

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 26, 2015**

Signed in Attendance: Megan Thomas, JoAnne Thomas, Kay Janish, Valerie Foust, Tim Foust, Kyle Winfrey, and Tim Schmidt of Warren County Record.

City Official Attendance: Mayor Heiliger, Alderman Schuchmann, Alderman Bruce and Alderman Rowden were present. Alderman Toothman was absent.

Staff and Others Present: City Clerk Christine Martin, Treasurer Karen Gironde, City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chief Matthew Eskew, Park Director Curt Kehoe, City Superintendent Larry Janish, Officer Jim Hepperman, and Pastor Joe Purl.

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, and Bruce present. The City Clerk reported the Mayor and three (3) Board Members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Tim Matthews led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Board Meeting of February 12, 2015 - Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Aldermen Meeting of February 12, 2015. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried._

Approval of Financial Reports – December 2014 - Alderman Rowden made a motion to approve the Financial Reports. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to suspend the Agenda to move forward to Item 11a. Recognition Award, and Item 11i. Police Officer Commendation. Alderman Rowden seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

New Business

Recognition Award – Mayor Heiliger presented a Recognition Award to Kyle Winfrey for being named and honored as Outstanding Crewperson of the Year from McDonalds eight-state Heartland Region, in addition to participating in and becoming Captain of the girls basketball team, and participating in Softball, Track, the National Honor Society and Student Council. Mayor Heiliger also thanked her for her hard work and dedication to accomplish her

goals and for setting an example for other youth in the Wright City Community who may want to make a difference.

Police Officer Commendations – Police Chief Eskew stated he was proud to offer two commendations. Lt. Matthews provided detailed information on calls that resulted in the commendations. Officers Tommy Tomlin and Bryan Thomas were presented with Commendations. Officer Tomlin received his Commendation for an outstanding job for recovery of 15 pounds of Marijuana and \$16,000 in illegal drugs proceeds seized during a traffic stop on February 7th, and Officer Thomas received his Commendation for his help in apprehension of a wanted fugitive, in which dangerous drugs were recovered on February 22nd. In 2014, Officer Thomas responded to nearly 2,000 calls for service and executed 93 arrests, with a majority of those being drug related. Lt. Matthews ended by saying he was confident that the Wright City Police Department is the strongest and most confident that it has ever been. He stated that he has heard people say that everyone is afraid to deal drugs in Wright City and most dealers go out of their way to drive around the City due to the fact that the Wright City Police Department is so aggressive against illegal drugs. Lt. Matthews and the Mayor and Board thanked both officers for a job well done.

Responses to previous comments/concerns – None

Open Meeting to public comments/concerns – None

Public Hearing – None

Recommendations from Planning & Zoning – Application for Conditional Use Permit from Don Reed dba Reeds Rockets for a Temporary Fireworks Stand at 425 N. Service Road West. Mr. Reed was not present. Alderman Rowden made a motion to accept the recommendations from Planning & Zoning. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Old Business

Road Surveys – Treasurer Karen Girondo discussed the status of the Road Surveys for North Stringtown Road, Westwoods Road, South Stringtown Road, and Archer Road. She also discussed a petition that the County Commissioners received from residents on North Stringtown Road that the proposed annexation would not affect.

New Business

2014 Budget Amendment – Treasurer Karen Girondo discussed the proposed 2014 Budget Amendment and stated there was a Resolution on the Agenda for accepting the amendment.

Chemical Bids – Superintendent Larry Janish went over the Chemical Bids received and the difference in the bid items received. Chemical Bids were received from Titan for a total of \$4319, from Pinnacle for a total of \$3622.70, from State Industrial for a bid of \$4159.09, and from Alan Environmental for a bid of \$3223.48 for Bio Blocks and \$299 for Granular Weed Control. Larry Janish recommended the bid received from Titan in the amount of \$4319 for Bio Blocks due to a higher number of bugs in the Bio Blocks and Concentrated Weed Killer. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to accept the bid from Titan based on the recommendation from Larry Janish. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Payment Agreement Status Report – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the Payment Agreement Status Report. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Request for Utilities Payment Agreement – Account 200423004 – Alderman Rowden made a motion to approve the payment agreement. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Park Department Hiring of Part-time Employee – Parks Director Curt Kehoe asked the Board for permission to rehire Robert Redmon (Gordon) as an Umpire and part-time Parks Employee at \$10.00 per hour. Mayor Heiliger made a recommendation to rehire Robert Redmon (Gordon) as an Umpire and part-time Parks Employee at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Rowden made a motion based on the Mayor's recommendation to rehire Robert Redmon (Gordon) as an Umpire and part-time Parks Employee at the rate of \$10.00 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

S&R Animal Control Revised Contract – City Clerk Christine Martin stated she received the revised contract and City Attorney Paul Rost reviewed and made just a couple typographical corrections in the Contract. The contract will start on March 1st.

