

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

April 20th, 2023

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; Lynley Carey; and Fred Duby. Teresa Ponn-Lemaster, Walter Norris, and Roaby Browning were absent.

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)- All those in attendance voted to excuse the absence of Duby from the previous meeting.

Public Comments- none

Minutes- All those in attendance voted to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 meeting.

Correspondence- Council was invited to a ribbon-cutting for Grace Clinic and the Opening Day Parade and ribbon-cutting.

Committees

- Finance (Spangler)- none
- Health & Safety (Lemaster)- none
- Public Service (Browning)- none
- Planning (Carey)- none
- Community Action (Browning)- none
- Recreation (Norris)- none

Old Business- none

New Business

- President Hudson suggested to start discussions on the future of the McNally-Pitt building, which is currently used as the City Garage. Mayor Brenner agreed and said the topic should be sent to the Planning Committee. Discussion leaned toward allowing the building to remain as the City Garage (the site includes a salt barn) due to the cost of building new. The electric bill is high as the building sits; the Mayor said if Council decides to make this the permanent City Garage, he will downgrade to a standard 220 to save on energy costs. The Millennium Building could still be sold or leased if needed.

Legislation

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-21- An Ordinance by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio adopting the Jackson County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Sponsor: Browning

Discussion: Due to the size of the attachment, Council wanted more time to review the Plan. This will be presented as an Emergency on the Final Reading.

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2023-25- A Resolution awarding the Water Treatment Chemicals: Aluminum Sulfate; Aluminum Sulfate (Bulk); Chlorine; Sodium Bisulfate; Sodium Fluorosilicate; and Carbon, in accordance with the Chief Operator's Letter of Bid Recommendation, to Brenntag Mid-South.

Sponsor: Vance

Discussion: The Mayor stated that Resolution 2023-25, 2023-26, and 2023-27 will save the City approximately \$47,000 per year. Wellston has never placed water treatment chemicals out for bid.

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2023-26- A Resolution awarding the Water Treatment Chemicals: Bulk Hydrated Lime, in accordance with the Chief Operator's Letter of Bid Recommendation, to Carmeuse, and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: The Mayor stated that Resolution 2023-25, 2023-26, and 2023-27 will save the City approximately \$47,000 per year. Wellston has never placed water treatment chemicals out for bid.

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2023-27- A Resolution awarding the Water Treatment Plant Chemicals: Potassium Permanganate, in accordance with the Chief Operator's Letter of Bid Recommendation, to Water Solutions Unlimited, and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Vance

Discussion: The Mayor stated that Resolution 2023-25, 2023-26, and 2023-27 will save the City approximately \$47,000 per year. Wellston has never placed water treatment chemicals out for bid.

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-28- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations to the General Civil Fund- Supplies, Materials, and Maintenance, and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: \$10,000 for purchase of the Louvee property; \$20,000 for paving the lot on the corner of Ohio Avenue and Broadway for City-established parking for the Downtown District.

Mayor

- The Kelli Lambert Park Project is nearing completion. The Mayor thanked ODNR for the \$75,000 Natureworks grant and City Council for approving the rest of the funds needed to match the grant and complete the project. The Mayor and Council agreed that better lighting and cameras need to be installed at the park.
- The City was approved for a \$20,000 Traffic Study through OVRDC for 14th Street to 10th Street. Many businesses in the south end are seeing expansion projects. There has been a total of 52 accidents on that stretch of roadway in the past year, luckily no fatalities. OVRDC has this listed as a \$2 million project to widen and stripe that section of roadway.

- The cameras on the traffic lights have been installed. The Mayor hopes they will go live in a week or so.
- The new Service Director will start on May 8th. He then thanked Jeff Bates and said he is doing a great job as Interim Service Director and Utility Supervisor.

Service Director

- Jeff Bates started by thanking Council for appropriating and making the funds available to improve the City daily.
- He then spoke of the \$4.1 million Storm and Sanitary Separation Project that will begin in June. He asked for everyone's patience during this time because although the streets will be "torn up," this project will save the City millions at the treatment plant.
- The Infrastructure Crew continues to replace waterlines.
- Paving and concrete work will continue. Sidewalk work will continue where it left off last year.
- The asphalt plant hasn't begun production; however, the Street Crew is still dura-patching and running cold mix.
- He thanked all of his guys and said he has a great group.

Law Director

- Kirby has been working with the Mayor on some title issues with the Louvee purchase and a few things on Harvest Crossing.

Auditor's- none

City Clerk's Reports- none

Treasurer's Report- none

Fire

- Pelletier presented his monthly report.
- Business inspections have begun for the year.
- The Academy is going strong.
- A \$50,000 grant was received from DC Energy Gas Company to train on gas fires.
- The Chief is planning to contact the County EMA to discuss bringing a tornado alarm to the City.

Zoning

- Pelletier presented Council the Ordinance concerning off-street parking for businesses and downtown apartments/residences.


Police

- The Chief presented his monthly report.
- 26 cars will be added to GovDeals.
- The Police Department has been rearranged. The Dispatch area is now the most secure area downstairs.

- The Officers have new body cams.

All those in attendance voted to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.


Council Clerk


Council President