

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, September 14, 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, 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, Kim Purl, Mark Brandt, Keven Porter, George Cargill, and Thomas White.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The City Attorney 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 August 24, 2023 meeting. 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 Owens moved to approve the August 2023 Financial Reports. 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.

**Public Comments**

George Cargill provided upcoming events and programs that the Church of the Nazarene will be offering.

**Public Hearing**

None

**Recommendations from Planning and Zoning**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**CDBG Downtown Revitalization Program Grant Proposal** – The city applied for the grant last year. Tina Zimmerman, the city’s grant writer, had meetings with the organization to get feedback for the next application. Alderman Hakim moved to accept the proposal and authorize payment of \$2,500.00. 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.

**Ordinances/Resolutions**

**Bill 14-23** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 210 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENSES. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Hakim moved to read Bill #14-23 a second time. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill a second time by title. Alderman Owens moved for final passage of Bill #14-23. Alderman Hakim seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

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

The motion was approved 3-1. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board of Aldermen for their signature and approval and the duly signed becomes Ordinance #1047 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

**Reports**

**Parks** – Over 200 kids registered for fall soccer. Volunteers and community service individuals will fill out a liability release form before working in city parks. A concrete path was poured connecting the basketball court and bathrooms at Diekroeger park. Wags and Whiskers’ Woofstock event will be October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works** – The department is looking to purchase a concrete finishing tool.

**Building Official** – There was no report.

**Police** – Chief presented quotes for less lethal ammunition. Alderman Hakim moved to accept the bid from 911 custom in the amount of \$4,655.01. 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.

**City Hall** – Liz Taggart, Deputy City Clerk has started with the city. Director of City Services, Mark Strutman, and Building Inspector, Lance Bauer, will start on September 18, 2023.

**Treasurer** – The 2022 Audit Report has been received by the city for review. American Bank has contacted the city about their positive pay prevention program against fraud and that it would cost the city \$25.00 a month. The Board agreed that his program would be good for the city.

**HR/Payroll** – There was no report.

### **Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$52,694.82. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 3-0. Alderman Arbuthnot abstained for a check that made out to the Wright City Fire Protection District.

### **Announcements**

The walk-in cooler for the food pantry has been installed. City wide yard sale is September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Strassenbash will be October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. By donating canned goods at Strassenbash attendees will get tickets for a power jeep raffle. Mayor Heiliger thanked everyone who contributed to the annual Dave Heiliger Memorial Foundation Golf Tournament. Alderman Owens thanked those who attended the Dub-C explorers trivia night.

### **Final Questions**

Pastor Joe asked for an update on Donnie Reed’s storage containers. Mr. Koch with the Warren County Record asked what the funds from the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Program Grant Proposal would go to. Mayor Heiliger said the Downtown District.

### **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 7:05 p.m.

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to exit executive session and return to open session at 8:43 p.m. Alderman Andrews 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 8:45 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: \_\_\_\_\_