

**City of Wright City
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 2026
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. Alderman Karey Owens was absent. City Staff present were City Clerk Abbie Ogborn, City Attorney Paul Rost, Tom Aaron and Building Inspector Lance Bauer. Others present were Russ Lyons and Family, Sean McDonnell, William Carroll with the Warren County Record, Rachel Hakim and Family, Kim Fast, Rod Smith, Carmen Sida, Joe and Kim Purl, Isaac Purl, Rick and Sharon Wischmeyer, Cheryl and Doc Doolittle, and Karen Bergeon.

Pledge of Allegiance

Hakim Siblings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Owens moved to amend the agenda and add item 22. Closed Session for matters relating to RSMo Section 610.021 (3) RSMo; hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees and (13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. 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 the April 6th Workshop and April 9th Board of Aldermen meeting minutes. 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

Approval of the Election Results

Ms. Ogborn read aloud the certified election results from the April 7, 2026 Municipal Election. Alderman Hakim moved to accept the results. 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.

Mayor Heiliger Read Aloud the following Proclamation: Honoring Board of Aldermen President Ramiz Hakim *Whereas*, Ramiz Hakim has faithfully served the residents of Wright City as a member of the Board of Aldermen since June of 2020, becoming President in January 2023, demonstrating dedication, leadership, and a strong commitment to the community; and *Whereas*; during his tenure, Alderman Hakim contributed his time, insight, and energy to the governance and continued growth of Wright City, helping guide decisions that impact the quality of life for its citizens; and *Whereas*, Alderman Hakim has earned a reputation for accessibility, transparency, and strong community engagement; and *Whereas*; his approach has helped bridge the gap between local government and the citizens it serves, and *Whereas*; his service has helped shape the progress and future direction of Wright City, leaving a lasting and positive impact on the community; and *Whereas*; the fellow elected officials, city staff, and residents of Wright City wishes to formally recognize and express its sincere Appreciation for his years of public service and dedication; **NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHELLE HEILIGER, MAYOR OF WRIGHT CITY, AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY STAFF, AND RESIDENTS, DO HEREBY HONOR RAMIZ HAKIM FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO WRIGHT CITY, AND HIS LEGACY AS A TRUE COMMUNITY PARTNER AND FRIEND.**

Alderman Hakim read loud a statement.

Alderman Hakim moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. with the current board. 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.

Swear in newly Elected Officials

Ms. Ogborn swore in Alderman Russ Lyons for Ward 2, Alderman Karey Owens for Ward 1, and Mayor Michelle Heiliger.

Call to Order

Mayor Michelle Heiliger called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m.

Elect President of the Board

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to nominate Alderman Andrews as President of the Board. Alderman Owens seconded the nomination and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Lyons	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Appoint Representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Heiliger recommended that Alderman Lyons be the Representative as he already serves that committee. Alderman Arbuthnot moved to appoint Alderman Lyons as the Representative. Alderman Owens seconded the the motion and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Lyons	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Appoint Representative as the Park Board Liaison

Mayor Heiliger recommended that Alderman Lyons be the Liaison as he was serving on the Park Board at the time of the election. Alderman Owens moved to appoint Alderman Lyons as the Park Board Liaison. Alderman Andrews seconded the motion and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Lyons	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Public Comments

None

Public Hearing

Text Amendments to Chapter 410 “Subdivision and Land Development Code” – Mayor Heiliger opened the hearing for comments regarding the proposed text amendments. There being no comments, Mayor Heilgier closed the hearing.

Recommendations from Planning and Zoning

None

Old Business

Grant Proposal for FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) for the Roelker Road Safety Project – There being no update since the April 9th meeting, Alderman Owens moved to postpone the proposal to the May 14th Board meeting. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded the motion and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Lyons	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Wright City Cemetery Tree Removal in Block 5 – This item was added to the agenda for consideration to remove a tree or portion of in Block 5, that was in desperate need of removal due to the risk of the a dead limb falling and damaging several headstones. However, the forecasted storms for April 17th, sped the removal up and the city worked with Reed’s Tree Service to not only have the limb removed, but the entire tree that afternoon before the storm’s hit. The Cemetery Memorial Society has offered to pay ½ of the removal invoice. There was no further action needed by the Board.

