

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Rick Hudson by asking Council and others in attendance to stand for the Pledge. He then called for the roll call.

Councilpersons answering the roll call included: Angela Spangler, Matti Vance (via telephone), Rick Hudson, Teresa Lemaster (via telephone), Fred Duby, and Roaby Browning. Lynley Carey was absent.

President Rick Hudson first asked for Council to elect a President Pro Tem. Spangler nominated Matti Vance, Browning seconded, and all voted in favor.

Mayor Hudson then read a Proclamation for the upcoming American Legion Poppy Day.

Public Comments- none

Minutes- A motion to approve the minutes of the May 5 meeting minutes was made by Browning, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.

Correspondence- none

President Hudson then appointed Spangler as Chair of the Finance Committee. He then stated his other two vacancies will be filled by the next newly appointed Councilperson.

Committees:

Finance- Spangler- none

Health & Safety- LeMaster- none

Public Service- Browning- none

Planning- Carey- none

Community Action- Browning- money is available to assist with water bills; CA is joining up with another agency to do a Back-to-School Summer event

Old Business- none

New Business- none

Legislation:

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-28- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio to approve the appointment of David McWilliams by the Mayor to the Wellston Revolving Loan Fund Board.
Sponsor: Lemaster
Discussion:
- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-28- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio to approve the appointment of Peggy Barber by the Mayor to the Wellston Revolving Loan Fund Board.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion:
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-30- A Resolution supporting the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission's 2022 Appalachian Regional Commission's Power Initiative Grant Application.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: This will extend the current Bike Path to Vinton County
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-31- A Resolution approving additional appropriations in the Garbage Fund.
Sponsor: Browning
Discussion:
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-32- A Resolution approving additional appropriations in the Street Fund.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: This is to add Lookout Drive to the repaving list for this year. President Hudson asked about the waterlines in that area. The Mayor responded that he is currently working to secure a grant for a new water plant, tank, and lines, which includes the Oak Ridge area. The water lines would be completely replaced after the paving, so there is no need to disturb the newly paved roadway.

Mayor

The Mayor recollected speaking of setting a Bed Tax in the works, but has discovered that there is currently a Transient Tax in the Codified Ordinances in Chapter 114. He suggests amending what is currently on the books to include campers and other items that were currently discussed. Mayor Hudson also spoke of possibly extending the current Taxi Tax to include Uber, Lyft, and the likes. Both topics were recommended for Finance Committee to discuss. Browning brought up AirBnB's and the Mayor said there is currently proposed legislation which forbids municipalities from regulating AirBnB-type rentals. Hudson reported that this legislation has passed through the House, and is awaiting the State Senate. The Mayor finished by speaking of the cell tower lease, which will reach its term in 2038. The current lessee, American Tower, would like to renegotiate the terms and has given the City 3 different options to choose from. The Mayor will speak to the Law Director on this matter.

Service Director

The new Second Street waterline is officially live, pressurized and tested. Water samples were taken the prior Monday and the City Crew began tapping homes to the new line. This is the first waterline that the City has installed themselves. This project has currently been in the works for just shy of two months and the Crew has shown great progress. Trees are being removed and there are plans to fix the existing damaged sidewalks and add new sidewalks. A catch basin was installed on 10th Street to remedy an ongoing issue with standing water. Alleys are still being worked on, and Cemetery/Code mowing has started. Brenner then told Council that the legislation for the trash truck may need to be passed as an Emergency because it may be delivered soon.

Law Director- none

Auditor- Mayor Hudson introduced the new Auditor Alicia Beatty.

City Clerk's Reports- none**Treasurer Report- none****Fire- none****Zoning- none****Police- none**

A motion to adjourn was made by Duby, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance at 7:16 p.m.


Council Clerk
Council President