

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2021
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 via Zoom, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, Alderman Michelle Heiliger, Alderman Nathan Rohr, and Mayor Dan Rowden present. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Administrator James Schuchmann, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Chief Matt Eskew via Zoom, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger, Treasurer Laura Hutchings, and Elizabeth Schubert. Other's present were Donald Andrews, Jackie Nierman, Shirley Ross, Alice Windmann, and Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rowden asked Ms. Hutching's to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021, Board of Aldermen Meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Election Results

Ms. Ogborn read the results of the April 6, 2021, Municipal Election as certified April 9, 2021, by the Warren County Clerk Denise Stotler. The results are for Alderman Ward One – Kerry Lambright 20 votes, Don Andrews 82 votes, and Robert Hamlin 2 votes: for Alderman Ward Two – Nathan Rohr 62 votes. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to accept the results of the April 6, 2021, Municipal Election as certified by Ms. Stotler. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Mayor Rowden thanked Alderman Lambright for his service to the City as an Aldermen and the Board representative on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Lambright thanked the community for their trust in his years of service.

Adjourn Meeting with Outgoing Board

Alderman Lambright moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting of the outgoing Board of Aldermen. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Swear in Newly Elected Officials

Mr. Ogborn administered the Oath of Office to Alderman Andrews and Alderman Rohr.

Call Meeting to Order of New Board and Roll Call

Mayor Rowden called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order.

Roll Call

Ms. Ogborn called roll with Mayor Rowden, Alderman Rohr, Alderman Heiliger, Alderman Hakim, and Alderman Andrews present. Mayor Rowden congratulated the newly elected Aldermen and looks forward to their participation and input.

Elect President of the Board

Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to name Alderman Hakim President of the Board of Aldermen. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Financial Reports

None

Responses to Previous Comments/Concerns

None

Open meeting to Public Comments/Concerns

Aldermen Heiliger asked Mr. Rost questions regarding the Wayfair Tax.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

Conditional Use Permit – Meramec Specialty Company (Fireworks City) – The Aldermen reviewed a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the conditional use permit for Thomas Dixon, dba Meramec Specialty Company, to operate a temporary firework stand at 209 East Service Road North. Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to accept the recommendation and issue a conditional use permit based on previous performance within the City. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Conditional Use Permit – Bigfoot Fireworks – The Aldermen reviewed a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the conditional use permit for Renee Jacobi, dba Bigfoot Fireworks, to operate a temporary firework stand at 277 East Service Road North. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to accept the recommendation and issue a conditional use permit. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Conditional Use Permit – Champs Home & Lawn Services– The Aldermen reviewed a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the conditional use permit for Phillip Beauchamp, dba Champs Home & Lawn Services, to operate a Home Office for his business at 219 Peregrine Drive. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to accept the recommendation and issue a conditional use permit. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Old Business

Wright City Municipal Project Status Report – Mr. Schuchmann presented updates for the Police Department renovations and provided costs for both facilities and amount saved for the taxpayers.

Police vehicle purchase – After discussion, Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to purchase four 2021 Dodge Durango’s in the amount of \$160,545.00 in three annual payments with a loan underwritten by FMB Bank. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Special Event Permit – Thomas White – Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to extend the Special Event Permit through the month of October and to document the new date on the application. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Cemetery – Discussion was held regarding the City Cemetery and graves that need attention. Members of the Memorial Society were present to express their concerns.

BOA representative for Planning and Zoning Commission – Alderman Heiliger moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to appoint Alderman Heiliger as the Board representative on the Planning and Zoning Commission. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Bid Openings – Mr. Schuchmann recommended the Board reject the bids received for the North Service Road Sidewalks on them being higher than what the City has budgeted for. Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to reject the bids. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Mr. Schuchmann recommended the Board accept the bid received for the Westwoods Road Rebuild. Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to award the bid to Sweetens Concrete Services. Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to enter negotiations with Sweetens Concrete to receive a bid proposal to include the North Service Road Sidewalks. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

AJR scoring – Discussion was held on the scoring results. Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr second the motion to set up a negotiation meeting with Bartlett & West. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Bill #05-21 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 989 OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI PERTAINING TO THE CITY CEMETERY. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Heiliger seconded the motion to read Bill #5-21 a second time. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill a second time by title. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion for final reading and passage of Bill #5-21. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Rohr	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Heiliger	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board of Aldermen for their signature and approval and the duly signed becomes Ordinance #998 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Resolution R05-21 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY ADOPTING THE WARREN COUNTY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. Alderman Rohr moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to approve Resolution R05-21. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Reports

Parks – Ms. Schubert gave highlights of the baseball season and upcoming events.

Public Works – Mr. Roettger summarized completed and ongoing projects around the City. Mid River Asphalt to begin first week of May to repair Westwoods Road.

Building Official – Nothing to report.

Police – Chief Eskew thanked the Board for the purchase of the new police vehicles and gave updates within the department.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn highlighted upcoming events and provided an update on outstanding licenses.

Treasurer – Ms. Hutchings has been preparing for the Workman’s Comp Audit and day to day operations. Mr. Schuchmann stated Ms. Hutching’s caught an error in the tax breakdown and has helped balance the books.

City Administrator – Mr. Schuchmann stated discussions had been held with possible building inspector / code enforcement candidates but will have more information in the future. Alderman Hakim is going to place employment ads seeking candidates.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved and Alderman Hakim seconded the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$39,454.29. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

Pastor Joe gave an update on the Food Pantry and stated they will sponsor the 9/11 service on September 12, 2021. Alderman Hakim reminded everyone of the First, First Friday on First Street event taking place on Friday, May 7, 2021.

Final Questions

Adam Rollins asked for an update from Chief Eskew regarding the County Wide Emergency Communications updates. Alderman Andrews asked for an update on the tornado sirens.

Vote to enter Executive Session

Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to exit open session and enter executive session for the purpose of dealing with matters related to Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney, pursuant to Section 610.021 (12), RSMo. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Heiliger	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea
Alderman Rohr	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. The Board entered executive session at 9:20 p.m.

Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Rohr seconded the motion to exit executive session and return to open session at 9:50 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Heiliger	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Hakim moved and Alderman Andrews seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. On voice vote, the motion was approved 4-0.

Approved: _____

Attested: _____