2026 Firework Show Proposals – Alderman Owens moved to accept the bid from Premier Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$10,000.00. Alderman Lyons seconded the motion and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Lyons	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Carmen Sida – Request to repeal Ordinance 1099 regarding Conflicts of Interest – Resident, Carmen Side, asked the Board to consider repealing Ordinance 1099, that allows the required filers to fill out a short form instead of a long form as she feels that that short form is not transparent in real estate/personal finances of previous Alderman Ramiz Hakim. Ms. Side stated that the city’s Ordinance with the Ethics Commission expired in September 2025 and was told that the Ordinance on file had expired, but that the city passed a new Ordinance later that year as they have to every two years. Ms. Sida stated that Alderman Hakim had not filed is Personal Financial Disclosure form for Fiscal Year 2024. Ms. Ogborn stated for the record that Mr. Hakim had filed his Personal Financial Disclosure form on January 9, 2026, at 11:13 a.m. The Board stated that they will not consider repealing Ordinance 1099 at this time.

Mr. Hakim stated that he supports Ms. Sida’s right to express her concerns to the Board.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Bill # 08-26 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 410 OF THE WRIGHT CITY MUNICIPAL CODE. Ms. Ogborn read the Bill by title. Alderman Owens moved to read Bill #08-26 a second time. Alderman Andrews seconded it and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Lyons	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Ms. Ogborn read Bill #08-26 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 Lyons	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	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 #1108 of the City of Wright City, Missouri.

Reports

Parks – The department has installed new benches around the walking trail along with 4 new picnic tables at the Ruge East Pavillion. Baseball games started on April 15th. When the weather allows, the Ruge East Pavillion will be painted.

Public Works – The department is completing slab replacement in the Falcons Crest Subdivision. Mid River Asphalt anticipates starting the overlay projects in June and the department will begin tearing out areas that need rock bases.

Building Official – The Post office has submitted plans to expand their facility and parking lot.

Police – The department is working to solve a burglary at the Laundry Matt. The department is completing field training.

City Hall – The new city website is getting close to being live. Blue Shield Community Declas have been ordered for businesses to display. The Mayor and City Clerk will give a economic development update at the Chamber Business Meeting next week.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Andrews moved to pay the bills in the total amount of \$295,328.43. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded the motion and the voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Lyons	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Announcements

The food pantry received a large donation of milk and is distributing it to food pantries east of Wright City. Coke donating next week. Girl Scouts hygiene drive this weekend. AFG donated a check in the amount of \$1,500 to the Food Pantry. The Torch Run is in one month. The Lions Club is hosting a horse race fundraiser for building repairs. The Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their annual golf tournament and emerging leaders program. The Memorial Society will be selling Pork Tenderloins on May 15th at the Gazebo. Big Rig Day and the City Wide Yard Sale is May 2nd. First Friday on First Streets starts on May 1st. The Library book sale is May 14th – May 16th. Wright City Sophomore, Marshall Pherigo, is asking for donations to attend FBLA Nationals in July for Data Science and AI.

Final Questions

None

Vote to Enter Closed Session

Alderman Andrews moved to enter closed session for matters relating to RSMo Section 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees. (3) RSMo; hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees and (13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment at 7:51p.m. Alderman Owens seconded it and voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Lyons	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Vote to Exit Closed Session

Alderman Arbuthnot moved to exit closed session at 8:25 p.m. Alderman Owens seconded it and voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Lyons	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Owens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Alderman Arbuthnot seconded it and voice vote was as follows:

Alderman Lyons	Yea	Alderman Owens	Yea
Alderman Andrews	Yea	Alderman Arbuthnot	Yea

The motion was approved 4-0.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attested: _____