

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, August 11, 2022  
City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road**

Mayor Michelle Heiliger 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 not available to attend via Zoom.

**Roll Call**

City Clerk Abbie Ogborn called the roll with Mayor Michelle Heiliger, Alderman Karey Owens, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, and Alderman Don Andrews present. Alderman Nathan Rohr was absent. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Police Chief Tom Canavan, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Public Works Superintendent Kyle Roettger, Sports Director Eric Burton, Building Inspector Joe Godier, Treasurer Laura Hutchings and Human Resources Clerk Denise Queen. Others present were Adam Rollins with the Warren County Record, Patricia Jones, Jerry Prouhet, Sarah Schroeder, Greg Polumbus, Jeff Haley, Sharon Hettel, David Reth, Mary Long, Steve Grote, Chad Presson, Donald Duckworth, Tom Cillo, and Kathy Kehoe.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Alderman Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Alderman Hakim moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022, Board of Aldermen and August 1, 2022, Workshop meetings. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Owens	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Absent

The motion was approved 3-0.

**Financial Reports**

Alderman Hakim moved to approve the July 2022 Financial Reports. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea
Alderman Rohr	Absent	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 3-0.

**Public comments/concerns**

Residents from the Spring Lakes Subdivision were present and expressed their concerns with the siltation that contaminated the lakes, believed to be from the 62-acre park, during the astronomical rainfall from July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mr. Schuchmann will be meeting with Maruice of the Spring Lakes HOA to examine the spring and lakes and decide on what needs to be done.

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Heiliger opened a public hearing on the proposed 2022 Tax Rate. Alderman Hakim asked Ms. Hutchings to provide a list of the tax rates over the past 5 years. The Debt Service amount is decreasing due to higher development. Their being no comments from the public, Mayor Heiliger closed the public hearing.

**Recommendations from Planning and Zoning**

None

**Old Business**

**Wright City Municipal Project Status Report** – The drop ceiling was installed and electric wiring in now going in. The exterior of the building has been painted.

**New Business**

**Traffic Study** – Alderman Owens moved for the city to go out for RFQ’s for a traffic study along Wildcat Drive, Bell Road, Westwoods Road, and Weatherby Lane. Alderman Andrews seconded the motion and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Rohr	Absent	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 3-0.

**Park mower bids** – Mr. Burton highlighted the bids for a new park mower. Alderman Hakim moved to postpone the item and add is for discussion at the September 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop meeting. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Rohr	Absent	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea

The motion was approved 3-0.

**Wright City Cemetery Memorial Society-** Jerry Prouhet with the Wright City Cemetery Memorial Society stated that the headstone for John Hayes and his Wife was set on July 16<sup>th</sup> in Block 3. There is a concrete curb in Block 5 that borders the west side of 6 family plots that needs repaired that the Wright City Cemetery Memorial Society presented, on the behalf of the families. Dave and Ralph Reckamp have offered to install the concrete curb and estimated the cost to be \$4,000.00. There are two families that have descendants left and each family is willing to pay ½ of 1/3 of the cost to install the curb. The Wright City Cemetery Memorial Society has asked the City to pay the remaining 2/3. The Board asked Mr. Prouhet to receive 3 bids for the work to follow the City’s Policy, since they are being asked to contribute.

**City Hall sign quotes** – Alderman Hakim moved to award the bid to AB Signs. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Owens	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Absent

The motion was approved 3-0.

## **Ordinances/Resolutions**

### **Resolution R-17 – A RESOLUTION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS.**

Alderman Andrews moved to approve Resolution #17-22. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Owens	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Absent

The motion was approved 3-0.

## **Reports**

**Parks** – Mr. Burton stated Pole Cats is trying to contact homeowners about removing the two trees in Spring Hill Circle. Bollards have been delivered and the Public Works Department will help get them installed at the ends of the walkway in Diekroeger Park. Mr. Burton is receiving bids for sealing the Diekroeger Parking lot. Alderman Andrews asked to receive quotes on renting a sealer and city employees doing the work themselves.

**Public Works** – The department will begin installing the drain tile August 15<sup>th</sup> on Spring Hill Circle and hopes to have the project completed by Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Roettger presented bids for John Deere 331G skid steer tracks. The bids also included a 500-hour preventive maintenance. Alderman Hakim moved to award the bid to McCoy Construction in the amount of \$4,621.66. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea
Alderman Rohr	Absent	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 3-0.

**Building Official** – Mr. Godier said the city is way ahead in miscellaneous and occupancy permits. Dollar General needs the parking lot installed before keys can be turned over.

**Police** – Chief Canavan has been working on policies. Chief will meet with Dr. Way of the Wright City School District monthly regarding SRO Officer expectations. Chief thanked those involved in hosting the National Night Out event.

**City Hall** – Ms. Ogborn was not a recipient of the MML Annual Conference Scholarship. Ms. Ogborn renewed her Notary Public, attended the Floodplain Workshop on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and has been appointed to several committees through the MOCCFOA Eastern Division.

**Treasurer** – Ms. Hutchings has been working on the 2022 Tax Rate and will work on the Mittler Brothers Chapter 100 Billing and the 2023 Budget.

**HR/Payroll** – Ms. Queen received her HR Professional Certification and thanked Christopher Beard, Josephy Besselman, Eric Burton, Michael McDonnell, and Nicki Wiss for their years of service with the city.

**City Administrator** – Mr. Schuchmann was out on vacation the past 2 weeks and thanked city staff for their hard work.

## **Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman Andrews asked if the Police Department looked elsewhere besides Warrenton Tire for vehicle tires. Chief Canavan stated that business received the state bid Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$353,032.04. Alderman Hakim seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Rohr	Absent	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 3-0.

### **Announcements**

The summer lunch program started and 100 lunches are being handed out daily. The St. Louis Food Bank will be delivering fresh fruits and vegetables to the community once a month. September 16<sup>th</sup> is the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. With gearing up for back to school, residents were encouraged to watch for students walking to and from school. The Board thanked the Community for the support at First Friday's. The dunk booth raised close to \$1,000.00 for a new swing set in Diekroeger Park. City Hall Selfie Day is August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Final Questions**

Patsy Jones asked for an update on Indian Head Lodge Road. Mayor Heiliger stated there was no update that it was passed along to Warren County. Ms. Jones thanked the Board for their involvement with Senior Meals on Wheels.

### **Vote to enter Executive Session**

Alderman Andrews moved to exit open session and enter executive session for the purpose of dealing with relating to Section 610.021(1) RSMo; Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City's representatives and its attorney. Alderman Owens seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Absent
Alderman Rohr	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 3-0. The Board entered executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Alderman Owens moved to exit executive session and return to open session at 8:40 p.m.

Alderman Andrews seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Owens	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Absent
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 3-0.

### **Adjournment**

Alderman Owens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Rohr	Absent	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_