

# **Wellston City Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **February 15, 2024**

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; Hunter Skaggs; Fred Duby; and Tami Phillips. Walter Norris, Teresa Lemaster, and Roaby Browning were absent.

**Excusal of Previous Absence(s)-** none

**Public Comments-** none

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

#### **Correspondence**

- None

#### **Reports of Special Committees**

- Health and Safety Committee- Lemaster- none
- Public Service Committee- Duby- none
- Planning Committee- Browning- none
- Recreation Committee- Norris- none
- Finance Committee- Spangler- none
- Community Action- Browning- none
- Civic Organization Liaison- Spangler- none

#### **Old Business**

- none

#### **New Business**

- none

#### **Legislation**

- Third Reading of Resolution No. 2024-02- A Resolution of Necessity for a Fire Equipment Levy and requesting the Auditor of the County of Jackson to certify the total tax valuation and revenue that will be generated upon a Replacement of a 3.5 Mill Fire Equipment Levy for the City of Wellston.  
Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: Chief Pelletier stated the current levy will still collect in 2024 and 2025. This is a renewal levy.

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

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-03- An Ordinance of the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston authorizing the Mayor to enter into the Indigent Defense Contract with the Jackson County Commissioners so as to provide legal counsel to indigent persons charged with violations of the Wellston Municipal Code for 2024.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: Yearly

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-05- An Ordinance repealing in its entirety Chapter 114 of the City of Wellston Codified Ordinances, commonly referred to as the Transient Occupancy Tax or Bed Tax.

Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: Mayor Brenner stated this tax has not been imposed at all. This will join the City of Wellston under the County's 3% tax and the City can in turn place an additional 3% on top of the County. This will help to fund tourism.

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-06- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a Supply Revolving Loan Account (WRS�A) Agreement on behalf of the City of Wellston for construction of Water Facilities; and designating a dedicated repayment source for the Loan and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion:

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-07- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wellston to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Regional Valley Development Commission's (OVRDC) 2024 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and to execute contracts as required and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: This grant will implement the recommended changes from the Pennsylvania Avenue Safety.

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-08- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations to the Downtown Business Incubator Fund and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Skaggs

Discussion: This is handled by Jackson County Economic Development

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-09- A Resolution awarding the Water Treatment Plant Chemicals: Aluminum Sulfate, Aluminum Sulfate (Bulk), Potassium Permanganate, and Chlorine, in accordance with the Chief Operator's Letter of Bid Recommendation, to Brenntag Mid-South.

Sponsor: Phillips

Discussion: The Mayor stated bidding the chemicals has saved the City tens of thousands of dollars.

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-10- A Resolution awarding the Water Treatment Plant Chemicals: Hydrated Lime (Bulk), in accordance with the Chief Operator's Letter of Bid Recommendation, to Carmeuse.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion:

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-11- A Resolution awarding the Water Treatment Plant Chemicals: Sodium Bisulfate and Sodium Fluorosilicate contract to Bonded Chemicals.

Sponsor: Phillips

Discussion:

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-12- A Resolution awarding the Water Treatment Plant Chemicals: Activated Carbon, in accordance with the Chief Operator's Letter of Bid Recommendation, to Carbon Activated Corp.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion:

### **Mayor**

- Taps are currently being installed for the Ohio Avenue Project. New lines and taps have already been ran to Gem Bottling. Paving is expected to begin in March.
- The roadway on Livingston was collapsing due to drainage issue. Barrier walls have been installed and this area will be paved in March.
- Tree trimming/cutting has started.
- Alleyways on the northwest side of town are being addressed.
- Grant seeking and grant work continues. Mayor Brenner expects to hear the results from ACGP at the beginning of March. The Small Cities/Taps Project Committee has met.
- President Hudson asked the Mayor if the Gem Bottling semi issue has been resolved. The Mayor recommended Mrs. Heilman call the police if the semis are driving into her yard but says his office may look into some sort of barrier or curb for prevention.

### **Service Director**

- Not present

### **Law Director**

- none

### **Auditor**

- none

### **City Clerk's Reports**

- Reports Received

### **Treasurer's Report**

- none

### **Fire**

- not present

#### **Zoning/Code**

- not present

\*During this time, Dorothy Muncy was given 3 minutes to speak (Public Comment). Muncy resides at 436 S Michigan Avenue. She stated the street sign has been missing from the pole for nearly seven years. A streetlight near her house is off and covered in vines. She also stated that there is a car that seems to be racing down the street at night. Notes were taken by the Mayor over the street sign and the speeding. It was determined the light belonged to Wells Manor and a police officer will watch that area for potential speeders.

#### **Police**

- Report received by Council.
- A Dodge Durango will be joining the fleet soon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
Council Clerk

  
Council President