

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2024
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 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, Director of City Services Mark Strutman, Police Chief Tom Canavan, and Parks Director Stuart Bruning. Others present were Billy Ivie, Kim Fast, Kim and Joe Purl, Russ Lyons, Jack Underwood from the Warren County Record, Michael Baryo, Rod Smith, Nancy Huster, Larry and Vicki Zuhone, Cheral and Mark Doolittle, Rick and Sharon Wischmeyer, John Timmerman, Kurt Daniels, Terry Pollard, Adam Pollard via Zoom, Rachel Hakim, Stephen Waite, Rick Vacha, and Joyce Wheeler.

Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Baryo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Andrews moved to approve the agenda as presented. 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.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Andrews moved to approve the minutes from the October 10th Board 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.

Financial Reports

None

Public Comments

None

Public Hearing

Annexation Petition for 9.00 ± acres owned by RJM Storage Bell Road – Alderman Hakim opened the public hearing for comments relating to the voluntary annexation petition. Alderman Hakim stated that the land would be used for the proposed Vista on the Park West development, if approved. Stephen Wait, a neighboring property owner, asked what the property would be used for. Mr. Pollard, via Zoom, provided an overview of the development. Roughly 114 units consisting of apartments and town homes will be an extension of Vista on the Park to be constructed within the next 5-7 years. John Timmerman asked about the current and future zoning of the property and if the number of units would meet city requirements. Mr. Pollard said it does. There being no further comments. Alderman Hakim closed the public hearing.

Annexation Petition for 4.20 ± acres owned by Stephen and Ruth Wait - Alderman Hakim opened the public hearing for comments relating to the voluntary annexation petition. Alderman Hakim stated that the land would also be used for the proposed Vista on the Park West development, if approved. There being no comments, Alderman Hakim closed the public hearing.

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

Conditional Use Permit – 101 South Elm Street – Alderman Hakim excused himself from the dais and abstained from voting due to the conflict of interest of being the property owner. Alderman Ownes moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit as presented. 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.

Old Business

None

New Business

Special Event Permit – Scary Movie Night – Alderman Andrews moved to approve the Special Event Permit as presented. 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.

Department of Homeland Security Grant Proposal – Alderman Owens moved to postpone this item to the November 7th Board meeting to receive additional information relating to award timelines and if the city could reimburse past expenditures. 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.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Bill #20-24 - AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF AN - AREA WITHIN THE CITY CONTAINING 57.77 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS “PDA-MXD” PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA MIXED USE DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AMENDMENT OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY; APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT THEREFOR; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. The applicant submitted a formal request asking the Board to postpone this item. Alderman Hakim moved to postpone this item. 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. This item will re-appear at the November 7th Board meeting.

Resolution R19-24 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM; GRANTING FURTHER AUTHORITY; AND VERIFYING CERTAIN COMMITMENTS IF THE GRANT IS APPROVED. Ms. Ogborn read Resolution R19-24 by title. Alderman Andrews moved to approve Resolution R19-24. Alderman Hakim 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.

Reports

Parks – The soccer season will end in two weeks. Basketball and Cheerleading registrations are now open. The annual Trunk or Treat event will be held at Diekroeger Park on October 31st. Alderman Owens asked for a budget sheet highlighting the costs and revenues on all park events for 2024.

Public Works – A report was available for review. There were no comments.

Building Official – The Building Department truck needs replaced. The Board asked for bids to be received in writing and to present them at the November 7th meeting.

Police – There were no additions to report.

City Hall – Interviews are underway for Treasurer and Deputy City Clerk.

Treasurer – A report was available for review. There were no comments.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$30,849.52. 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.

Announcements

The food pantry provided an update on the families served. On November 8th and 9th Long Row Lavendar will have a holiday open house. Several Holiday Programs will be underway soon.

Final Questions

Nancy Huster stated that the areas in the Downtown District are getting cleaned up and look very nice.

Adjournment

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 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.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attested: _____

