

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 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; and Tami Phillips. Roaby Browning and Angela Spangler were absent.

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

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- Norris spoke with Director Derrow. He is working on a suggested list for the Parks and Recreation Board and is speaking to the school about utilizing their facilities.
- Finance Committee- Spangler- none
- Community Action- Browning- none
- Civic Organization Liaison- Spangler- none

Old Business

- none

New Business

- Councilman Duby asked that a road closed sign be placed closer to the intersection of 7th and New Hampshire.
- Councilman Norris stated a lady called him today to thank the City for the work completed on South Delaware Avenue.

Legislation

- Third 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.
Discussion on 2nd Read: Councilman Norris has fielded concerns regarding the creation of a DORA and has urged the citizens to come to the meetings and/or call the Mayor or Service Director.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Duby and seconded by Phillips. The vote went as follows: Duby- yes; Norris- no; Lemaster- no; and Phillips- yes.
Due to confusion on a tie-breaking vote and the absence of 2 members, present Council decided to present this as an emergency during the next meeting.
- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-47- An Ordinance approving additional appropriations in the Garbage Fund.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: Funds from the sale of a trash truck
- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-48- An Ordinance approving additional appropriations in General Civil- supplies, materials, and maintenance for the purchase of bulletproof vests through the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation's Law Enforcement Bulletproof Vest Program.
Sponsor: Phillips
Discussion: Grant received.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-49- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and finalize an agreement between the Teamsters 637 as representative of the City of Wellston Police Department Employees and adopting said agreement.
Sponsor: Lemaster
Discussion: The Mayor encouraged Council to look through the contract. If not approved, the Mayor will enter back into negotiations with the Union. The Mayor requested the Clerk send the edited version of the contract to City Council so that they can see the changes made during the negotiations.

Mayor

- New locks and cameras have been installed at Kelli Lambert Park. The restrooms are not ready to be opened full-time, a cleaning contract needs to be established first. The Mayor encouraged anyone having an event at the park to call and let the City Building know so that the doors can be unlocked to the restrooms.
- Sidewalks are being repaired on Pennsylvania Avenue. The Mayor is hopeful to start on the Broadway sidewalks next year.
- The Louvee has been pressure washed. The work is expected to begin in the fall.
- The attorney handling the Lake Road issue will be back in the office on Monday.
- President Hudson asked the status of the cemetery software implementation. The Mayor replied that Phase 1 is complete and is internal to the City. Phase 2 will open the program to all users.

Service Director

- not present

Law Director

- none

Auditor

- none

City Clerk's Reports

- none

Treasurer's Report

- letter received from the Treasurer; however, a report is expected soon.

Fire

- not present

Zoning/Code

- not present

Police

- not present

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Council Clerk

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Council President