

# **Wellston City Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **October 3, 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; Karen Boch; Fred Duby; Walter Norris; Teresa Lemaster; and Roaby Browning. Tami Phillips was absent.

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

#### **Public Comments**

- Terrilynn Harless, 613 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, came in to discuss the dangerous conditions of her section of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. She reported that motorists are driving recklessly, intentionally hitting animals and mailboxes, and speeding. She spoke to Chief Pelletier and Chief Robinson, who are working on sign placement in that area. She presented a petition with 11 signatures from her neighborhood who would like a speed bump and a streetlight installed. Officer Fletcher has also upped his patrol in that neighborhood.

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

#### **Correspondence**

- The Clerk provided a letter from the Ohio State Department of Commerce. Scotty's on First would like to add a name to the LLC. There was no discussion and there were no objections.

#### **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 Ordinance No. 2024-55- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in the Street Fund.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: A piece of equipment was sold at auction. Funds have been received and need to be placed into the budget to be spent.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-59- A Resolution authorizing Mayor Anthony Brenner to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: Penn Avenue Waterline Project  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Lemaster, seconded by Browning, 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.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-60- A Resolution authorizing Mayor Anthony Brenner to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required and hereby Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: Water Treatment Plant Project  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Lemaster, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-61- An Ordinance creating the position of Custodian Caretaker and establishing pay.  
Sponsor: Boch  
Discussion: Job duties were discussed, which include cleaning and light maintenance of all city facilities, including park restrooms and the City garage. There is a hired cleaning crew currently for the City Building, but other facilities have no cleaner.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-62- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in certain line items of the Sewer Fund from Sewer Fund Carryover Funds and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Duby  
Discussion: Electric Expenses; Auditor Chris Dupree explained the previous Auditor, who had left mid-year, had signed a new deal with the electric provider of which he was unaware, and the rates raised approximately 40% but are still less than AEP. He then reported that his office has been short-staffed and working on getting the amounts due to AEP for a few months.  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Lemaster, seconded by Boch, and approved by all in attendance.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-63- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in certain line items of the Water Fund from Water Fund Carryover Funds and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: Electric Expenses  
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 Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-64- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in certain line items of the McNally Fund from McNally Fund Carryover Funds and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Boch  
Discussion: Electric Expenses  
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 Boch, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-65- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in certain line items of the Fire Fund from Fire Fund Carryover Funds and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Boch  
Discussion: Electric Expenses  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Boch, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-66- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in certain line items of the Cemetery Fund from Cemetery Fund Carryover Funds and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Lemaster  
Discussion: Electric Expenses  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-67- A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: Yearly certification required by the County Auditor  
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 Boch, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-68- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to execute an agreement with Ross County to authorize Ross County to provide building inspections and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: Ross County needed additional legislation to accept the contract.

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

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

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-69- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to borrow funds from Ohio Valley Bank sufficient for the purchase of a Fire Truck and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: The fire truck purchase was approved long ago; however, financing was delayed while interest rates were expected to drop. The fire truck is almost finished so a loan must be secured.

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

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

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-70- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in the Downtown Incubator Fund and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: Revolving Loan Fund monies. This just needs to be moved to the proper account.

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 Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.

#### **Mayor**

- Not present

#### **Service Director**

- Not present

#### **Law Director**

- none

#### **Auditor**

- 2 Then and Now Certificates were approved: one to move a mobile home and one for a reconciliation service. All in attendance voted to approve.

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

- Reports received

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- none

#### **Fire**

- Not present

**Zoning/Code**

- Not present

**Police**

- Chief Robinson commended the quick work of the City Workers in dealing with the recent storm.

The Clerk invited Council to a Grand Re-Opening of JLorraine on October 12<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

  
Council Clerk

  
Council President