Police Vehicle Maintenance Bids – City Clerk Christine Martin opened and read the bids out loud for maintenance of the Police Vehicles. Bids were received from I-70 Auto Sports, Town & County Garage, and Harris Automotive. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Police Training Request – Police Chief Matthew Eskew asked for permission to send Bryan Thomas to attend a Field Training Officer Course for the registration cost of \$250 with a City Vehicle being used. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the training request for Officer Bryan Thomas. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Police Chief Eskew also asked for permission to send Tim Matthews to an Instructor Development Course for the total estimated cost of \$225, with a City vehicle being used. Alderman Rowden made a motion to approve the Instructor Development Course for Lt. Tim Matthews. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Request for Utilities Payment Agreement – Account 200896003 – Tammy Mikus was present and stated she was disputing a water bill that was higher than her normal monthly usage. She explained her circumstances and that her water bill is usually only around \$100. She had just signed the lease and suggested that the landlord should be receiving the bill, as she believed there was a leak at her residence as the water was on when she moved in. Alderman Schuchmann explained that whoever is responsible for the bill, if it is not paid the City will be required to shut the water off. Ms. Mikus paid \$80 of the \$283.29 water bill. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to postpone the decision on the request to the March 12th Board of Alderman Meeting and that the Landlord, Mr. Swan, be contacted to get the balance of \$203.29 taken care of by that date. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Alderman Schuchmann encouraged Ms. Mikus to attend the next Board Meeting in the event that Mr. Swan has not taken care of the bill by that date.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Bill #07-15 Ordinance – An Ordinance was read by title. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ANIMAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY AND S&R ANIMAL CONTROL LLC. Alderman Rowden made a motion to read Bill #07-15 a second time by title. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. After the second reading, Alderman Rowden moved that Bill #07-15 be placed upon final passage. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor Heiliger then put the question “Shall Bill #07-15 be passed and become an Ordinance?” Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Schuchmann	Yea	Alderman Bruce	Yea
Alderman Toothman	Absent	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 #844 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Resolution #08-15 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TOTAL FUND AMOUNTS IN THE 2014 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve Resolution #08-15 by title. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Schuchmann	Yea	Alderman Bruce	Yea
Alderman Toothman	Absent	Alderman Rowden	Yea

The Resolution having the majority vote of the members present was adopted. Said Resolution was thereupon presented to the Mayor and City Clerk for their signatures and approval and then duly signed and becomes Resolution #08-15 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Reports

Park – Park Director Curt Kehoe was present and reported to the Board.

Bow Hunter Class - Curt stated that on Saturday February 21st the Bow Hunter Safety Class was held and the class was packed. Curt said there were people from other states that attended the class.

Baseball - Curt said the next meeting is the baseball Manager’s meeting on February 28th. Curt stated they have 24 ball teams.

Easter – On March 28 they will have the Youth Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00 pm. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 1:30 pm.

Public Works – Superintendent Larry Janish reported to the Board.

Sewer Jetter Machine – Larry Janish said they received their Sewer Jetter Machine from Key Equipment and they will be out next week to go over operation of the machine.

Manholes – They have been working on the manholes. He said they have to get DNR approval to go through the wetlands area to get to some manholes. He said they will only be able to go on foot and will not be able to disturb any vegetation.

Building Official – None

Police – Police Chief Eskew was present and reported to the Board and said they had 431 calls for service, with 12 incident reports since the last meeting. Some reports included fugitive arrests, property damage, a suicide, domestic assault, and a dangerous drug arrest.

Vehicles/Cameras - He discussed the expected time arrival for the new police vehicles which is about three to five weeks. The camera systems will be shipped tomorrow and should be delivered next week. On March 11th, the video evidence library will be installed.

City Hall – City Clerk Christine Martin reported to the Board.

New Business Licenses Issued – None

Licenses Pending – “Our Hair Salon LLC”, pending Building Permit and Occupancy Permit prior to Business License being issued. Fireworks Fanatics for Temporary Fireworks Sales is pending his Conditional Use Permit for 277 E. Service Road North.

Business License Renewals are coming in daily with 90 licenses issued and four (4) licenses pending tax information. The Conditional Use Permits pending is Fireworks Fanatics Temporary Fireworks Sales scheduled for March 16th at the Planning Zoning Meeting.

Cemetery – There were no burials this week, only inquiries for future burials. City Clerk Christine Martin stated she was still entering lot sales and burials into the Summit Cemetery Module, which will make it much faster to look up owners/burials in the Wright City Cemetery.

Treasurer/Economic Development – Treasurer Karen Girondo was present and reported to the Board. She said she has been getting ready for the Auditors that will be at City Hall at 8:00 am on Monday, March 2nd. Karen discussed the recent shut-off day with the \$30 threshold implemented for determining who would be shut off. She stated it was a very busy day, but it encouraged several customers to sign up for ACH payments.

Economic Development – Karen said she has received emails from Josh Beck the last two days for a very good prospect.

Business Breakfast – Karen reminded the Board of the Business Breakfast on March 24th at 7:30 am at the “Wil Heiliger” Activity Building at Diekroeger Park. The theme is ‘Community Happenings’ and representatives from Forstell, the Village of Innsbrook, and Dr. Gaines will be attending the Breakfast. Invitations will be sent out on the Business Breakfast.

Blue & Gold – The Blue & Gold will be on March 28th. The Warren County Health Fair will be the same day at the High School.

Review/Approval of Bills – Alderman Rowden made a motion to approve the Bills. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Final Questions – Chief Eskew had a question to Harris Automotive on the bids received for vehicle maintenance.

Kay Janish stated she was involved in the newly formed coalition “Warren County Collision against Heroin” and asked Chief Eskew if anyone from his department was involved with it. Chief Eskew said he had detectives that are focusing on the problem, but he would be willing to reach out to the organization if given the contact information.

Adjournment – Alderman Rowden made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Approved _____

Attested _____