

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020
City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road**

Mayor Dan Rowden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Aldermen Chambers of the City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road, Wright City, Missouri.

Roll Call

City Clerk Karen Girondo called the roll with Mayor Rowden, Alderman Nathan Rohr, Alderman Thomas Dixon and Alderman Kerry Lambright present. Alderman John O'Connor was absent. City staff present were City Clerk/Treasurer Karen Girondo, City Administrator James Schuchmann, Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger, Police Chief Matthew Eskew, Parks Director Curt Kehoe, City Attorney Paul Rost, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Abbie Ogborn and Off. James Hepperman. Also present were Scott Schroeder, Carl Runyan, Roger and Jackie Nierman, Ardell Mikus, Nola Pfuhl, Phyllis Gentry, Loretta Bierer, Cathy Heiliger, Jerry Prouhet, Sherry Walker, Alice Windmann, Veva Karn and Shirley Ross.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden asked Chief Eskew to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2019, Board of Aldermen meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0. Ms. Girondo said there were no financial reports.

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 presented a bid of \$3,500.00 from Don Meyers Electric of Wright City to perform electrical work for the police department remodeling project. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$3,500.00 submitted by Don Meyers Electric. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0. Mr. Schuchmann reported several loads of dirt were delivered for the ballfield area behind City Hall, and the generator at City Hall will be installed January 20.

New Business

Engagement Letter Extension – Ms. Girondo presented a letter from Hochschild, Bloom and Company, LLP for the annual financial audit.

Cemetery Ordinance Changes – Ms. Ross of the Wright City Cemetery Memorial Society asked the Aldermen to postpone passage of the proposed ordinance and schedule a time for a public discussion of the proposed changes. She said Society members and other interested persons have questions and concerns regarding the proposal. Mayor Rowden said he would request the proposed ordinance be placed on the Board's Feb. 3 workshop agenda for discussion.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Bill #1-20 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 130 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, PERTAINING TO THE CITY CEMETERY Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to table Bill #1-20. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

Resolution R01-20 -A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY AND HOCHSCHILD, BLOOM AND COMPANY, LLC FOR AUDIT SERVICES Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve Resolution R01-20. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

Reports

Parks – Mr. Kehoe said registration for baseball, softball, t-ball and soccer is underway. He announced the Chamber of Commerce will hold the annual Strassenbash at Diekroeger Park in 2020 and it will be a joint event with the parks department's family fall festival. The event will be held Oct. 3 and proceeds will benefit the city parks, he said.

Public Works – Mr. Roettger reviewed highlights of his written report. He recommended the Aldermen employ Richard Schulte and Mason Miller as seasonal employees to help with snow removal at an hourly rate of \$15.00. Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to employ Richard Schulte and Mason Miller as seasonal employees at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

He also asked the Aldermen to consider accepting bids for the purchase of a skid steer track machine and a trailer to haul it. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to seek bids for the purchase of a skid steer track machine and trailer. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

Building Official – The Aldermen reviewed the written report.

Police – Chief Eskew reviewed highlights of his written report.

City Hall/Treasurer/Economic Development – Ms. Gironde reviewed highlights of her written report. She said the auditors will be on site the first week of March.

City Administrator – No report

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Dixon seconded the motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$108,346.25. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

Announcement

Alderman Dixon noted that parking spaces in front of Railhouse Pub need to be striped.

Final Questions

None

Adjournment

Alderman Dixon moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 3-0.

Approved: _____

Attested: _____