

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 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, Lieutenant Aaron Sutton, Director of City Services Mark Strutman via Zoom, Treasurer Megan Pohl, and Parks Director Stuart Bruning. Others present were Jack Underwood with the Warren County Record, Billy Ivie, Kim Fast, Sean McDonnell, and Brian Reynolds.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Bruning led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Andrews moved to approve the agenda. 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.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Owens moved to approve minutes from the December 26, 2024. 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.

Financial Reports

None

Public Comments

Brian Reynolds with the Fredricksburg HOA expressed concerns about the snowplowing over the last week. The 10” snowfall has caused piles of snow to be placed on or near storm drains. As it melts, the water has nowhere to go and is causing ice patches. The Board will pass this along to the public works department.

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. According to a letter from November 2024, the remaining credit is now \$307. The letter indicates that a topographic survey was conducted and charged against the credit. The Board seeks clarification on whether this survey is an additional one and requests an invoice reflecting the \$307 credit. Alderman Owens moved to postpone this item to the January 23, 2025, meeting. 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.

New Business

None

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 asked the Board to consider postponing the Bill 25-24 to the January 23rd meeting at the request of the City and the Developer. Alderman Andrews moved to postpone Bill 25-24.

Alderman Owens 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.

Reports

Parks – There are 22 basketball teams and 2 cheer squads for the 2025 seasons. All teams have been sponsored, bringing in just under \$7,000.00. A magic show will be held on January 25, 2025, and the Teddy Bear Tea Party will be on February 15, 2025.

Public Works – No report was presented. Mr. Roettger was on call to snowplow.

Building Official – Plans have been received to remodel the old Dollar General building. Mr. Strutman met with the Peruque Creek organization on storm water polluting the creek. The organization plans to take water samples 2-4 times a year. Mr. Strutman is getting costs together.

Police – No report was presented.

City Hall – Candidate Filing closed on December 31st at 5:00 p.m. Those running for election are the incumbents for both Ward 1 and Ward 2, Alderman Arbuthnot and Alderman Andrews. End of year roll over has been processed and staff is working on W2's.

Treasurer – Ms. Pohl was introduced as the city's new treasurer.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$28,365.23. Alderman Owens 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. 53 families were adopted and given presents for the holidays. 65 Christmas Food Baskets were fully funded and provided to families in need. Fish Fry's begin on March 7th. The food pantry has received a donation of a used forklift. Project Graduation will host Bingo on February 1st. Backstoppers will be held on February 15th. No Time to Spare will host a trivia night on February 8th. The Lions Club and FFA will host a comedy night on February 22nd.

Final Questions

Mr. Bruning asked if MoDOT was going to overlay Veterans Memorial Parkway as the city was told. Mayor Heiliger stated they have not at this time, but hopes it is completed.

Vote to Enter Closed Session

Alderman Andrews moved to enter closed session at 6:59 p.m. Alderman Owens 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 Hakim moved to leave closed session at 7:45 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: _____