

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, August 10, 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, Police Chief Tom Canavan, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, Treasurer Laura Hutching, Human Resources Clerk Denise Queen, Public Works Manager Derrick Fox, Parks Director Stuart Bruning. Others present were Jason Koch with the Warren County Record, Kerry and Cheryl Lambright, Jayson and Jennifer Hoagland, Kathy Kehoe, Kim Purl and John Gottschalk.

Pledge of Allegiance

John Gottschalk 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 Hakim moved to approve minutes from the August 10, 2023 meeting. Alderman Andrews 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

None

Public Comments

Kerry Lambright was approached by the city who had concerns about Mr. Lambright being in violation of city ordinances while parking a camper at the First Baptist Church and living in the camper. Mr. Lambright asked the Board to give him time to move the camper. The Board asked for this to be resolved as soon as possible.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

Updating to the 2021 Building Codes – Alderman Owens moved to start the process of updating to the 2021 Building Codes. 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.

Old Business

Police Vehicles –Discussion was held on new police vehicles. Money will be allocated in the 2024 Budget for two new vehicles. Three existing vehicles can be sold to help offset the expense of the new vehicles. The Chief will place an order for two Durango’s. The city is not obligated to buy them, but in order to get on the list to receive new vehicles in 2023, the order has to be placed ahead of time.

New Business

Special Event Permit – Homecoming Parade – Alderman Hakim moved to approve the annual Wright City High School annual Homecoming Parade. 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.

Ordinance/Resolutions

Bill 12-23 – AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND IMPOSING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2023 FOR: GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES; PUBLIC PARK PURPOSES; AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PURPOSES. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Owens moved to read Bill #13-23 a second time. Alderman Hakim seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill a second time by title. Alderman Hakim moved for final passage of Bill #12-23. Alderman Andrews seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

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

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 #1045 of the City of Wright City, Missouri

Bill 13-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 205 OF THE WRIGHT CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO ANIMAL REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO KEEPING OF CHICKENS. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Hakim moved to read Bill #13-23 a second time. Alderman Owens seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill a second time by title. Alderman Owens moved for final passage of Bill #13-23. Alderman Hakim seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

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

The motion was approved 3-1. 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 #1046 of the City of Wright City, Missouri

Resolution 10-23 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY AND WRIGHT CITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT AND CERTAIN INSPECTIONS. Alderman Hakim moved to approve Resolution R10-23. 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.

Reports

Parks – There will be 24 soccer teams and the season will begin on September 9th. On August 13th, a group of volunteers helped paint the pavilion and installed siding in the eaves.

Public Works – Sealing began in the Forest Lakes Subdivision, Stuerman Road was striped, and the department has been making repairs on Roelker Road.

Building Official – The Building Inspector’s report was available for review.

Police – A table talk will be held at Wesley Smith Chapel on Saturday, August 26th at 11:30 a.m.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn has been working on documents for the water and sewer lines in the 62-acre park.

Treasurer – Ms. Hutchings has begun working on the 2024 Budget.

HR/Payroll – Ms. Queen welcomed new staff members and provided an update on the NIMS certifications for full time staff.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$45,090.19. 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 Food Pantry continues to see an overwhelming number of families. The summer lunch program gave out 3,590 lunches over 7 weeks. Woofstock will be August 26th. Strassenbash will be October 13th and 14th. National Night Out raised \$6,100 that will be donated to Warren County Backstoppers. A trivia night will be held on September 9th for the Dub-C explorers.

Final Questions

The Board wants to follow up with the four storage containers on Donnie Reeds property located on Warren Avenue. The freeze on water and sewer bills expired in July and residents have received their new bills. The Board would like to contact other cities to see the rates their users have to compare. Jason Koch asked how the Board determined to settle on 4 chickens within the city limits. The number was the average number based on feedback received from residents.

Vote to enter Closed Session

Alderman Andrews 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 Owens 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 7:28 p.m.

Alderman Andrews moved to exit executive session and return to open session at 9:16p.m. Alderman Arbuthnot 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 9:16 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: _____