

# **Wellston City Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **June 20, 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: Fred Duby; Walter Norris; Teresa Lemaster; Tami Phillips; and Roaby Browning. Angela Spangler and Hunter Skaggs were absent.

**Excusal of Previous Absence(s)-** All in attendance voted to excuse Skaggs' absence from the previous meeting.

President Hudson made note that he was given notice of Councilman Skaggs' intent to resign; Skaggs is moving to Jackson.

President Hudson then informed Council the next meeting would be on July 11<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday.

#### **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**

- Norris received a call from a citizen concerning potholes and tree limbs on South Delaware Avenue. In addition, a trailer is blocking an alley that runs from Delaware Avenue to Maine Avenue.

## Legislation

- Third Reading of Resolution No. 2024-35- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Service Director, and any other necessary official to enter into an agreement with the County of Washington regarding the custody, supervision, confinement, and board of prisoners.  
Sponsor: Browning  
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. 2024-36- An Ordinance transferring Appropriations from the General Carryover Fund to the Rec Fund for Part Time Laborer Wages and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Norris  
Discussion: The Mayor stated this was previously discussed and that funds were also added for materials.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Norris, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-37- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in the Sewer Fund: Supplies, Materials, and Maintenance.  
Sponsor: Browning  
Discussion: none  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Norris, and approved by all in attendance.
- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2024-39- A Resolution approving additional appropriations in the Police Department.  
Sponsor: Lemaster  
Discussion: Donation from Appalachian Dirt Riders; does not need to be an emergency until 3<sup>rd</sup> read.
- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-40- An Ordinance authorizing the advertisement for sale of the unused transformers, electrical equipment, six overhead cranes, and related equipment currently located in the former McNally Pitt Building that are now owned by the City but are no longer needed for a municipal purpose, to be sold the highest bidder over \$100,000 pursuant to R.C. Section 721.15.  
Sponsor: Lemaster  
Discussion: A company reached out to the Mayor asking to purchase the overhead cranes at the Street Garage. The bidding will start at \$100,000, but the Mayor stated he may come back to Council with a new figure. The proceeds will go to fixing up the garage- the roof was recently repaired. President Hudson stated a salt barn would be great at some point.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-41- An Ordinance authorizing the creation of a Wellston Downtown Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA).  
Sponsor: Phillips  
Discussion: Mayor Brenner informed Council there were leftover packets of information left over from the public hearing held the week prior.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-42- An Ordinance renaming Fund 403 from OWDA Fund to ARPA-WWIP Fund and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Phillips  
Discussion: The State would prefer to see grant funds being directed through their own line-items. Not enough Council Members present on First Reading to pass as an Emergency.

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-43- An Ordinance renaming Fund 209 from the UDAG Revolving Loan Fund to the RPIG Fund and adding additional expense and revenue lines and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Browning

Discussion: The State would prefer to see grant funds being directed through their own line-items. Not enough Council Members present on First Reading to pass as an Emergency.

### **Mayor**

- The EPA has dedicated \$2.7 million for Phase 2 of the Water Plant Project.
- \$1.5 million in the Capital Budget has been awarded for the Louvee. The Mayor warned this will not be enough to rehab the entire building, but would provide a roof, windows, and doors.
- 2 more projects have been announced for the City under the Capital Budget funds: Blamer Park and the Fire Department will receive a fire training simulator- a flashover trailer.
- The Solid Waste District is now offering \$75,000 for the purchase of the city-owned lot in which their building sits. The Mayor and Law Director are currently preparing legislation to be presented to Council. Complications have arisen due to a previous lease between the City and the Solid Waste District. Mr. Kirby will research if this needs to be go to a public sale, or if the City can accept the offer.
- The original grant request for the First Responders' Campus was denied; however, the project has been submitted into 3 different funding opportunities.
- The title work will begin soon to purchase the properties joining Blamer Field.
- President Hudson asked Mayor Brenner the status of the mobile homes at the site of the RV Park. The Mayor responded the owners had agreed to sell the trailer to the City and understand that it will be demolished.
- No updates on the downtown parking lot. The Mayor anticipates meeting with the Lions Club President soon concerning the garden on the lot.

### **Service Director**

- Not present

### **Law Director**

- None

### **Auditor**

- Then and Now Certificates approved.

**Parks and Recreation Director addresses Council-** John Derrow, recent Parks and Recreation Director hire, thanked Council for allowing him to rejoin the City. Derrow thanked Make Wellston Beautiful and stated they have done a great job. He met with the group earlier in the week. Derrow presented future projects and plans for his department. He then stated the need for a Parks and Recreation Department Advisory Board. Norris would like to schedule a Recreation Committee meeting before the next Council meeting at 6 p.m.

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

- none

### **Treasurer's Report**

- none

### **Fire**

- The new fire truck is on the assembly line being built at this time.

### **Zoning/Code**

- The first round of Code Mowing has been completed; round 2 will start soon. Administration is still looking at replacing the mowing requirements. Chief Pelletier brought to the attention of Council that door tags are placed at each non-compliant residence.

### **Police**

- The new drug dog finished his training and took a certification test today.
- Councilwoman Lemaster voiced concerns over golf carts without licensed drivers, car seats, tags, and slow-moving vehicle signs driving throughout the City.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

  
Council Clerk

  
Council President