

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, June 22, 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 via Zoom, 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, Building Inspector Joe Godier, and Human Resources Clerk Denise Queen. Others present were Jason Koch with the Warren County Record, Dan and Carol Rowden, Kim Purl, Mark Brandt, Kathy Kehoe, Amy Braum, Christy Resch, and John Gottschalk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Heiliger 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 Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Owens moved to approve the June 5, 2023, workshop and June 8, 2023, meeting minutes. Alderman Andrews 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

Public Comments

Dan Rowden and Alderman Hakim cleared up personal concerns with an article written in the Warren County Record and an email written by Alderman Hakim regarding “Sanctuary city for the unborn”. Kim Purl thanked the Board for their efforts with the county storage units. John Gottschalk expressed concern about trailers in his subdivision.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

2023 Liquor License Renewals – Alderman Andrews moved to approve the renewal applications for Hanny’s Market, San Jose Mexican Grocery and StLouisianaQ. 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

Sidewalk at Berretta Court/Wildcat Drive – Residents on Berretta Court have expressed that they do not have a safe way to get to the city walk that runs along the west side of Wildcat Drive. Alderman Owens moved to install a piece of sidewalk and to paint a cross walk along Wildcat Drive. Alderman Andrews 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.

Ordinance/Resolutions

None

Reports

Parks – Polecats Tree Service has removed and trimmed trees in Ruge Park. TSM will be at the Park Board meeting on Monday, June 26th.

Director of City Services – Sections of Trotters Creek Lane were replaced. The Stuermann Road project is completed. Preparations have been made for the fireworks show on June 24th.

Building Official – Mr. Godier provided an update on the residential and commercial construction. The city truck is burning oil at a fast pace.

Police – Chief Canavan and Chief MacKnight attended an active shooter training. Officer Malta is on his third week of training with the new K9 dog.

City Hall – The temporary firework stands have received their business licenses. Continuing work on the Fireworks Show and National Night Out.

Treasurer – Ms. Hutchings has been preparing for the 6-month financial statement.

HR/Payroll – Justin Pearia and Dennis Oglesby were welcomed to the city.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$129,905.89. 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 food pantry continues to see many families at both the drive through food pantry and at their location. The summer lunch program will begin in July and run for 7 weeks and they are looking for more sponsors. June 24th is the Firework Show. July 29th is the Fatheads Car Show. The next First Friday will be July 7th.

Final Questions

John Gottschalk asked the status of the 62-acre park. The City is determining what will be incorporated into phase 2.

Vote to enter Closed Session

Alderman Andrews moved to exit open session and enter closed session for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to one or more of the following: Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney (610.021(1) RSMo. Alderman Owens 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 7:12p.m.

Alderman Andrews moved to leave closed session at 7:37 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 Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 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: _____