

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 10, 2013**

Signed in Attendance: Angie and Tim Reynolds, Bill Stinson, George Echhoff, Fred Heberer, and Chris Waltz of the Warren County Record

City Official Attendance: Mayor Heiliger, Alderman Schuchmann, Alderman Rowden, Alderman Toothman, and Alderman Smith were present.

Staff and Others Present: Superintendent Larry Janish, City Clerk Christine Martin, City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chief Doug Saulters, Treasurer/Economic Developer Karen Gironde, Pastor Joe Purl and Police Officer Jim Hepperman. Park Board Director Curt Kehoe was absent

Mayor Heiliger called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Roll Call

City Clerk Christine Martin called roll with Mayor Heiliger, Aldermen Schuchmann, Rowden, Toothman and Smith present. The City Clerk reported the Mayor and four (4) Board Members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

George Echhoff led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board Meeting of December 27, 2012 - Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Alderman Meeting of December 27, 2012. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Financial Reports – Treasurer Karen Gironde said there are no Financial Reports as she was waiting for the Tax check to come in from Warren County.

Responses to previous comments/concerns - None

Open Meeting to public comments/concerns – George Echhoff said he would like to discuss the proposed ordinance on Firearms, but would wait for the Agenda Item to come up.

Public Hearing – None

Recommendations from Planning & Zoning - None

Old Business

Park Fees – Treasurer Karen Girondo reported on Park Fees. The Parks Department is proposing to raise the building hourly fee from \$45 to \$50 for residents and from \$50 to \$65 for non-residents with the deposit for residents to be \$100 and \$200 for non-residents. The Pavilion daily reservation fee will change from \$40 to \$45 for residents and from \$65 to \$70 for non-resident. She said there were recommendations and questions from Curt Kehoe about raising the fee on the alcohol permit. Alderman Toothman made a motion to postpone the item to the next Board Meeting. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Wells - Superintendent Larry Janish explained that Well #4 is down and asked for permission to have Brotcke Well Company out to find out what the problem is and to give the City a bid to fix it. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve Brotcke Well Company to come out to do an inspection and to submit a bid on repair of the well. Alderman Smith seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Occupancy Inspection for 100 Star Connection - Superintendent Larry Janish explained that Ameren is still occupying the building. He said there are no issues but will check with Bob Barclay and report back to the Board.

New Business

Utility Billing Adjustment Report – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Payment Agreement Status - Alderman Toothman made a motion to approve the Payment Agreement. Alderman Smith seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Utility Billing Disconnect Hearing – Mayor Heiliger opened the Hearing. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Heiliger closed the Hearing. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to proceed with Utility Disconnects per City ordinance. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Utility Billing – Request for Payment Agreement Account 300083002 – Alderman Toothman made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Police Department New Hire – Chief Saulters asked the Board for permission to hire Robby Ryan to fill the spot of Randy Deatherage for when he moves into the Detective Bureau. Chief Saulters stated Mr. Ryan had experience working with Warren County Sheriff's Department in several areas including canine certification. Mayor Heiliger made a recommendation based on Chief Sautler's recommendation to hire Robby Ryan as a full-time officer at the standard rate of \$16.00 per hour while on probation and \$16.50 after he has completed his 90 day probation period. Alderman Smith made a motion based on Mayor Heiliger's recommendation to approve hiring Robby Ryan as a full-time

officer at the standard rate of \$16.00 per hour while on probation and \$16.50 after he has completed his 90 day probation period. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Police Department Canine – Chief Saulters discussed the Canine that was proposed previously. He said the canine is certified in drug detection and human scent recovery and can be used for tracking. Chief Saulters submitted a proposal on the needs and cost of the canine which totaled \$7,131.74. He also submitted a list of all the donations for the canine and will have an excess of \$1,088 to be put in reserve over the estimated cost of the canine. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to proceed with purchase of the Canine for \$1500. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Chief Saulters said he will have the dog at the next Board meeting. Chief Saulters said he planned to have the canine and the new officer that would be handling the canine at the next Board meeting. He stated he will also invite people to the meeting that have donated funds towards the new canine.

Utility Billing – Request for Payment Agreement Account 201516002 – Alderman Toothman made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Alderman Smith seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Mayor Heiliger read Bill #01-13 by title. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 215; OFFENSES, GENERALLY BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS; SECTION 215.380 DEFINITIONS, SECTION 215.390; WEAPONS – CARRYING CONCEALED – OTHER UNLAWFUL USE, SECTION 215.400 POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, TRANSPORT, REPAIR, SALE OF CERTAIN WEAPONS, SECTION 215.410 DEFACING FIREARM, SECTION 215.420 UNLAWFUL TRANSFER OF WEAPONS, SECTION 215.430 POSSESSION OF FIREARM UNLAWFUL FOR CERTAIN PERSONS, SECTION 215.440 CARRYING CONCEALED FIREARMS PROHIBITED – PENALTY FOR VIOLATION, SECTION 215.450 DISCHARGING AIR GUN, ETC, AND SECTION 215.460 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS; EXCEPTIONS.

