

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 28, 2015**

Signed in Attendance: Carolyn and Keith Dixon, Scott Schroeder, and Tim Schmidt of Warren County Record.

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

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

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 Bruce present. The City Clerk reported the Mayor and four (4) Board Members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Forrest Bruce led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Board Meeting of December 10, 2015 – The Minutes were not available._

Approval of Financial Reports – November – Alderman Rowden made a motion to approve the November Financial Reports. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried._

Responses to previous comments/concerns – None

Open meeting to public comments/concerns – Pastor Joe Purl thanked everyone that participated in the Community Christmas Food Drive.

Public Hearing – None

Recommendations from Planning & Zoning

EPC Site Plan Review - Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to accept Planning & Zoning's recommendations approving the site plan. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Old Business – None

New Business

Dixon – Sewer Hookup – Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dixon were both present to ask the City to consider giving them a free sewer hookup. Mr. Dixon stated that his wife’s uncle owned the property when the ‘Hwy J Sewer Project’ was completed. Alderman Schuchmann explained that when the sewer project was under construction the residents’ sewers were to be hooked up at that time and it was not. Alderman Schuchmann informed Mr. Dixon that if his property adjoined city limits, he had the option to voluntarily annex his property to be able to have lower sewer hookup fees of \$3,500 versus \$23,500 for out of town rate for sewer hookup. Alderman Schuchmann informed Mr. Dixon if he would annex, the water and sewer rates would be cheaper if he were inside the city limits, however he would then be required to pay city taxes. Mr. Dixon said they would think about it and get back with the Board.

2015 Budget Amendments – Treasurer Karen Girondo went over the line items that were increased throughout the year, with some items being the special election and costs incurred for the Big Boys Property. Karen She stated there is an ordinance on the Agenda to cover approving the amendments.

Bids – Cemetery Tree Removal – City Clerk Christine Martin presented two (2) bids to remove a hazardous tree in the Cemetery. Reid’s Tree Service bid \$1,090 and could remove the tree the last week of December, and Hansen’s Tree Service bid \$1,000 and could remove the tree between the first and third week of January. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to go with Hansen’s Tree Service for \$1,000. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried

UB Payment Agreement Request – Account #105003002 – Alderman Toothman made a motion to approve the request. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

UB Payment Agreement Request – Account #400114005 – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to postpone the request to the January Board Meeting for more information. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried

Payment Agreement Status Report – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to accept the report and to review it further at the January Board Meeting. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Approval of 2016 Calendar of Meetings – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the 2016 Calendar of Meetings. Alderman Bruce seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Resolution #40-15 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TOTAL FUND AMOUNTS IN THE 2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve Resolution #40-15 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	Yea	Alderman Rowden	Yea

The Resolution having the majority vote of the members present was adopted. Said Resolution was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board for their signatures and approval and then duly signed and becomes Resolution #40-15 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Resolution #41-15 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY MISSOURI, FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2016 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve Resolution #41-15 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	Yea	Alderman Rowden	Yea

The Resolution having the majority vote of the members present was adopted. Said Resolution was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board for their signatures and approval and then duly signed and becomes Resolution #41-15 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Bill #42-15 – Ordinance – An Ordinance was read by title. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO ADD NEW SECTIONS RELATING TO USE OF STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND PREEMPTION OF REQUIREMENTS CONTRARY TO FEDERAL OR STATE LAW. Alderman Rowden made a motion to read Bill #42-15 a second time by title. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. After the second reading, Alderman Rowden moved that Bill #42-15 be placed upon final passage. Alderman Toothman seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor Heiliger then the question “Shall Bill #42-15 be passed and become an Ordinance?” Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Schuchmann	Yea	Alderman Bruce	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 #869 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Reports

Park – Park Director Curt Kehoe was present to report to the Board. Curt thanked everyone that participated in the Christmas Parade and Breakfast with Santa. Curt stated over 200 kids attended the event and they are planning to make it a larger Community event next year. The Fire Department would like to set up to have a bonfire and offer hotdogs at next year’s event. Curt suggested having a lighted tree at the park next year with the Parade date as the official night designated to light up the town. He would like to encourage the downtown businesses to start decorating again. He thanked the Police Department for all that they did as it was the largest Christmas Parade they had.

Baseball Signups – The baseball signups will be on January 9th, January 16th, and January 19th at the Wil Heiliger Building.

Public Works – Superintendent Larry Janish reported to the Board.

Manhole – He said they located the manhole for Cochran. It was buried four feet deep on a hillside. The camera crew was from the company that the City purchased the sewer camera from and they located it at no cost.

‘C’ Wastewater License – Larry said that Kenny and Kyle both got their ‘C’ Wastewater License with their test. Nathan and Trent still need to obtain their ‘C’ License. Larry will notify DNR that we are now in compliance.

Viola Drive - He said a large hole was discovered under the roadway and in the ditch line. He said that when the gas line was bored down the street, the sewer line was also bored. Ameren will be coming to camera it and take pictures to determine what will be done.

Police – Police Chief Eskew reported to the Board and said they had 799 calls for service, with 30 incident reports since the last meeting. Some reports included several fugitive arrests, driving while intoxicated, a missing juvenile that was recovered, a domestic assault in the third degree, property damage in the first degree, a statutory rape case, and an attempted suicide.

Chief Eskew discussed how busy they have been. He explained they partnered with Dollar General and some other businesses for a Christmas Toy Drive. They sponsored two families, and raised almost \$500 to provide meals, gas cards, and clothes to some needy families.

2016 Patrol Vehicle Request – He said he checked with Missouri State Highway Patrol and they now have two (2) 2013 Chevrolet Impalas with approximately 55,000 miles on them. He is proposing to get rid of one of the Dodge Chargers, Car #6, purchasing the 2013 Chevrolet Impalas with getting them outfitted. It would put him at about \$3,000 under budget for the year. Alderman Rowden made a motion to approve the purchase. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

City Hall – City Clerk Christine Martin she has been working on the Business License Renewals and have applications for about 35 licenses at this time.

Cemetery – There was one burial in the Cemetery and it was August Obenhaus.

Treasurer/Economic Development – Treasurer Karen Girondo reported to the Board. She said all of the paperwork has been finished for the Chapter 353, the deed was recorded and EPC has all of their paperwork. She received the final paperwork from Oldcastle and will be taking that deed to the recorder’s office on Wednesday to be recorded. After that Oldcastle will be taxed at 100 percent.

Reimbursement requests on the Sidewalk Project between Cochran, MoDOT and the City have been completed and the City should be receiving a check.

Year End – The next couple of months will be devoted to preparing for the auditors. The Auditors have already been here to start their pre-audit work.

Memorial Society Contribution – Karen stated she forgot to put the \$5,000 contribution request for the Memorial Society on the agenda and it is still in the amended budget for 2015. She added the cemetery mowing costs for the year was a little over \$16,500. The CD for the Endowment Fund is not even making them \$3,000 per year. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve the \$5,000 contribution to the Memorial Society for mowing costs. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

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

Final Questions – None

Vote to go to Closed Session - Executive Session - Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to come out of regular session and go into an executive session to discuss business 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)); leasing, purchasing, or sale of real-estate (610.021(2)); hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees (610.021(3)). Alderman Toothman seconded it and roll call was taken:

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to come out of executive session and go into regular session. Alderman Rowden seconded it and roll call was taken:

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

The motion carried.

Adjournment – Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Alderman Rowden seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Approved _____

Attested _____