

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 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: Matti Vance; Fred Duby; Lynley Carey; and Teresa Lemaster. Angela Spangler, Walter Norris, and Roaby Browning were absent.

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)- All in attendance approved the previous absence of Spangler, Vance, and Browning.

Public Comments

- John Theibert, Aspen Energy Corporation, came to speak on the benefits of Energy Aggregation Programs.
- Shannon Weber, 309 S. New York Avenue, came to tell entertaining stories on Wellston's "spooky" past. Topics included slave catchers, a tuberculosis hospital, and Wellston's claim to fame in the 1800's as the 3rd most violent town in America.

Police- Chief Robinson took the podium early as he had Sergeant Todd Shong and K9 Officer Falk in attendance. Falk began as a pup with WPD in October of 2015 as a dual purpose K9. His last day will be on October 28th and there will be a small party for him. He will spend the rest of his days with Sergeant Todd Shong and family.

Minutes- All those in attendance voted to approve the minutes of the October 5, 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

- Third 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.

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

- Second 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.

- Second 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” verbiage. Mr. Kirby explained that this raise would hold until the contract renegotiated, which is next year.

- Second 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

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-61- An Ordinance authorizing payment of invoices with Then and Now Certificates and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Vance

Discussion: Auditor McWilliams explained the listed expenditures

Mayor

- absent

Service Director

- absent

Law Director- absent

Auditor- none

City Clerk's Reports- none

Treasurer's Report- none

Fire- none

Zoning- none

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Council Clerk

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Council President