

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, June 8, 2023  
City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road**

President of the Board of Aldermen Ramiz Hakim 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 Kim Arbuthnot, Alderman Karey Owens, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, and Alderman Don Andrews present. Mayor Michelle Heiliger was absent. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Police Chief Tom Canavan, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Director of City Services Kyle Roettger, Treasurer Laura Hutching, Building Inspector Joe Godier, and Human Resources Clerk Denise Queen. Others present were Jason Koch with the Warren County Record, Jeremy Jacobs, Grayson and Cyndi Woollard, Dan and Carol Rowden, Vernon and Pam Suemnicht, Dawn Bruning, Joseph Mason, Jack Ortega and Ronnie Mason.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Retired Mayor Dan Rowden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Alderman Andrews moved to approve the agenda. Alderman Owens 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 the May 25, 2023, meeting minutes. Alderman Andrews 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.

**Financial Reports**

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

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

**Public Comments**

Citizens approached the Board about passing an Ordinance to classify Wright City as a “Sanctuary City for the Unborn”.

**Public Hearing**

None

**Recommendations from Planning and Zoning**

None

**Old Business**

**Appointment to Board of Adjustment** – Mayor Heiliger and Alderman Hakim contacted Grayson Woollard prior to the meeting as a potential candidate for the Board of Adjustment. Alderman Hakim made a recommendation to appoint him. Alderman Owens moved to accept the recommendation and appoint Grayson Woollard to the Board of Adjustment. 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.

**New Business**

**2023 Liquor License Renewals** – Alderman Hakim moved to approve the renewal applications for Dollar General, Fastlane, Midwest Petro, Mikey’s Pour House, The Railhouse Pub, Wright City BP, and Wright City Liquor. StLouisianaQ’s application was presented but would not be approved because payment had not been received by the city. 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.

**Ordinance/Resolutions**

**Resolution R08-23** – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY AND ARC PYROTECHNICS, INC. Alderman Andrews moved to approve Resolution R08-23. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

**Reports**

**Parks** – The Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held at 10a.m. on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Diekroeger Park. Abby Thomas will be hosting free soccer clinics.

**Director of City Services** – The department has completed asphalt projects citywide. New banners have been hung in the downtown district. Preparations for the sidewalk project at Indian Head Lodge Road and Westwoods Road have begun. Mid Rivers Asphalt began working on Stuermann Road. Due to the street not having striped lines prior to re-surfacing, Alderman Hakim recommended to allow the asphalt to settle before striping the road.

**Building Official** – Mr. Godier provided an update on the residential and commercial construction. The sidewalk along Bell Road near the Vista on the Park development was redone. The city has received inquiries on code requirements from Dominos Pizza.

**Police** – Athena has been retired from the department. Officer Malta has begun training with the new K9 dog and will be done the week of July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**City Hall** – Sweetens Sealing Services, LLC received a business license. Ms. Ogborn has been fielding a lot of calls from developers looking to come into the city.

**Treasurer** – Ms. Hutchings has been providing the auditors with information for the audit. The report is due to the State Auditor on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Preparations for the 6-month financial statement and tax rate are underway.

**HR/Payroll** – There was nothing to report.

### **Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$42,856.18. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Rohr	Yea
Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

### **Announcements**

The food pantry continues to see many families at both the drive through food pantry and at their location. Old Thyme Produce will give fresh fruit and vegetables to the pantry all of June through a grant. Eckert's has provided 8 pallets of fresh food. The summer lunch program will begin in July and run for 7 weeks. June 24<sup>th</sup> is the Firework Show. July 29<sup>th</sup> is the Fatheads Car Show. Alderman Hakim provided a schedule on the Avenue of Flags in the Cemetery for Flag Day on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Final Questions**

A citizen approached the Board in favor of Wright City becoming a “Sanctuary City for the Unborn”.

**Vote to enter Closed Session**

Alderman Hakim moved to exit open session and enter closed session for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to one or more of the following: Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney (610.021(1) RSMo); and hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees (610.021(3) RSMo).Alderman Andrews 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 7:12p.m.

Alderman Andrews moved to leave closed session at 8:47 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 Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Alderman Arbuthnot 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: \_\_\_\_\_