

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2025

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: Karen Boch; Fred Duby; Walter Norris; Tami Phillips; and Roaby Browning. Angela Spangler and Teresa Lemaster were absent.

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)

- Norris was excused from the previous Council Meeting.

Public Comments

- none

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

Correspondence

- Frontier Communications- Notice of Claim- Mr. Kirby has responded to the claim. Frontier has filed for damages which occurred to a line dragged by the garbage truck. Kirby explained that the Frontier line did not meet the height requirement. He has notified that Frontier is responsible for damages to the garbage truck.
- Columbia Gas- Infrastructure Replacement Program/PUCO Filings
- Jackson County BOE- Fire Levy Results

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

- Boch thank the City workers for keeping the streets clean during the latest snowstorm. Norris seconded and asked how the brining equipment was working. The Mayor responded that the

brining equipment is working great. Duby stated he has heard compliments on the Wellston streets at his job.

Legislation

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-01- A Resolution of the City of Wellston, Ohio, supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250-OH) and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Phillips
Discussion: none
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-02- A Resolution authorizing and accepting the terms and conditions of the Ohio Auditor of State to provide local government services and to issue an accounting report and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Boch
Discussion: none
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-03- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to participate in discussions with the Jackson County Commissioners, EMA, and Sheriff regarding terms of a possible contract for emergency dispatch services.
Sponsor: Norris
Discussion: The Mayor is seeking Council's support either by vote or legislation to discuss entering into a contract for Jackson County to provide 911 services. Council voiced a few concerns regarding the potential change. The Mayor continued that all 911 calls are received by Jackson County, who will then forward the call to WPD. WFD emergency calls are currently handled and dispatched through the County.

Mayor

- Mayor Brenner began by commending the City crews working around the clock during the latest snowstorm.
- The trash routes have been a mess due to the weather, but Brenner says fees for extra bags have been waived.
- The Deputy Auditor is doing great, and the Assistant Deputy will be hired the following week.
- ODNR has supplied a PO for the campground work to begin.
- The playground equipment for Blamer has been ordered. The grant for the curbing is expected soon.
- OEPA Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Separation received \$198,000 for design and the wastewater treatment improvement project received \$333,000 for design.
- Rate increases will go into effect soon.
- The email to begin the Louvee project has been received.

Service Director (Interim Service Director Ryan Pelletier)

- Not present

Law Director

- none

Auditor

- Statement of Cash Position received.

City Clerk's Reports

- November and December reports received.

Treasurer's Report

- Account Balances and Credit/debits received

Fire

- Not present

Zoning/Code

- Not Present

Police

- None

A Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Norris at 7:27 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Browning and approved by all in attendance. The purpose is to discuss ongoing litigation.

Executive Session ended at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



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