

# Wellston City Council

## Meeting Minutes

### December 5, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Rick Hudson by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge. He then called for the roll call.

Councilpersons answering the roll call included: Angela Spangler; Karen Boch; Fred Duby; Teresa Lemaster; Tami Phillips; and Roaby Browning. Walter Norris was absent.

#### **Excusal of Previous Absence(s)**

- Spangler and Browning were excused from the previous Council 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- none
- Finance Committee- Spangler- none
- Community Action- Browning- none
- Civic Organization Liaison- Spangler- none

#### **Old Business**

- Lemaster asked if the Mayor was able to contact the attorney handling the Lake Road issue. Although the Mayor attempted to call the firm twice, he has not received a response.

#### **New Business**

- Phillips stated citizens were concerned they could only report code enforcement violations online. She was assured citizens could still issue complaints via telephone or in-person; however, it is important to start a paper trail once a legitimate complaint is confirmed.
- Lemaster questioned the amount of time a citizen had to demolish or remediate a structure after a fire. Chief Pelletier stated the time allotted was determined upon the extent of the damages. Discussion then led to insurance procedures.
- Boch stated she met with the Auditor and Treasurer and felt it was a good conversation.

## **Legislation**

- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-72- An Ordinance of the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston, Ohio, approving the Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025.  
Sponsor: Lemaster  
Discussion: No new  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third Reading of Resolution No. 2024-73- A Resolution authorizing Regular Blanket Certificates for the Year 2025, setting expiration dates for Regular Certificates.  
Sponsor: Browning  
Discussion: no new  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-77- An Ordinance of the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston, Ohio, authorizing the Director of Safety and Service to purchase playground and fitness equipment and surfacing materials to be installed at Blamer Field for an amount not to exceed \$332,119.00  
Sponsor: Duby  
Discussion: The Mayor would like to finalize the purchase of playground equipment before the price rises after the new year.  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Phillips, and approved by all in attendance.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Phillips, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-78- An Ordinance for Additional Appropriations from the General Carryover Fund to 101 Fund for wages and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: Pelletier explained this legislation is needed to clean payroll lines.  
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 Boch, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- A Motion was made to amend the Agenda to include the First Reading of 2024-79- An Ordinance for Additional Appropriations from the General Carryover Fund to Fire Department 201 Fund and Declaring an Emergency.  
A Motion to Amend the Agenda was made by Boch, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: These funds are needed to cover vacation buyouts within the department  
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 Boch, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.

## **Mayor**

- A new Assistant Deputy Auditor has been hired. Brenner stated she is doing a great job. He will move forward on making the Assistant Deputy Auditor a “floating” position based upon the recommendation of City Council.
- The new brining equipment has been installed and will be used this winter.
- The Water Plant project will be going out for bid again. The Mayor expects the bid date to be mid-December.
- Mayor Brenner then covered all current projects and invited Council to the Local Foods, Local Places workshops the following week.

**Service Director (Interim Service Director Ryan Pelletier)**

- Salt has been delivered.
- Potholes are still being addressed even though the weather has turned colder.
- Pelletier reassured Council that the new fire truck is not a show piece, but a working truck. Mayor Brenner spoke highly of the Fire Department’s recent 3-minute response time to Machea’s Diner.
- Discussion then led to storing the City’s salt supply in an area currently leased out to house sawdust.

**Law Director**

- Not present

**Auditor**

- Line-items were approved

**City Clerk’s Reports**

- none

**Treasurer’s Report**

- none

**Fire**

- none

**Zoning/Code**

- none

**Police**

- Chief Robinson stated his Department would be happy to assist in taking Code Enforcement complaints from the public

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Mary B. Washingle

Council Clerk



Brenner

Council President