

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2023
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 available to attend via Zoom.

Roll Call

City Clerk Abbie Ogborn called the roll with Mayor Michelle Heiliger, Alderman Kim Arbuthnot, Alderman Karey Owens, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, and Alderman Don Andrews present. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Director of City Services Mark Strutmann, Lieutenant Aaron Sutton, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Treasurer Laura Hutching, and Parks Director Stuart Bruning. Others present were Jason Koch with the Warren County Record, Rod Smith, John Gottschalk, Del Moeller, MD, and Mark Brandt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Gottschalk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Hakim moved to approve the agenda. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Owens moved to approve minutes from the September 28, 2023, Board of Aldermen and October 2, 2023, Workshop meetings. Alderman Hakim seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Financial Reports

Alderman Andrews moved to approve the September 2023 Financial Reports. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Owens	Yea	Alderman Andrews	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Public Comments

John Gottschalk, who resides at 59 Spring Hill Circle, expressed concerns with code enforcement in the Spring Hill Meadows subdivision. Del Moeller expressed concerns of water shed management along Peruque Creek and encouraged the Board to have setback requirements to protect the wetlands for duck and fish life. Rod Smith, who resides at 38 Edgewater Circle, expressed concern with the crack sealing that began in Forest Lakes, that it was beginning to separate.

Public Hearing

None

Old Business

None

New Business

62-acre Park Letters of Credit savings account – The city is required by Public Water District #2 to put up Letter of Credits for the water and sewer extensions in the 62-acre park. The reserved funds would be placed in a savings account at American Bank. For year 1, the total would be \$44,167.02. For year 2 and year 3, the total would be \$10,000. American Bank stated an interest could be earned on the account but did not confirm a percentage. Alderman Hakim moved to postpone this item to the October 26, 2023, meeting. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinances/Resolutions

None

Reports

Parks – The school district will co-host a basketball camp in November. Preparations are being made for Strassenbash.

Public Works – A sidewalk has been poured at Beretta Court and Wildcat Drive and maintenance has been completed on city equipment. A discussion was held on road impact fees.

Building Official – Permit review and inspections are moving along. The department is looking for software to streamline the permit and inspection processes.

Police – Aaron Sutton and Scott Taylor were recognized by the Great Rivers crisis Intervention Team Council and presented an award for outstanding action of law enforcement officers when responding to incidents of people in crisis.

City Hall – Assisting the school district with fence proposals and locations for a second preschool. Completing a noise study for the I-70 expansion project.

Treasurer – Preparations for 2023 Budget discussions have begun.

HR/Payroll – Jose Malta-Gonzales was acknowledged for 6-years of service to the city.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$54,120.56. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

The Wright City Food Panty walk in freezer has been paid off. The pantry is partnering with The Porter’s to host the Monday hot meals at Diekroeger Park. Christmas programs are gearing up. A non-profit forum was held on October 10th and the group summarized the top three needs in our community are Homelessness, food availability, and childcare. A food drive will be held at Strassenbash.

Final Questions

John Gottschalk expressed concerns about construction traffic tearing up Wildcat Drive.

Vote to enter Closed Session

Alderman Owens moved to exit open session and enter closed 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, and Section 610.021(3) RSMo; hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting employees. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0. The Board entered executive session at 7:29 p.m.

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to exit executive session and return to open session at 8:22 p.m. Alderman Owens seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Owens	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Owens	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Hakim	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attested: _____