

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2018
City Hall, 203 Veterans Memorial Parkway**

Mayor Dan Rowden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Aldermen Chambers of the City Hall, 203 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Wright City, Missouri.

Roll Call

City Clerk Karen Girondo called the roll with Mayor Rowden, Alderman John O'Connor, Alderman Kerry Lambright, Alderman Nathan Rohr and Alderman Thomas Dixon present. City staff present were City Clerk/Treasurer Karen Girondo, Public Works Superintendent Larry Janish, Police Chief Matthew Eskew, Project Manager James Schuchmann, Parks Director Curt Kehoe, Kenny Robinett of the public works department, City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chaplin, Joseph Purl and Office Eugene Jenkins. Others present were State Rep. Bryan Spencer, Cheryl Lambright, Dwayne Paul, Keith Wilson, Chuck Barcom, David Gerland and Adam Rollins of the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden asked Alderman Rohr to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2017, Board of Aldermen meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Girondo said the December financial report will not be available until the December tax collections are received from the county collector later this month.

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

None

Open Meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

None

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning Commission

None

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Mr. Schuchmann said work on the interior of the new city hall continues and he is seeking plumbing bids.

Sewer Proposal Status – Mr. Rost reported an agreement has been reached between the City and Public Water Supply District No. 2 of St. Charles County for the sale of the City’s water and sewer systems to the district pending voter approval of the transaction. The sale amount is \$10,500,000.00, he said. This is the value an appraiser placed on the utilities, he said.

UB Payment Agreement Request #400004003 – Ms. Girondo reported UB account holder has made no payments on the outstanding bill of \$370.85. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to turn off the water on UB account #400004003. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Coca Cola Request – Mr. Gerland, representative of Coca Cola, said the company is concerned about traffic speed in the area of East First Street South where forklifts must cross the street between the company’s two buildings. The company is seeking permission from the City to install rumble strips on the street before the stop sign that is now located at the forklift crossing, he said. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to allow Coca Cola to install the rumble strips on East First Street South. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Outside of City Water Request - John Cook of Renaissance Wine Garden presented a request to connect to the City’s water supply at his property located outside the city limits at 29131 North Stringtown Road. The Mayor said before the City could consider the request, Mr. Cook would need to obtain easements from property owners to allow the City to install a water line from the city limits to the Cook property. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to table Mr. Cook’s request until the February 8 Board of Aldermen meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Letter from Memorial Society – Ms. Girondo presented a letter from the Wright City Memorial Society requesting the City assume the responsibility for the mowing of the city cemetery. In the past, the Society has paid an individual to mow the cemetery, she said, and all interest money earned on the City’s Cemetery Endowment Fund was given to the Memorial Society to help defray the costs of the mowing per the City’s ordinance. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to table action on the Memorial Society’s request and to ask the city attorney to prepare an ordinance permitting the City to use the endowment fund interest for the care and maintenance of the cemetery. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

2015 IBC Code Update – The Aldermen agreed to discuss changes recommended by the City’s building inspector at the February workshop and to prepare the IBC code update for ordinance form.

Jeep Repair – Ms. Girondo presented an estimate of \$984.81 for repairs and tire replacement to the Jeep Cherokee used by city staff to travel within the City and occasionally to Warrenton. The Aldermen agreed not to repair the Jeep and to replace it with the police vehicle that was previously used by the K-9 unit.

