

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, March 13, 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, Director of Public Works Kyle Roettger, Building Inspector Lance Bauer, and Parks Director Stuart Bruning. Others present were Jack Underwood with the Warren County Record, Billy Ivie, Kim Fast, Kelvin Lashley, Matthew Fattes, John and Jeanette Woehrle, Cheryl and Dee Doolittle, Rick and Sharon Wischmeyer, Michael and Brittany Rose, Sara Meadows, David and Zach Reagan.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Lance Bauer 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 Arbuthnot moved to approve minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 workshop meetings. 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.

**Financial Reports**

None

**Public Comments**

Michael Rose would like to hold a special event in Diekroeger Park on August 9<sup>th</sup> for his tattoo shop's anniversary. Mr. Rose was advised to apply for a Special Event Permit and Liquor License and to appear at a future board meeting for consideration.

Matthew Fates is looking to purchase the property at 13956 Veterans Memorial Parkway to expand the previously approved storage units. The Board advised Mr. Fates to attend the Planning and Zoning meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> to get feedback from the commission.

**Public Hearings**

None

**Recommendations from Planning and Zoning**

None

**Old Business**

**Roelker Road Update** – The Board tabled discussion on Roelker Road until the Public Works Report.

**New Business**

**Downtown Revitalization Parking Expansion of First Street** – Alderman Owens moved to submit an application to receive right-of-way access from Norfolk Southern Railroad to expand the downtown district parking along East First Street North and pay the fee of \$750.00.

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.

**Umpire and Referee Pay** – Alderman Owens moved to increase the rate of pay for Baseball and Softball umpires from \$35.00 per game to \$40.00 per game. 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.

**Ordinances/Resolutions**

**Bill # 08-25** 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 Owens moved to read Bill #08-25 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 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 #1080 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

**Resolution #R02-25** A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY AS SHAREHOLDER OF THE WRIGHT CITY REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ELECTING DIRECTORS FOR 2025. Ms. Ogborn read the Resolution by title. Alderman Hakim to approve Resolution R#02-25. 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 passed 4-0.

### **Reports**

**Parks** – The department has partnered with American Red Cross to host blood drives. The new park truck has been delivered and is in the process of being licensed and decalated. The department highlighted upcoming events.

**Public Works** – Mr. Roettger provided an update on the Roelker Road project that will include removing sections of asphalt that are failing and installing new rock bases. In addition, trees will be removed at the corner of Roelker Road and West North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Building Official** – The department has seen a drastic increase in the number of building permits year-to-date compared to 2024.

**Police** – Staff has been attending training and the Chief will be attending an academy graduation for a newly hired cadet.

**City Hall** – The City Clerk attended the MoCCFOA Spring Institute and highlighted classes that were offered. The city was acknowledge for the efforts in creating an effective Emergency Management Committee.

**Treasurer** – There was no report for review.

### **Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$41,186.15. 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 are underway. Blue and Gold is on March 15<sup>th</sup>. A trivia night on April 11<sup>th</sup> will raise

funds for a teacher's daughter who has cancer. 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>. Alderman Arbuthnot and Mayor Heiliger attended Career day at Wright City West Elementary on March 13 and Mayor Heiliger spoke on a Women in Leadership Panel later that afternoon.

**Final Questions**

Jack Underwood asked for copies of the sign ordinance.

**Vote to Enter Closed Session**

Alderman Andrews moved to enter closed session at 7:52p.m. Alderman Owens seconded the motion 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 Owens moved to leave closed session at 8:16 p.m. Alderman Arbuthnot 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.

The Board was updated on the Skatepark Grant and the 2024 Budget review.

**Adjournment**

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Bill 7-25 KA moved for second. RH seconded it. KA moved for final passage. Bill died due to lack of second

Bill 6-25 RH moved for second. DA seconded it. KO moved for final passage. KA seconded it  
ORD 1079

Bill 5-25 KO moved for second. KA seconded it. RH moved for final. DA seconded it  
ORD 1078