

# **Wellston City Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **March 20, 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; Teresa Lemaster; Tami Phillips; and Roaby Browning. Walter Norris was absent

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

- none

#### **Public Comments**

- Jackson County Sherriff Tedd Frazier and Chief Deputy Scott Conley came to address any questions or concerns for the potential passage of 2025-18.

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

#### **Correspondence**

- Ohio Division of Liquor Control, name change, from Lackey's to BCR- no objections
- Jacob Evans (email and Economic Development Transfer Form) Allows for the sale of alcohol at the old BP station- Council would like to address this at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Jolee Flower Farm- Lease Proposal- Council requested Mulliken to come to the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and for the Mayor to ready legislation for a proposed contract.
- Ethics Disclosure Notice

#### **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**

- 2 locations for additional signage were discussed: Children at Play signs requested near the Corner of Vermont and East C. One for each Street; and Children at Play and Speed Limit signs requested near 164 Harrison Avenue. Council informed Interim Service Director Ryan Pelletier that they trust his judgement on sign placement and see no reason for the topics to go to Committee.

#### **New Business**

- none

#### **Legislation**

- Third 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  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Boch, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third 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  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Browning, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third Reading of Resolution No. 2025-18- A Resolution of the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston authorizing the Mayor or 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: Lemaster asked if there was a recommendation from the Finance Committee. Spangler responded the Finance Committee recommends moving forward with the legislation.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler and seconded by Boch. The vote read as follows: Spangler- yes; Boch- yes; Duby- no; Lemaster- no; Phillips- yes; and Browning- yes.
- Third 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  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Boch, and approved by all in attendance.
- Second 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: none
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-27- A Resolution to eliminate the Police Dispatch Service, terminate Dispatch Employees, and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Phillips  
Discussion: The City Attorney advised that since the contract was accepted, this piece of legislation is necessary to dissolve City Dispatch.  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Boch and seconded by Spangler. The vote read as follows: Spangler- yes; Boch- yes; Duby- yes; Lemaster- no; Phillips- yes; and Browning- yes.
- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2025-28- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to offer to each terminated Dispatch Employee a Severance Agreement and to execute each agreement so accepted and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: The Mayor informed Council that all dispatchers leaving employment with the City of Wellston would receive two payments of \$2,000 and healthcare for 30 days past their last employment date. He also stated he is actively attempting to place as many dispatchers as possible in open positions within the City.  
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 Spangler, seconded by Boch, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-29- An Ordinance creating two new fund line items for the Police Fund and the North Water Capital Improvement Fund and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Phillips

Discussion: The Mayor said the creation of these new lines will make it easier to track grants and donations.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Duby, seconded by Lemaster, 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 Resolution No. 2025-30- A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Order Fulfillment Solutions, LLC., to provide inventory and asset management services for the City.

Sponsor: Browning

Discussion: Interim Service Director Ryan Pelletier spoke on the benefits of asset management and how this will help us better track for audits and insurance purposes.

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Duby, 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.

#### **Mayor**

- The Mayor began by speaking of the DORA soft launch that occurred the weekend before. No incidents were reported and there are a few downtown businesses who reported great profits and were asking for the next event.
- After a hiccup with the State Historic Preservation Office, the RV Park is back on track. The site was the home to the Wellston Twin Furnace.
- The City was awarded just over \$27,000 for well abandonment
- The Blamer Park project through CDBG was awarded to Jackson Brothers Construction.
- The standstill for the Louvee has been remedied. The State is allowing the City to utilize the Downtown Streetscapes project as the match for the grant.
- Service Director Stacy Camp resigned due to health reasons.

#### **Interim Service Director**

- Interim Service Director Ryan Pelletier thanked Stacy Camp for his service to the City.
- The Chief Operator of the Water Plant has resigned. There are jobs currently posted for the Water Plant and Pelletier expects David Gilliland to be awarded the Chief Operator bid.
- The part-time employees are back to work. Cemetery clean-up has started.
- Potholes are being addressed with cold patch.

#### **Law Director**

- none

#### **Auditor**

- none

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

- none

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

- Account totals, debits, and credits received.

**Fire**

- none

**Zoning/Code**

- There has been headway on the Lake Road property.

**Police**

- Chief Robinson thanked everyone for their support of the Police Department.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Council President

A handwritten signature in blue ink is written above a horizontal line. Below the line, the words "Council President" are printed.