UB Payment Agreement Status Report – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the UB Payment Agreement Status Report. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

UB Adjustment Report for December – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve the UB Adjustment Report for December. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Floodplain Management Appointment – Mayor Rowden said the Federal Emergency Management Agency requires the City name a floodplain manager and he recommended Mr. Schuchmann be appointed to the position. Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to accept the Mayor’s recommendation and appoint Mr. Schuchmann the City’s floodplain manager. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

UB Account #10005008 – Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to waive the penalty and charges for the time the utilities were locked out on Account #10005008 and have the account holder pay \$513.00. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Bill #01-18 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE WRIGHT CITY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY AND SANITARY SEWAGE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM AND RELATED FACILITIES. Ms. Girondo read the bill by title. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O’Connor seconded the motion to read Bill #01-18 a second time. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O’Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Girondo read the bill a second time. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #01-18. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O’Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. Mayor Rowden then put the question “Shall Bill #01-18 be passed and become an Ordinance?” Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O’Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. 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 of Alderman for their signature and approval and the duly signed becomes Ordinance #929 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Bill #02-18 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018. Ms. Girondo read the bill by title. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to read Bill #02-18 a second time. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O’Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Girondo read the bill a second time. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #02-18. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O’Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. Mayor Rowden then put the question “Shall Bill #02-18 be passed and become an Ordinance?” Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O’Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. 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 of Alderman for their signature and approval and the duly signed becomes Ordinance #930 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Bill #03-18 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 62 ACRES LOCATED AT 793 WESTWOODS ROAD. Ms. Girondo read the bill by title. Alderman Rohr

moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to read Bill #03-18 a second time. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O'Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Girondo read the bill a second time. Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #03-18. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O'Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. Mayor Rowden then put the question "Shall Bill #03-18 be passed and become an Ordinance?" Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O'Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. 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 of Alderman for their signature and approval and the duly signed becomes Ordinance #931 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Reports

Parks – Mr. Kehoe reported the 2018 park brochure is available and said sign-ups for the upcoming baseball and softball season are underway.

Public Works – Mr. Janish reviewed highlights of his written report and said crews repaired more than 50 frozen water meters during the recent extremely cold temperatures.

Building Official – None

Police – Chief Eskew reviewed highlights of his department's calls, investigations and arrests.

City Hall – Ms. Girondo reviewed highlights of her written report. She said planning for the annual city clean-up will begin soon, and inquired what date the Aldermen wished to conduct the event. The Aldermen agreed to have the annual clean-up April 7. She also asked the Aldermen to consider paying the notary public fees and bond for one of the City Hall staff to become a notary public and be available to notarize city documents. The individual would not notarize documents for the general public, she said. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to pay the notary public fees and bond for a City Hall staff member. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Treasurer/Economic Development – Ms. Girondo said the annual city audit will begin February 26. She reported Wilson Waste has been purchased by Meridian Waste Solutions of Bridgeton. Mr. Wilson was present and introduced Mr. Barcom of Meridian Waste Solutions. The sale was effective the first of the year, Mr. Wilson said. The company will honor the five-year contract the City recently signed with Wilson Waste, he said.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$132,503.72. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Final Questions

Ms. Lambright updated the Aldermen on the Wright City Food Pantry and plans for a trivia night fundraiser May 18. State Rep. Spencer announced he and Mayor Rowden are forming a group of individuals known as "100 People Who Care". Members of the group will meet bi-annually and will pledge to donate \$100 at each meeting. The money collected will then be given to a local

501 C3 charity that is selected by the members following a presentation by charities seeking the funding, he said.

Mayor Rowden thanked the Aldermen, city attorney and city staff for their assistance during negotiations with Public Water District No. 2 of St. Charles County for the sale of the City's utility system and with Osage Fund LLC for the purchase of the property on Westwoods Road for park use. The purchase of the property is contingent upon voter approval of the sale of the utility system, he said. Informational meetings will be held between now and the April 3 election to explain the issue and answer questions from citizens, he said.

Vote to Enter Executive Session

Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to exit regular session and enter executive session to discuss business for the purpose of dealing with matters related to one or more of the following: legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City's representatives and its attorney pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo; leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore, pursuant to Section 610.021(2), RSMo; and hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded, pursuant to Section 610.021(3), RSMo. Roll was taken with the following vote:

Alderman O'Connor	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Lambright	Yea	Alderman Dixon	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

The Board returned to open session from Executive Session.

Adjournment

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Approved: _____

Attested: _____

