

Wellston City Council

Special Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Interim President Matti Vance by asking Council and others in attendance to stand for the Pledge. She then called for the roll call.

Councilpersons answering the roll call included: Angela Spangler; Matti Vance; Fred Duby; Lynley Carey; Teresa Lemaster; Walter Norris; and Roaby Browning.

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)- none

Public Comments- none

Minutes- All members present voted to approve the minutes of the January 19th meeting.

Legislation

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2023-06- A Resolution to Proceed on the issue of a Renewal Levy in excess of the Ten-mill Limitation for the purpose of maintain and operating cemeteries as authorized by R.C. 5705.19(T), and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Lemaster
Discussion: The 2-step process of Requesting the Auditor's Certification and Resolution to Proceed was explained.
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Browning, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.

Mayor

- Interim Mayor Rick Hudson thanked everyone for their support during his short tenure as Mayor.

Service Director

- Service Director Brenner alerted Council to a serious issue at the lift station located at off of SR 32. A plug has blown from the bottom of the lift station and has filled the pit with mud, which shuts off the pump. This has stopped the flow of sewer from that entire region and has caused the ground to start sinking. A pump was rented earlier that day and the crews have been manually pumping sewage out back to the sewer system. This is a temporary fix, and it will be a costly project. The rental pump costs \$4,000 per month. Brenner says he will check into an insurance claim for this. There has been no impact to

the customers serviced by this lift station. Poor engineering has led to the lines sinking at least 25 feet into the ground.

- There has been an explosion at a plant in Illinois that produces the main chemical that cleans the water at the South Plant. Supplies have been cut back, as this is the only manufacturer of this compound. As of right now, Brenner has shut down operations at the South Plant and full operations are running at the North Plant because it uses less of the chemical. Brenner expects to see an increase in water leaks because of this. Interim President Vance inquired about the need of consumption cuts in the City; Brenner replied not at this time, but if needed, he would first ask General Mills. He expects that this problem will only get worse nationwide.

All those in attendance voted to adjourn at 6:17 p.m.





Council President