

# **Wellston City Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **October 5, 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: Fred Duby; Lynley Carey; Teresa Lemaster; and Walter Norris. Council Clerk Mindy Eisnaugle was absent; City Clerk Kathy Speraw filled in as Council Clerk.

**Excusal of Previous Absence(s)-** All in attendance approved the previous absence of President Rick Hudson.

#### **Public Comments**

- None

**Minutes-** All those in attendance voted to approve the minutes of the September 21, 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**

- none

#### **New Business**

- none

#### **Legislation**

- Second 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  
A Motion was made by Lemaster to amend the legislation to say, “2nd Street Paving” instead of “New York and Broadway Phase 3 Street Improvements.” Norris seconded the motion, and the which was approved by all in attendance by roll call vote.  
Discussion: This pertains to Phase 3 of the New York and Broadway Improvements Project.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-58- An Ordinance for the transfer of funds from the 201 Fire Fund to the New Equipment Fund and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Duby  
Discussion: For the purchase of a Natural Gas Training Simulator with grant monies.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-59- An Ordinance establishing a temporary pay increase of two dollars per hour to each Patrol Officer and Sergeant of the Wellston Police Department and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Norris  
Discussion: Officer retention; Norris questioned the “temporary” verbage. Mr. Kirby explained that this raise would hold until the contract renegotiated, which is next year.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2023-60- A Resolution approving Additional Appropriations in the General Fund and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Norris  
Discussion: Treasurer’s Salary plus Benefits

### **Mayor**

- absent

### **Service Director**

- Service Director Stacy Camp began with giving an update on the New York/Broadway Improvements. He reports that the New York Avenue portion of the project will be shut down next week due to the casting company is having problems keeping up with basin production. Broadway is still going “full speed.” The timelines for paving the roads are looking to be around November. The Storm portion of the project is 45% complete.
- The demolition of 673 West Broadway is complete.
- New water line is being installed on Vermont Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> streets.

### **Law Director- none**

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

**City Clerk’s Reports-** Report Received

**Treasurer’s Report-** none

**Fire-** none

**Zoning-** Code Report Received; last round of mowing is finishing; extra mowing was performed for the festival; Pelletier acknowledged and commended the hard-work his crew puts in yearly. Lemaster commented that the parks have been in great condition. Norris questioned the Lake Road property. A case file was requested, but nothing new has been reported. Aerial photos are being taken at this point. Hudson noticed the number of condemnation notices on the code report. Pelletier explains that many of these problem properties were mitigated before the City actually pushed forward with demolition.

**Police-** A press release was issued concerning a vehicle which was pulled over for a simple violation. 107 grams of suspected fentanyl and 323 grams of suspected methamphetamine were discovered. Vinton County resident Bryan Wiseman was incarcerated and had a felony warrant from the Vinton County Sheriff's Office. Robinson commended the officers involved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President