

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, March 22, 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

In the absence of City Clerk Karen Gironde, City staff member Marie Hollenbeck 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 Public Works Superintendent Kenny Robinett, Police Chief Matthew Eskew, Project Manager James Schuchmann, Parks Director Curt Kehoe, City Attorney Paul Rost, Marie Hollenbeck, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl and Officer James Hepperman. Others present were Heather Scherffius, Cheryl Lambright, Mark Buchheit, Brandon Kurtz of Lewis-Bade. Inc., Michelle and Scott Wells, James Toothman, Fire Chief Ron McKnight, Keith Terry 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 Lambright seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018, Board of Aldermen meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the January and February financial reports. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

None

Open Meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

None

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

Site Plan for Lot 15 Gateway Industrial Centre – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the site plan submitted by Joe Young for the west half of Lot 15 of Gateway Industrial Centre and ask the property owner to resubmit the site plan for the development of the east half of the lot when the property owner is ready to build there. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Site Plan for 201 North West Avenue – Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the site plan submitted by Kelly Hill for 201 North West Avenue for an insurance office. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Mr. Schuchmann reported the rough-in plumbing is completed at the new city hall building and installation of the heating and cooling system is underway. Electrical work will begin soon, he said. Mr. Schuchmann said a special meeting may be needed at the April Workshop to approve a gas line contract.

Proposition U – Mayor Rowden said the first of two mailings regarding Proposition U on the April 3 election ballot has been sent and the second will be mailed next week.

New Business

Michelle Wells – 542 Falcons Flight – Ms. Wells asked the Aldermen for reimbursement for the expenses she and her husband incurred cleaning up sewage that backed up in their basement at 542 Falcons Flight. She asked for \$197.68 reimbursement for supplies and labor. Mayor Rowden said the Board of Aldermen will review the request. Ms. Wells also complimented the public works department employees for their prompt response and their work into the early morning hours resolving the problem.

Cemetery Mowing Bids – The Aldermen reviewed two bids received for mowing and grounds maintenance at the city cemetery. The bids are \$425.00 per mowing and an hourly rate of \$50.00 submitted by Key's Property Management; and \$1,000.00 per mowing and an hourly rate of \$65.00 submitted by Buchheit Lawn Care and Landscaping. Mr. Buchheit introduced himself and asked if the Aldermen had any questions. Hearing no questions, Mayor Rowden said the Aldermen will review the bids and consider them at the April 12 meeting.

Park – Hiring Umpires and Workers – At the request of Mr. Kehoe, Mayor Rowden recommended Dallas Deroy, Jason Long, Joseph Butler, Joshua Butler, Stuart Bruning, Kennedy Duft and Hunter Klemp be employed by the Parks Department as umpires at a wage of \$25.00 per game and as hourly seasonal workers at a rate of \$7.85 per hour. Alderman O'Connor moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion based on the recommendation of Mr. Kehoe and the Mayor to employ Dallas Deroy, Jason Long, Joseph Butler, Joshua Butler, Stuart Bruning, Kennedy Duft and Hunter Klemp as umpires at a wage of \$25.00 per game and as seasonal workers at a rate of \$7.85 per hour. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Final Plat for Plat 5 of Gettysburg Commons – Mayor Rowden recommended the Aldermen table action on the final plat for Plat 5 of Gettysburg Commons. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman O'Connor seconded the motion to table the request to approve the final plat for Plat 5 of Gettysburg Commons. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

UB Account #200819001 – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to table action on a request for an adjustment of the bill for UB account holder #200819001. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinance/Resolutions

None

Reports

Parks – Mr. Kehoe reported on upcoming events at the city parks and said ball season begins April 9. He said he has been approached by officials from the Wright City School District regarding starting soccer and basketball programs for youth in the community that would serve as feeder programs for the district’s sports teams.

Public Works – Mr. Robinett presented cost estimates totaling \$4,225.00 for the materials required to widen West South First Street for truck route traffic. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to proceed with the widening of West South First Street. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Mr. Robinett also reported he met with officials from Cuivre River Electric Cooperative regarding street lighting on Stuermann Road. He said they will submit a bid for the lighting.

Building Official – None

Police – Chief Eskew reviewed calls, incidents and arrests handled by his department recently. He also discussed the recent terroristic threat at the public school and said the investigation revealed there was never an actual threat. Much time and resources were spent responding to an unfounded report, he said. Mayor Rowden said several persons told him they were proud of the police department and the community’s response to the incident, and he asked Chief Eskew to pass along the compliments to the officers.

City Hall/Treasurer/Economic Development – Aldermen reviewed Ms. Girondo’s written report. On behalf of Ms. Girondo, Ms. Hollenbeck reported that Bill Glankler with the Missouri Secretary of State’s Office has offered to review city records, identify those records that can be disposed according to the State’s record retention statute and prepare a list of the records to be disposed for review and approval by the Board of Aldermen. After the city offices are relocated, he will make a complete inventory of all the City’s records, organize and label the records and create a data base of the records. The service is offered at no charge through the Secretary of State’s local records preservation program. Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to allow Bill Glankler access to city records to prepare a list of records eligible for disposal and inventory and organize the remaining city records. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman O’Connor moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$60,921.45. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

Alderman Dixon said he continues discussions with property owners along Interstate 70 in an effort to find locations to erect “welcome to Wright City” signs. He also said he has contacted several business seeking donations for the community fireworks display. On behalf of Ms. Girondo, Ms. Hollenbeck said the Wright City Chamber of Commerce’s annual business breakfast is March 27 at the Heiliger Activity Building. Mayor Rowden and Mr. Schuchman said they plan to attend. She also reminded persons of the Meet the Candidates Night March 28. Mayor Rowden reminded everyone of the Blue and Gold Banquet March 24.

Final Questions

Pastor Purl said the food pantry needs spaghetti o’s and jelly. He thanked Chief Eskew and Officer Andrew Huston for speaking with children at the Church of Nazarene following the unfounded threat at the school. Mr. Terry asked if the Aldermen plan to review the City’s

ordinance governing the placement of yard signs on city right-of-way. Mayor Rowden said officials will review the ordinance. Ms. Scherffius said she believed officials should review the punishment that could be imposed on students who make threats, whether jokingly or real. Mayor Rowden said the City has no authority over the school district's policy regarding such matters.

Vote to Enter Executive Session

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

Approved: _____

Attested: _____