George Echhoff discussed the proposed Bill #01-13 that would amend Chapter 215 related to firearms. He said there are a lot of things in the proposed bill that he thought needed to be excluded and stated the conceal carry restrictions are already a state law. Mayor Heiliger suggested to George Echhoff to review the proposed bill and then the Board can discuss it at a Workshop. George Echhoff said he thinks the proposed bill should be reviewed, adjusted and then passed. Alderman Schuchmann discussed the legalities of shooting a firearm within the City limits. Bill Stinson spoke up and said he feels the City should be able to write and amend an ordinance the way they wish as long as it does not interfere with State Statutes. Fred Heberer stated he agreed that they should not be able to have a gun at the Bank because there is a law that prohibits one from shooting within a certain distance of a public road.

Alderman Schuchmann discussed the need to pass the proposed ordinance to protect the people of the City and suggested passing the ordinance and come back to review the ordinance for amendments at the next couple of Workshops. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to revisit the ordinance under Bill #01-13 for review and amendment by March 31, 2013. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Bill #01-13 Ordinance was presented to the Board – Bill #01-13 was read by title. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 215; OFFENSES, GENERALLY BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS; SECTION 215.380 DEFINITIONS, SECTION 215.390; WEAPONS – CARRYING CONCEALED – OTHER UNLAWFUL USE, SECTION 215.400 POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, TRANSPORT, REPAIR, SALE OF CERTAIN WEAPONS, SECTION 215.410 DEFACING FIREARM, SECTION 215.420 UNLAWFULTRANSFER OF WEAPONS, SECTION 215.430 POSSESSION OF FIREARM UNLAWFUL FOR CERTAIN PERSONS, SECTION 215.440 CARRYING CONCEALED FIREARMS PROHIBITED – PENALTY FOR VIOLATION, SECTION 215.450 DISCHARGING AIR GUN, ETC, AND SECTION 215.460 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS; EXCEPTIONS. Alderman Smith made a motion to read Bill #01-13 a second time by title. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. After the second reading, Alderman Schuchmann moved that Bill #01-13 be placed upon final passage. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor Heiliger then put the question “Shall Bill #01-13 be passed and become an Ordinance?” Roll was taken with the following vote:

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| Alderman Schuchmann | Yea | Alderman Smith | Yea |
| Alderman Toothman | Yea | Alderman Rowden | Yea |

The Bill having the majority vote of the members present was adopted. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board for their signatures and approval and then duly signed and becomes Ordinance #779 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Reports

Park – Park Director Curt Kehoe was absent.

Public Works - Superintendent Larry Janish provided the Board with report. Larry discussed Gettysburg Commons Plat 2 and stated they are installing the utilities and said Harry Harper is on site every day that the contractor is there for the purpose of inspection.

Building Official – Superintendent Larry Janish provided the Board with report on new home building permits issued which was one (1) permit for #7 Edgewater Circle. There was one (1) sign permit for Frenchy’s Resale, One (1) Mobile Home Permit for 28 Twin Pines at Pine Forest Mobile Home Park, eight (8) Occupancy Inspections with six (6) residential and two (2) commercial. There are eight (8) violations.

Police – Chief Saulters gave report to the Board. He stated they have had 463 calls for service with 23 incident reports handled. He discussed having leads on some things coming up and said he would discuss them at a later time.

City Hall – City Clerk Christine Martin gave report to the Board on pending Businesses and Business Licenses that were issued. Pending License was Brian Reimers for a home occupation at 42 Appaloosa Way and James Hancock for Internet Sales at 134 Quail Creek Drive. Licenses issued were Dave Bross Contracting at 77 Roelker Road. A final date for the Ethics Class will be given on Wednesday, January 16th. The two possible dates given were February 21st or February 26th at 6:00 pm. The 2012 Year-end Payroll Roll-over and reports have been completed, along with balancing year-end leave totals with Karen. W2's will be started on Friday so they can go out with checks on Monday.

Treasurer/Economic Development – Treasurer Karen Gironde gave report to the Board and said Jeff with Hochschild, Bloom and Company was here on December 28th to start the preliminary work on the audit that will start March 4th. Karen said Lt. Eskew discussed them setting up a PayPal account on their Facebook page for a method to accept donations for their canine program. She said there is a line item for donations. Alderman Schuchmann said he had no problem with an account being set up. Alderman Schuchmann said there could be a sub-account at the American Bank for incoming funds with a User ID and Password to be used by Karen and Christine. He said with a sub-account it could not be linked to the City's regular account. He suggested checking with the auditors and if it can be used for utility billing account payments. Karen said she will proceed with it.

For Economic Development, Karen said she's had a number of calls and discussions with people looking at property for businesses here in town.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Smith made a motion to approve the Bills. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Final Questions – Alderman Schuchmann thanked the people present that came in to discuss the issued related to the proposed ordinance on firearms.

Chief Saulters discussed the new patrol cars and said he hoped to have the cars next week.

Adjournment

With no further Business, Alderman Toothman made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Approved _____

Attested _____