

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2025
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 called the roll with Alderman Kim Arbuthnot, Alderman Karey Owens, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, Alderman Don Andrews, and Mayor Michelle Heiliger present. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Police Chief Tom Canavan, Director of City Services Mark Strutman via Zoom, Building Inspector Lance Bauer, Treasurer Megan Pohl, and Parks Director Stuart Bruning. Others present were Jack Underwood with the Warren County Record, Billy Ivie, Kim Fast, Cheryl and Mark Doolittle, Larry Zuhone, Jim Sharp, Rick and Sharon Wischmeyer, Kim and Joe Purl, and John and Jeanette Woehrle.

Pledge of Allegiance

The City of Foristell's Mayor Elect Bradley Miller's son Maverick Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Owens moved to amend the agenda to add item 11d. FMB Bank CD to the agenda due to the city receiving notification just prior to the meeting that the CD was due to renew and a decision had to be made within 10 days. Alderman Andrews seconded the motion 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 Arbuthnot moved to approve minutes from the January 9th Board and January 13th Workshop meetings. Alderman Owens seconded the motion 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.

Financial Reports

None

Public Comments

Jim Sharp, the Warren County Emergency Management Director, provided an overview and was present to answer questions on the fire at Universal Galvanizing on January 21st.

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

Additional Topographic Survey 62-Acre Park – This item, originally scheduled for the December 26, 2024, meeting, was postponed allowing staff to contact Bax Engineering and clarify how the remaining \$11,000 credit was utilized. The Board seeks clarification on whether this survey is an additional one and requests an invoice reflecting the \$307 credit. There being no updated information, Alderman Hakim moved to postpone this item to the February 13, 2025, meeting. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded the motion 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

Six Month Financial – The digital version was not provided and copies had to be retrieved by the City Clerk. Alderman Hakim moved to table this item to later in the meeting. Alderman Owens seconded the motion 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.

Park Board Resignation – Rich Lagemann has submitted his resignation from the Park Board creating a vacancy in Ward 1.

Roelker Road Improvement Project – Alderman Andrews moved to go out for bid for the Roelker Road Project to select Option 1 on the scope of work provided by Public Works to pave all rock patches, place 1” leveling course, pave with a 2” overlay, Add 1’ rock shoulder along the edges.

FMB Bank CD – A \$2 million 91-day CD has come due. The CD currently receives a 2% interest rate. If the CD is renewed, the rate would be 1.75%. The City Clerk recommended the Board close the CD, move the funds into general reserves, and find another source of investment. Alderman Hakim moved to accept the recommendation. Alderman Owens seconded the motion 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.

Six Month Financial – Alderman Hakim moved to approve the Six Month Financial. Alderman Owens seconded the motion 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.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Bill #25-24 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE RECORD PLAT FOR “PERUQUE CREEK MANOR PLAT ONE (1)” AND DIRECTING THAT IT BE RECORDED WITH THE WARREN COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Owens moved to read Bill #25-24 a second time. Alderman Hakim seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

Ms. Ogborn read Bill a second time by title. Alderman Hakim moved for final passage. Alderman Owens seconded the motion 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. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board of Aldermen for their signature and approval and duly signed becomes Ordinance #1073 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Bill #01-25 -AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE IX, TABLE IX-A OF TITLE III OF THE WRIGHT CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SCHOOL ZONES AND AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ON ROELKER ROAD. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Owens moved to read Bill #01-25 a second time. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

Ms. Ogborn read Bill a second time by title. Alderman Owens moved for final passage. Alderman Andrews seconded the motion 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. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board of Aldermen for their signature and approval and duly signed becomes Ordinance #1074 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Resolution R#01-25 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC TO UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a AMEREN MISSOURI. Ms. Ogborn read the Resolution by title. Alderman Hakim moved to approve Resolution R01-25. Alderman Andrews seconded the motion 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.

Resolution R#02-25 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI OPPOSING THE PROPOSED ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE BY AMEREN MISSOURI AND MATTERS RELATED THERTO. Ms. Ogborn read the Resolution by title. Alderman Hakim moved to approve Resolution R02-25. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded the motion 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.

Bill #02-25 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX ON RETAIL SALES OF ADULT USE MARIJUANA WITHIN THE CITY FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Hakim moved to read Bill #02-25 a second time. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

Ms. Ogborn read Bill a second time by title. Alderman Hakim moved for final passage. Alderman Andrews seconded the motion 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. Said Bill was thereupon presented to the Mayor and President of the Board of Aldermen for their signature and approval and duly signed becomes Ordinance #1075 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Reports

Parks – The department provided an overview on recent events. The basketball and cheer seasons have started. The department will host a magic show on January 25th and a Teddy Bear Tea Party on February 15th.

Public Works – The department is continuing to salt and plow areas that could not be addressed during the snowstorm and fixing equipment. Public Works is still accepting applications for the open Maintenance Position.

Building Official – Wright City Dental has received final inspection and their stand-alone dentist under review. The old Dollar General building at 441 Service Road is under review to reconstruct it into a strip mall. An art studio is looking to build on Highway H.

Police – The Police Department and Fire Department will compete in the Boy Scout Pinewood Derby races on January 26th. Pathfinders auctioned off the opportunity to hang out with the Chief of Police for the day. Officer Holmes is in the final stages of the Magnet Forensics award process. This training will put him into expert status regarding criminal investigations.

City Hall – The Deputy City Clerk will start employment on Monday, January 27th, 2025. Interviews have been conducted for the Prosecuting Assistant Clerk position. Preparations to discuss the city’s comprehensive plan will begin in February 2025.

Treasurer – There were no questions for Ms. Pohl.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$63,103.64. Alderman Andrews seconded the motion 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 and the number of families it continues to serve. Fish Fry’s begin on March 7th and have served 39,000 meals since they began operating in 2021. Project Graduation will host Bingo on February 1st. Backstoppers will be held on February 15th. The Lions Club and FFA will host a comedy night on February 22nd. The Pinewood Derby races will be held at 1:00 p.m. on January 26th at the Lions Club. AFG has been using City Hall to conduct staff onboarding and interviews.

Final Questions

Alderman Hakim asked what the Ordinance was relating to commercial dumpsters, where they can be placed, and length of time allowed. This discussion will be added to the Workshop meeting in February. John Woehrle thanked Alderman Hakim and the Public Works Department for their work during the snowstorm earlier this month. Mr. Woehrle stated that as a taxpayer, he is paying for the repairs to Roelker Road regardless of whether the School District or the City complete them. Mr. Woehrle expressed his concern with students parking on the railroad tracks while traffic is backed up to and from the school. The Board will have a conversation with the Police Chief about traffic control.

Vote to Enter Closed Session

Alderman Hakim moved to enter closed session at 7:43 p.m. Alderman Hakim seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Vote to Exit Closed Session

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to leave closed session at 8:26 p.m. Alderman Andrews seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Alderman Hakim 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.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attested: _____