

**City of Wright City  
Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Thursday, April 25, 2024  
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 Mayor Michelle Heiliger, Alderman Kim Arbuthnot, Alderman Ramiz Hakim, and Alderman Don Andrews present. Alderman Karey Owens was absent. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Director of City Services Mark Strutmann, Police Chief Tom Canavan, Lieutenant Aaron Sutton, Director of Public Works Kyle Roettger and Parks Director Stuart Bruning. Others present were Kim Fast, Billy Ivie, Victoria Huff, Judy Brown, Linde Flanders, Russ Lyons, John Sutter, Jeff Niemeyer, and Jacob and Theresa Boyd.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Bruning led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Heiliger asked the Board to amend the agenda and add item 11c. Special Event Permits – First Fridays under new business. Alderman Hakim moved to amend the agenda. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 3-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Alderman Andrews moved to approve minutes from the April 11, 2024, Board meeting. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 3-0.

**Financial Reports**

None

**Public Comments**

Linde Flanders informed the Board that the Good Sheperd Daycare will be closing on May 31, 2024. The owner of the building, St. Johns Lutheran Church, is looking to sell the building. The fate of the thrift store will be up to a vote by the Church Board. Friends of Good Sheperd representatives were present and expressed their heartfelt concerns with the building closing.

**Public Hearing**

None

**Recommendations from Planning and Zoning**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Liquor License Applications – Wright City Lions Club** – The Lions Club is hosting two cornhole tournaments to raise money to replace the ceiling tiles in their building on June 29<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Andrews moved to approve the applications as presented. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 3-0.

**MoDOT Update** – Jeff Neimeyer was present. MoDOT is planning to overlay Veterans Memorial Parkway from Highway T to Elm Street later this fall. The overlay will only include 24 feet of the roadway. It was stated that the shoulders are the city’s responsibility. A light signal will be installed at the intersection of Archer Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway for AFG.

**Special Event Applications – First Fridays** – Alderman Andrews moved to approve the Special Event Applications as presented contingent upon receipt of insurance. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 3-0.

**Ordinances/Resolutions**

None

**Reports**

**Parks** – Alderman Hakim moved to approve the purchase of a STIHL KombiMotor system for \$994.99 and to purchase it from Wright City Hardware. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Owens	Absent
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Alderman Arbuthnot Yea                      Alderman Hakim                      Yea  
The motion was approved 4-0.

A ribbon cutting for the Diekroeger Park swing sets will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

**Public Works** – Bono Plumbing completed the Diekroeger Bathroom project. The Ruge Park walking trail was resurfaced. The department will be pouring new concrete slabs on Freedom Lane.

**Building Official** – Bax Engineering is finishing up phase 2 plans. An account with Ameren needs to be set up in advance. The Board would like to review the plans and bid documents before they are published.

**Police** – Chief Canavan provided the annual Flock Camera Usage Report and success stories. On Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the department is hosting a Evidence Collection Presentation for scouts to turn a badge.

**City Hall** – The Workman’s Comp Audit scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the University Extension Council will host a craft day to make Christmas cards for Soldiers overseas.

**Treasurer** – The ARPA Funds Reporting and LLEGH Police Grant Reporting has been completed. Preparations are beginning for the Audit and Six-Month Financials.

**Review/Approval of Bills**

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$102,547.74. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 3-0.

**Announcements**

The Food Pantry will hold fish fry’s during the First Friday events and donated the French fries for the April 27<sup>th</sup> playground ribbon cutting and meal. The summer lunch program is getting funding through the school. The Spring Cleanup day was postponed to May 11<sup>th</sup> due to the expected rain fall. 3 High schoolers and 1 Middle school team made it to FBLA nationals. Russ Lyons introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Lyons was interviewed to fill the vacancy in Ward 2 on the Planning and Zoning Commission and with Mayor Heiliger’s recommendation, Mr. Lyons will be appointed on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Final Questions**

None

**Vote to enter Closed Session**

Alderman Andrews moved to exit open session and enter closed session for the purpose of dealing with relating Section 610.021(1) RSMo; Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City's representatives and its attorney. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

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

The motion was approved 3-0. The Board entered executive session at 7:13 p.m.

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to leave closed session at 7:31 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	Absent

The motion was approved 3-0.

Alderman Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and roll call was taken with the following vote:

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

The motion was approved 3-0.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_