendments before they are made in the accounting books. There will be no overspending of line items unless the Board approves the amendments. In June, a budget review and re-evaluation of spending will occur. 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.

**Resolution R18-23** – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2024, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO. Alderman Owens announced that the 2024 Budget is presented as a balanced budget. Alderman Owens moved to approve Resolution R18-23. 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** – Basketball and Cheerleading registrations is complete. The department is looking for 35 sponsorships to cover the cost of kids who need scholarships to play.

**Public Works** – The Department is looking to hire a Maintenance Worker.

**Building Official** – SWPPP reports have been completed with the recent rainfall. The playground curbing for the swing sets has been completed. The project should conclude within the next few weeks.

**Police** – Chief Canavan thanked Walmart for the 75” TV donation that will be used in the training room, Avtask/Avion for the \$1000.00 check for computer equipment, and EPC who donated \$460.00 of computer equipment.

**City Hall** – Candidate filing has concluded. Candidates are as follows: Mayor; Michelle Heiliger, Ward 1; Karey Owens and Seth Taylor, Ward 2; Ramiz Hakim.

**Treasurer** – The 2024 Budget is completed. Year end reports and close out fill be done the first week of January. The 6-month financial report will be completed and published by the end of the month.

**HR/Payroll** – There was no report to review.

**Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$25,295.19. 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**

Pastor Joe recapped the holiday season. 250 kids were given toys through the toy drive. The Food Pantry has purchased their own facility as of December 28, 2023. The Mayor thanked the Board for their work and the accomplishments made in 2023 and stated that the city is moving in a great direction.

**Final Questions**

None

**Vote to enter Closed Session**

Alderman Arbuthnot 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 Owens seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea
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Alderman Arbuthnot Yea                      Alderman Owens      Yea  
The motion was approved 4-0. The Board entered executive session at 7:19 p.m.

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to exit executive session and return to open session at 9:09 p.m.  
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 Owens moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 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: \_\_\_\_\_