

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, December 10, 2020
City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road**

Mayor Dan Rowden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road, Wright City, Missouri. The meeting was available to attend via Zoom.

Roll Call

City Clerk Abbie Ogborn called the roll with Alderman Kerry Lambright, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, Alderman Michelle Heiliger, Alderman Nathan Rohr via Zoom, and Mayor Rowden present. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost via Zoom, City Administrator James Schuchmann, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Police Chief Matt Eskew, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl and Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger. Others present were Donald Andrews, Maria Beyer, Ernie Swan, Maria Hollenbech, Kirk Rodeheaver, Angie Krah, Vince Timberlake, Nathan Delcour via Zoom and Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, November 19 and December 7, 2020, Board of Aldermen Meetings. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Financial Reports

None

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

None

Open meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

Ernie Swan expressed his concern regarding the contracted Building Inspector and his failed occupancy inspection. The Board asked Mr. Swan to present a list of his concerns for the Board to review and follow up with the inspector.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – The Public Works Department is continuing to work on phase 2 of the Police Department.

Trash Bids – Angie Krah and Vince Timberlake with Meridian Waste were present and Nathan Delcour with Grace Hauling attended via zoom. After discussion was held, Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to table the trash bids for further review. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Maria Beyer- Special Event – Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to approve the Special Event Application with 2021 park rates and Police Officers staffed based on Chief Eskew’s recommendation. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Cemetery New Tree Planting – Marie Hollenbech said three people have applied through the Memorial Society to plant trees in the Cemetery. One White Oak tree to be placed in Block 2, one Dwarf Sargentina Crabapple tree in the Keller Addition and one tree in block 8 with type and placement to be recommended by the City. Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to approve the three tree requests with Marie’s recommendation on placement of the third tree in block 8. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

MO Rural Work Comp Membership Agreement – Item was tabled to research other company rates.

Records to Destroy – Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to destroy the list of records. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Resolution R06-20 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2021 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO. Based on Mayor Rowden’s recommendation, Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to table Resolution R06-20 to the December 28, 2020 meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Resolution R07-20 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TOTAL FUND AMOUNTS IN THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI. Based on Mayor Rowden’s recommendation, Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Lambright seconded the motion to table Resolution R07-20 to the December 28, 2020 meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Reports

Parks – Report was available in the Board packet. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the report. On voice vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Public Works – Mr. Roettger gave updates about current projects in the City. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to approve comp roll over time to the anniversary date of Michael McDonnell and Joseph Besselman. On voice vote, the motion for Michael McDonnell was approved 4-0 and the motion for Joseph Besselman was approved 3-0. Kerry Lambright abstained.

Building Official – Reports were available in the packet.

Police - Chief Eskew said the employee evaluations are underway. Officer Haney is doing great in field training and Officer Monroe will be starting December 21st. Enough toys were donated in Toys for Tots that the department gets the privilege to hand some out on Christmas day.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn said day to day operations continue, the office has seen an increase in new residents moving to the area and business licenses are slowly coming in.

Treasurer – Nothing to report.

City Administrator – Mr. Schuchmann said the Warren County is looking to create a Solar Panel Overlay District in an area North on Highway 47 and two public hearings are scheduled for next week. Mr. Schuchmann added that this would be a positive thing for the County because businesses are looking for clean power.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to approve the bills from November 25, 2020 in the amount of \$24,041.21 and bills from December 10, 2020 in the amount of \$58,131.12. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

Comments were made about the impact Pastor Joe & Kim Purl have left on the community and the level of trust they have created with those who live here. Pastor Joe said all the Christmas programs went well. Mayor Rowden wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Final Questions

Don Andrews stated his concern in the difference in trash bids. Mr. Andrews said paying more and not knowing if the services will be better is his biggest concern.

Vote to Enter/Exit Executive Session

Executive session was not held as there were no issues to discuss.

Adjournment

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

Approved: _____

Attested: _____