

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 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: Angela Spangler; Karen Boch; Fred Duby; Walter Norris; Teresa Lemaster; Tami Phillips; and Roaby Browning.

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)

- All those in attendance voted to excuse Norris from the previous Council meeting.

Public Comments

- Donna Smith, 102 Meadow Run Road, spoke against the legislation which sends police dispatching duties to the County.

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

Correspondence

- Make Wellston Beautiful, inventory
- Treasurer, receipt book numbers notification

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- met the evening before and discussed 2025-18; “received clarity as to the context that led to the resolution proposal” and heard from members of the public. No recommendation given.
- Community Action- Browning- none
- Civic Organization Liaison- Spangler- none

Old Business

- Norris requested an update on the Lake Road property. The Mayor responded that vehicles have been removed; however, a lot of the bigger items remain. Lemaster asked the timeline and the agreed upon process. The Mayor replied a minimum of 4 vehicles per week and believed the property owners had a month for removal.
- McKee Paving has been contacted to provide a quote for the recent alleyway complaint that could be coupled with the 14th Street paving project. There is no solution at this time to the water retention complaint from the same property owner due to the area being a floodplain.
- Norris asked if there have been any further plans with the downtown parking lot. Mayor Brenner responded that his office is looking into a few different options.

New Business

- none

Legislation

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-10- An Ordinance creating the position of Part-Time Water Treatment Plant Operator and establishing pay and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: none
- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2025-17- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio, to approve the appointment of Amanda Petersen to the City of Wellston Records Commission and Heather Moler as secretary to the Wellston Records Commission by the Mayor.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: none
- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2025-18- A Resolution of the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston authorizing the Mayor of the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into a contract with the Jackson County Commissioners to provide Police and Fire and Emergency Dispatching Services for the City of Wellston.
Sponsor: Browning
Discussion: The Mayor and Police Chief discussed a potential timeline for a rollout. Chief Robinson then discussed the CAD system, radios, and the mechanical side of the roll-out. The Chief then discussed the number of calls- 911 compared to the non-emergency line and how many approximate walk-ins per week. Questions arose as to requests for reports and walk-ins. The Chief replied that reports can be printed by the Officer and are available online and as far as walk-ins, although there are no concrete plans in place, the Chief stated Oak Hill PD uses a phone and camera system that calls into the Dispatch Center. As far as one officer on duty if a second emergency arises, there will be no change; however, JCSO will be able to send a Deputy to respond. The new system under JCSO will report the location and if a WPD officer is engaged.
- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-20- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in Certain Lines in the Drug Fund from the Drug Enforcement and Education Fund Carryover Funds.
Sponsor: Boch
Discussion: none
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-21- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations to the Fire Department Fund for new equipment and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Lemaster
Discussion: A grant was received for MARCS radios.
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 Boch, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-22- An Ordinance for Transfer of Funds from the 606 Sewer Fund to the Supplies, Materials, and Maintenance Fund and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: This additional money is requested from the Sewer Fund carry over and as an Emergency due to the sewer department running on back up pumps.
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.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-23- A Resolution awarding the Water Treatment Phase 1/Rebid Contract in accordance with the Engineer's Letter of Bid Recommendation, subject to final approval of funding requirements of the project and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: Clerk error, 2 pieces of WTP rebid legislation should have been read last meeting.

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 Lemaster, seconded by Phillips, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-24- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations to the State Fire Loss Fund from Insurance Proceeds and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Boch

Discussion: Insurance hold check for demolition; 2nd Street home

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. 2025-25- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of Wellston to apply for, accept, and enter into an Overflow Sewer Grant (OSG) Agreement on Behalf of the City of Wellston for design of Wastewater Facilities; and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Boch

Discussion: The Ohio EPA has decided to move the previous WPCLF for WW Facilities to the Overflow Sewer Grant Program. This needs to be an emergency to keep this grant going.

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 Boch, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-26- A Resolution accepting the donation of inventory and equipment for use by the City for recreation projects from Make Wellston Beautiful, Inc., and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: No emergency needed; inventory list included in Correspondence.

Mayor

- The Mayor clarified earlier public comments. He stated the City gets an average of 3 water leaks per day. In addition to the Fire Department receiving multiple calls per day.
- The Mayor spoke on problems with the Louvee funding. There is now a match required that was not announced at the time of the application. The match is \$750,000. He is working on options.
- The last market planning call is coming. Plans for market sites have been sent. Grant submittals will be the next step.
- The DORA page on the website is almost complete. The downtown boundary map has been shortened, and the kickoff will be soon.
- Decorations need to be removed from Ridgewood by March 15.
- The new section of the cemetery should be ready in 5 years.
- Inspections by the State Historic Preservation Office will take place at the future RV Park in the coming week. This is due to the old furnace.
- There will be a 5K called the Leprechaun Dash on the 15th.
- Preconstruction meetings for the water plant will begin on the 18th
- The Mayor will attend Legislative Day through the Mayor's Partnership on the 19th in Columbus and then will head back to Columbus on the 20th for the AMLER Recipient Conference.
- The Mayor congratulated the BPA on their upcoming trip to Nationals.

Service Director

- Stacy Camp was welcomed back.

Law Director

- none

Auditor

- Reports Received

City Clerk's Reports

- Reports Received

Treasurer's Report

- None

Fire

- none

Zoning/Code

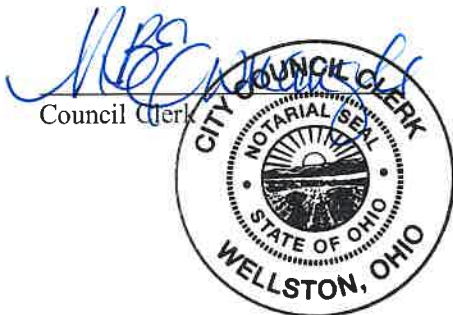
- Demolition of Machea's Diner was discussed. The Mayor stated he is looking into demo funds through the Land Bank.

Police

- none

A Motion to go into Executive Session was by at 7:44 p.m. by Boch, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance for Personnel and Contractual matters, no action will be taken.

Executive Session ended at 8:14 p.m.
The Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Council President