

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

December 20, 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; Fred Duby; Lynley Carey; Teresa Lemaster; Walter Norris; and Roaby Browning.

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)- All those in attendance voted in favor of approving Norris' absence from the previous meeting.

Public Comments

- none

Minutes- All in attendance voted to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Correspondence

- Councilmember Lynley Carey submitted her resignation with an effective date of December 31, 2023. President Hudson thanked her for her time on City Council.

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

- Mayor Brenner stated the County had reached out to him regarding available office space in the City Building. Two bridges are being built by two different companies in the County. The Mayor agreed to rent an office to these companies on a temporary basis at \$500 per month/per company. Council then approved the Mayor to enter into a contract and prepare a lease agreement to be reviewed by the Joe Kirby.

Legislation

- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-68- An Ordinance of the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston, Ohio, approving Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.

Sponsor: Norris

Previous Discussion: President Hudson notified the Law Director position should not be budgeted for FICA or PERS. Mayor Brenner asked everyone to notice the budget is \$9 million compared to last year's \$10 million. He noted that carryover was being used, but would be "weaned" in the next few years.

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

- Third Reading of Resolution No. 2023-69- A Resolution authorizing Regular Blanket Certificates for the Year 2024, setting expiration dates for Regular Certificates and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Lemaster

Previous Discussion: Yearly

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

- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-70- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, Service Director, and other Necessary Employees of the City of Wellston to execute a Contract and Wage Agreement between the City and the Wellston Fire Department and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Norris

Previous Discussion: The Mayor stated this piece of Legislation could go through 3 readings and encouraged Council to look over the contract.

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

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2023-71- A Resolution authorizing the City of Wellston to prepare and submit an application to participate in the 2023-2024 Ohio Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and to execute contracts as required.

Sponsor: Spangler

Previous Discussion: The Mayor hopes this grant will widen New York Avenue from 10th Street to 14th Street.

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-72- An Ordinance for the Transfer of Funds from the 203 Cemetery Fund to the Supplies, Materials, and Maintenance and Declaring an Emergency.

Attached: GeoPro Invoice with old PO number.

Sponsor: Browning

Previous Discussion: This was approved in 2022, but the invoice was just received. The Mayor hopes to present this new software to Council soon.

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 Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-73- An Ordinance for the transfer of funds from General Fund Carryover to Code Enforcement-Demolition and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Lemaster

Previous Discussion: Clean out of the Louvee. This money will be coming from a grant from the Ohio Department of Development. On Second Reading, Mayor Brenner again explained that this money will be reimbursed through a grant.

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

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

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2023-74- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Service Director, and any other necessary official to enter into an agreement with the County of Brown regarding the custody, supervision, confinement, and board of prisoners, and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Previous Discussion: Yearly; Please pass as an Emergency on 3rd Read.

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2023-75- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Service Director, and any other necessary official to enter into an agreement with the County of Monroe regarding the custody, supervision, confinement, and board of prisoners, and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Browning

Previous Discussion: Yearly; Please pass as an Emergency on 3rd Read.

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2024-76- A Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Winter Fill Program and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Browning

Previous Discussion: Yearly, this allows the City to purchase salt from ODOT; Please pass as an Emergency on 3rd Read.

- First Reading of Ordinance NO. 2023-77- An Ordinance of the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston, Ohio, to authorize the Mayor to execute an Enterprise Zone Agreement with BCR Holdings Company, LLC, and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: Mr. Kirby explained that this allows for a tax exemption of ten years.

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

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

Mayor

- The Mayor stated his office is in preparation for the State of the City.

Service Director

- Nothing new to report. Concrete work is wrapping up. Discussions led to the outlook of traffic problems with the new Prime Trucking lot being installed. The Administration reported they are looking into a way to remedy the traffic issues by way of a traffic study being conducted by OVRDC. A turn lane was suggested.

Law Director

- President Hudson inquired as to ways to fill the vacant council seat(s). Mr. Kirby stated the City could advertise for the position.

Auditor- Line Item adjustments were received and approved.

City Clerk's Reports- none

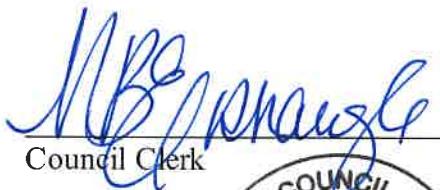
Treasurer's Report- none

Fire- none

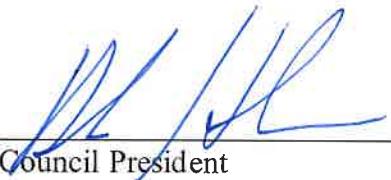
Zoning/Code- none

Police- none

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


Mary B. Snawler
Council Clerk





Council President