

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, August 10, 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 Greg Dorman with Cunningham, Vogel, and Rost P.C., City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Police Chief Tom Canavan, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Treasurer Laura Hutching, Human Resources Clerk Denise Queen, and Parks Director Stuart Bruning. Others present were Jason Koch with the Warren County Record, Kathy Kehoe, Dawn Bruning, Kim Purl, Mike McDonnell and Mark Brandt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Arbuthnot 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 Hakim moved to approve the July 20, 2023, Special Board meeting, July 27, 2023, Board meeting, and the August 7, 2023 Workshop meeting minutes. 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

Alderman Andrews moved to approve the July 2023 Financial Reports as presented. 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

None

Public Hearing

Mayor Heiliger opened the hearing to hear public comments on the 2023 Tax Rate. There being no comments from the public or the Board, Mayor Heiliger closed the hearing.

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

Police Vehicles – Chief Canavan stated that he did not have enough information to present to the Board to make an informed decision. Alderman Owens moved to postpone discussion. 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.

New Business

None

Ordinance/Resolutions

Resolution R09-23 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY AND WM FINANCIAL STRATEGIES. Alderman Andrews moved to approve Resolution R09-23. 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.

Reports

Parks – The Parks Report was available for review.

Director of City Services – A report was available for review.

Building Official – The Building Inspector’s report was available for review.

Police – The Police Department report was available for review.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn’s report was in the packet for review.

Treasurer – Ms. Hutching’s report was in the packet for review.

HR/Payroll – Ms. Queen’s report was in the packet for review.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Hakim moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$42,350.34. 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.

Announcements

The Food Pantry has partnered with EPC to provide computer mouses at the First Friday Back to School event on August 4th. The National Night Out was very successful. The Kiwanis Club raised just under \$6,000 in their duck derby that will pay for utilities and rent for the year. Saturday, August 12th is the soap and soup football scrimmage at the High School.

Final Questions

None

Vote to enter Closed Session

Alderman Hakim 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 Andrews 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 6:39 p.m.

Alderman Hakim adjourned Closed Session at 7:20 p.m.

Alderman Andrews moved to exit executive session and return to open session at 7:50 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	Absent

The motion was approved 3-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Owens moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Owens Yea

Alderman Arbuthnot Yea

Alderman Andrews Yea

Alderman Hakim Absent

The motion was approved 3-0.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attested: _____