

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, February 27, 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 Abbie Ogborn 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, Treasurer Megan Pohl, Parks Director Stuart Bruning, and Building Inspector Lance Bauer. Others present were Jack Underwood with the Warren County Record, Billy Ivie, Kim Fast, Cheryl and Doc Doolittle, Megan Eldridge, Melody Rugh, Rick and Sharon Wischmeyer, Bob and Kathy Nichol, Kim Purl, Elsa Smith-Fernandez, and Katie Bowman.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Jack Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to amend the agenda as presented. 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 Andrews moved to approve minutes from the February 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop and February 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

Megan Eldridge, Elsa Smith-Fernandez, Melody Rugh, and Katie Bowman recognized City Clerk Abbie Ogborn for obtaining her Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

## **Public Hearing**

**Amending Section 405.110 of Chapter 405 relating to off-street parking and loading requirements** - Mayor Heiliger opened the hearing for comments relating to the proposed amendments to Section 405.100 relating to dumpsters and grease traps for commercial districts. There being no comments, Mayor Heiliger closed the hearing.

**Repeal Article IV of Chapter 405 relating to a placeholder Planned Development Areas (PDA's)** - Mayor Heiliger opened the hearing for comments relating to the repeal of Article IV relating to Planned Development Areas (PDA's). It was stated that this section was simply a placeholder for future legislation but has since been placed in a different chapter of the code. Repealing this section will not remove any legislation. There being no comments, Mayor Heiliger closed the hearing.

**Amending Chapter 405 relating to signs in all zoning classifications** - Mayor Heiliger opened the hearing for comments relating to the proposed amendments to Section 405.100 relating to signs. There being no comments, Mayor Heiliger closed the hearing.

## **Recommendations from Planning and Zoning**

**Wright City Dental Site Plan – Wildcat Drive** – The Board reviewed planning and zoning's recommendation and approval of the Wright City Dental office site plan that will be built along Wildcat Drive. This was just for informational purposes and required no further action by the Board.

## **Old Business**

**Roelker Road Update** – Five trees located at the intersection of Roelker Road and West Second Street North will be removed. Public Works staff will continue to address the rock patches. City staff will work to create the bid packets for the widening and overlay of Roelker Road that will include guardrails, painted crosswalks and lines, and widening 3 lanes in front of the highschool that will include a designated turn lane.

## **New Business**

**Grant Proposal – Cops Hiring Grant** – The city was awarded the COPS hiring grant in 2024 in the amount of \$377,000 to bring on 3-additional officers. This grant will run consecutively and be able to keep the three hired officers on staff for an additional 3 years. Alderman Hakim moved to accept the grant proposal as submitted. 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.

**Grant Proposal – Hometown Grant, Diekroeger Park Project** – There is \$50,000 available for this grant that would be used to repair the pavilion at Diekroeger Park. Alderman Owens moved to accept the grant proposal as submitted. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded the motion and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Hakim     Yea  
Alderman Andrews   Yea

Alderman Owens     Yea  
Alderman Arbuthnot   Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

### **Ordinances/Resolutions**

**Bill #05-25** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 405.110 OF THE ZONING CODE PERTAINING TO OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Owens moved to read Bill #05-25 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 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 #1078 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

**Bill #06-25** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 405 TO REPEAL OUTDATED SECTIONS OF THE CODE. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Hakim moved to read Bill #6-25 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 Owens moved for final passage. Alderman Arbuthnot 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 #1079 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

**Bill #07-25** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 405 OF THE ZONING CODE PERTAINING TO SIGN REGULATIONS IN THE VARIOUS ZONING DISTRICTS. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Arbuthnot moved to read Bill #7-25 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 Arbuthnot moved for final passage. There being a lack of second, Bill #07-25 died. Alderman Owens asked for the proposed bill to be on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop agenda.

### **Reports**

**Parks** – American Red Cross held a blood drive on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Facility rentals are filling up quickly.

**Public Works** – The department addressed another winter weather storm and installed new springtime banners in the downtown district. New speed limit signs and railroad crossing signs have been installed on Roelker Road. The department is working to evaluate roads city wide that need repaired.

**Building Official** – Autozone is looking to purchase the old dollar general building. A drywall company has inquired about building along Highway H. Ivie League Homes has submitted 10 building permits.

**Police** – New furniture will be installed the week of March 5<sup>th</sup>. Detective Sergeant Holmes hosted a presentation for the cub scouts.

**City Hall** – Meet the candidate night is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the High School Library. The city wide yard sale is May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>. Large item pick-up is June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Treasurer** – There were no questions for Ms. Pohl.

**Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$410,332.97 that included both the 2016 and 2024 GO Bond payments. 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. Fish Fry's begin on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor and City Clerk testified at a congressional hearing relating to a proposed bill that will eliminate the grocery sales tax. DUB-C explorers will host a bingo night on April 12<sup>th</sup> to raise money. Blue and Gold is March 15<sup>th</sup>. Backstoppers raised \$150,000 prior to paying bills.

**Final Questions**

Jack Underwood asked if Roelker Road would consume all of the 2024 GO Bond funds or if other street projects would be completed. Rod Smith, resident of Forest Lakes, wants to ensure that the city chooses the best contractor to compete the work on Roelker Road.

**Vote to Enter Closed Session**

Alderman Andrews moved to enter closed session at 7:30p.m. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

Alderman Hakim	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea
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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 8:37 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.

**Adjournment**

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 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: \_\_\_\_\_