

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Pro Tem 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. President Rick Hudson was absent.

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)- All those in attendance voted to excuse the absences of Carey and Lemaster from the previous meeting.

Public Comments

- Bill Martin, Portsmouth Street, Jackson, Board Member of the Jackson County Board on Aging. Martin spoke of the upcoming renewal levy and all the benefits this levy provides to the senior citizens of Jackson County.
- John Smith, Treasurer of the Jackson County Board on Aging, came to speak about the renewal levy as well. Smith offered signs to show support for the levy and spoke of the current waiting list of seniors for the Meals on Wheels Program.

Minutes- All those in attendance voted to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2023, meeting.

Correspondence

- none

Reports of Special Committees

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

Old Business

- Lemaster asked that the Public Service Committee meet to discuss a past subject of naming the new addition the "Johnson Addition."

New Business- none

Legislation

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2023-52- A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: The Budget Commission met in regular session on Aug. 7. These rates are for the 2023 tax year which is payable in 2024. Please pass as an emergency; this needs turned into the County Auditor by Sept. 29.

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 Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2023-53- A Resolution of the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston, Ohio to accept the Bid of Moody's Dayton, Inc. DBA Baker & Son, in an amount of \$75,000 to perform Water Well Capacity Testing as it was the lowest and best responsive bid submitted and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Vance

Discussion: Timeliness dictated that this be passed as an emergency.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Lemaster, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2023-54- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio, authorizing the Mayor and/or Service Director to enter into a contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc., for the disposal of solid waste and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Browning

Discussion: Last Contract is expired.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Norris, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2023-55- A Resolution approving additional appropriations to the Garbage Fund and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: The loan documents were not received at the time of the last budget. This is the Garbage Truck Loan Payment.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Lemaster, seconded by Norris, and approved by all in attendance.

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Norris, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2023-56- A Resolution approving additional appropriations to the General Civil Fund and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: This places the ODNR NatureWorks grant funds into the General Civil Fund.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Norris, and approved by all in attendance.

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2023-57- A Resolution authorizing Mayor Anthony Brenner to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: This pertains to Phase 3 of the New York and Broadway Improvements Project.

Mayor

- absent

Service Director

- Service Director Stacy Camp began with giving an update on the New York/Broadway Improvements. He reports that the sewer lines have been completed and the storm lines will begin the following Monday. Fourteen homes were found with sewers connected to the storm lines, and 2 homes had conjoined sewer lines.
- Camp addressed the dust complaints from the New York work and said the streets are now being watered down twice daily, but he says the lack of rain is not helping matters.
- Camp announced the VA Mobile Unit weekly placement at The Depot and invited all of Council and the public to attend the ribbon-cutting event.
- 511 West Second Street had been demolished since the last Council meeting. Demo Crews are currently working on 673 West Broadway.
- Deer Season begins on September 30th. There were no incidents with the hunt last year. The City has buried 47 deer so far this year. The Service Director hopes the harvest number will allow the City to obtain nuisance hunting permits.
- Drilling and testing the location for the new water plant will begin the following Monday.
- 12th Street has been paved after a waterline install.
- The City had to dig in front of Ohio Valley Bank twice- once to fix a water leak and to remove a hydrant. OVB plans to replace the sidewalk.

Law Director- none

Auditor- Line-Item Adjustments and Reports were approved by all in attendance.

City Clerk's Reports- none

Treasurer's Report- none

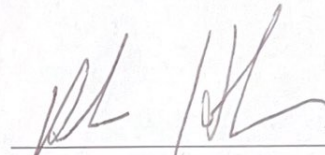
Fire- none

Zoning- Code Report Received

Police- none

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.


Council Clerk


Council President