

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 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 called the roll with Mayor Michelle Heiliger, Alderman Kim Arbuthnot, Alderman Karey Owens, Alderman Ramiz Hakim via Zoom and Alderman Don Andrews present. City Staff present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, Director of City Services Mark Strutman, Police Chief Tom Canavan, 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, Nancy Huster, Kim Fast, Billy Ivie, Joe and Kim Purl, Bill and Sue Schloeman, Pat Cape, and Russ Lyons.

Pledge of Allegiance

Enoch Schloeman, Mayor for the Day, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Andrews moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it 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 July 25th and July 31st Board meetings. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it 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

Alderman Owens moved to approve the July 2024 financial reports. Alderman Andrews seconded it 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.

Public Comments

Nancy Huster thanked the city for having the grass mowed near East First Street. Mayor Heiliger read aloud the following Proclamation appointing Enoch Schloeman as Mayor for the Day on August 8, 2024.

Whereas, the City of Wright City recognizes the importance of involving and educating its citizens, particularly its youth, in the functions and operations of local government; and *Whereas*; Enoch Schloeman has demonstrated exemplary leadership, civic-mindedness, and a keen interest in the welfare of the Wright City community; and *Whereas*, the City of Wright City wishes to honor Enoch Schloeman for his contributions and provide him with a unique opportunity to engage in the duties and responsibilities of municipal leadership; and *Whereas*; the City of Wright City values the perspectives of fresh ideas of its younger citizens and believes that involving them in city governance will inspire future generations to actively participate in public service; and **NOW, THEREFORE**, I Michelle Heiliger, Mayor of the City of Wright City, Missouri, do here by proclaim and appoint **Enoch Schloeman** as **Mayor of the Day** on this 8th Day of August, 2024. **FURTHERMORE**, Enoch Schloeman shall be granted the ceremonial duties of the Office of the Mayor, including the opportunity to participate in the City meeting, greet and engage with citizens and perform any other duties as deemed appropriate for the day. Given under my hand and seal of the City of Wright City this 8th day of August 2024

Public Hearing

None

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

None

New Business

S&P Global Ratings Call Update – The Mayor and City Clerk updated the Board on the Ratings Call that was held on August 7th. The city will receive a verbal rating on Thursday, August 15th. The City Clerk highlighted the PowerPoint presentation that was given to the rating agency relating to the growth and the Wright City community.

Westwoods/Wildcat Asphalt Work – Karey Owens moved to accept the bid from Mid Rivers Asphalt in the amount of \$31,328.00. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

MO Land, Water, Conservation Fund Grant Proposal – Alderman Owens moved to accept the proposal from TMZ Marketing in the amount of \$5,900.00 for the 62-acre Park Phase 3 and to use ARPA funds to cover the cost. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Prosecuting Attorney – Mayor Heiliger and Alderman Hakim have conducted interviews for the Prosecuting Attorney position. Tim Engelmeyer, a candidate, provided his fee schedule for other municipalities and clients for the Board to review. This item was postponed to the August 22 meeting.

Utilisource GIS Software – A contract and proposal was presented to the Board. The Board expressed that this software was not to make code violations harder on residents and to be second priority. The main need for the software is to map the city and keep track of assets. Alderman Arbuthnot moved to award the contract as presented. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

American Bank CD – An 8-month CD at American Bank that contains \$2.5 million dollars with a 4.9% interest rate, comes due on August 19th. Alderman Owens moved to close the CD, move the funds back to general reserves, and to shop for rates at all city banks. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Ordinances/Resolutions

None

Reports

Parks – Elvis Concert will be August 17th and the Star Gazing event will be September 14th.

Public Works – The small diesel mower was sold for \$1,500.00 and the Kubota Utility Tractor was sold for \$6,300.00. The Wildcat Drive and Westwoods Road repairs will be done the week of August 19th. The department will pour concrete and set blocks for the temporary storage bin at City Hall the week of August 12th. The parking lots at Diekroeger Park will get sealed the week of August 19th.

Building Official – The department is working to update building guides for swimming pools to differentiate between inflatable/collapsible pools and permanent pools. In addition, the department will receive the product number and review the requirements on case-by-case basis relating to bonding requirements.

Police – The department appreciates code enforcement being handled by the building department as it allows time for Officers to focus on other community needs. The Chief thanked the city for the National Night Out event and providing a night where first responders could hang out.

City Hall – Ms. Ogborn thanked those who helped with National Night Out.

Treasurer – Ms. Hutchings is preparing the 2024 tax rate and preparing for 2025 budget discussions.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$40,302.96. Alderman Owens seconded it 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 continues to see a rise in clients and served over 1,000 people in July. Meat donations were received from Wright City Meats and Jeff Myers. Donations for Warren County Back stoppers will be accepted until the end of the month. The fall yard-sale will be September 28th and September 29th. The fall bulk-item pick-up will be September 30th. The last first Friday event was held on August 3th and have a huge turnout. Strassenbash will be October 5th. The Dave Heiliger Memorial Golf Tournament will be September 14th.

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 and Section 610.021(3), hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting employees when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it 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. The Board entered executive session at 7:44 p.m.

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to leave closed session at 8:52 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.

Alderman Owens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Alderman Arbuthnot 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: _____