

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2024
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, Police Chief Tom Canavan, Police Lieutenant Aaron Sutton, Police Chaplain Joseph Purl, and Parks Director Stuart Bruning. Others present were Jason Koch with the Warren County Record, Bart Korman, Shannon Creighton, Joy Howard, and Kim Fast.

Pledge of Allegiance

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Approval of Agenda

Alderman Owens 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 Andrews moved to approve minutes from the December 28, 2023, Board meeting, January 2, 2024, Workshop meeting and January 5, 2024, Special Board meeting. Alderman Arbuthnot 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

None

Public Hearing

Annexation of 30.81 ± acres – Timber Run Subdivision - The city has been presented with an annexation petition from Tempest Properties, LLC, (Tom Glosure) to annex 30.81 acres into the city limits for a future subdivision development. Mayor Heiliger opened the hearing for public comments. Mr. Glosure was present and gave information on the property and the initial development. The main entrance to the 30 acres will be from existing city streets; Sturbridge and Lexington Drive. There being no other comments, Mayor Heiliger closed the hearing. Comments will remain open until Thursday, January 25th.

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

Park Renovation Cost Estimate – Mr. Strutman has provided the Board with a cost estimate on completing Ruge East’s bathroom renovation. Mr. Strutman expects the other two park bathrooms to be the same cost. Numbers had not been provided for the concession stand because it will be completed last. The Board was good with the information presented and looked forward to completion.

New Business

2024 Budget Document – Alderman Owens has drafted the 2024 Budget Document to place on the City’s website. The Mayor directed Ms. Ogborn to add this to the website.

Roelker Road Improvement Project – Cochran Engineering submitted a proposal for professional services for the Board to review replacement and upgrades to Roelker Road. Alderman Hakim moved to accept the proposal and for the funds to be taken from the “Roelker Road Engineering” budget. Alderman Arbuthnot 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.

Parks Department Line Dancing Nights – Mr. Bruning presented information on dance lessons and line dancing nights at Diekroeger Park. The cost for the events will be \$200.00 a night and may increase to the full fee of \$350 per night depending on attendance. The Parks department will charge \$10.00 per participant to cover these costs. The Board gave approval for the events.

2023 Ford Explorer Valuation Report – The 2023 Ford Explorer has been deemed totaled by Progressive Insurance due to an accident that occurred in 2023. The original cost of the car was \$41,906.00. Before releasing the title, the department will remove all computer and lighting equipment from the car. Once the title is handed over, the payment will be released to the City. Alderman Andrews moved to accept the settlement in the amount of \$43,775.00. Alderman Arbuthnot 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.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Resolution R01-24 – A RESOLUTION ENGAGING THE SERVICES OF WM FINANCIAL STRATEGIES, AS MUNICIPAL ADVISOR TO THE CITY, AND GILMORE & BELL, P.C., AS BOND AND DISCLOSURE COUNSEL TO THE CITY. Ms. Ogborn read the Resolution by title. Alderman Hakim moved to approve Resolution R01-24. 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.

Bill 01-24 – AN ORDINANCE CALLING A BOND ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Owens moved to read Bill #1-24 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 #1-24. Alderman Arbuthnot 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 #1053 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Reports

Parks – The department will host the annual Teddy Bear Tea Party on February 10th 2024.

Public Works – The Department is continuing to work on renovating the park bathrooms and has completed the first snow of the season. The Mayor advised the department to follow the street priority guide for snow routes.

Building Official – Mr. Strutman and Mr. Bauer have submitted a training request to become 2021 ICC certified. The city is not yet ready to move forward with adopting 2021 building codes, so the Mayor advised them to receive their 2015 certifications.

Police – Chief Canavan and Lieutenant Sutton met with their staff to see what equipment and training they would like for 2024. Chief Canavan thanked Alderman Hakim for the lunch that was provided for Law Enforcement Day.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn informed the Board of several public hearing notices, development inquiries, and subdivision statuses.

Treasurer – Preparations for the 6-month financial statement have begun.

HR/Payroll – There was no report to review.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$86,632.73. Alderman Arbuthnot 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

Pastor Joe provided an update on the food pantry. They are currently collecting coats and blankets for the colder months. Fish Fry's begin in February. Trivia Night for the senior lock in and the Backstoppers event will be Saturday, February 24th.

Final Questions

None

Vote to enter Closed Session

Alderman Hakim 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 7:24 p.m.

Alderman Owens moved to leave closed session at 9:50 p.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 Owens moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 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: _____