

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 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; Walter Norris; Teresa Lemaster; Tami Phillips; and Roaby Browning. Fred Duby was absent.

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)

- Norris was excused from the previous Council meeting.

Public Comments

- Lemonade Stand Kids- multiple children set up a lemonade stand for Blu. The proceeds equaled \$3,440.
- Mandi Mulliken, Jolee Flower Farm, 421 South Michigan Avenue, spoke about using the old city pool lot to grow flowers.

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

- Jacob Evans (email and Economic Development Transfer Form) Allows for the sale of alcohol at the old BP station- Council would like to visit the correct procedure.
- Norris would like to revisit searching for grants for a tornado siren.

New Business

- Boch stated she has had comments regarding Council members needing to speak into their microphones during the meeting.

Legislation

- Third 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
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Boch, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- Second 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, seconded by Norris, and approved by all in attendance.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Phillips, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-31- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Service Director, and any other necessary official to enter into an agreement with the County of Washington regarding the custody, supervision, confinement, and board of prisoners.
Sponsor:
Discussion: yearly; the cost is \$100 per day
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-32- An Ordinance for the transfer of funds from the 606 Sewer Fund to the Engineering Fund and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: The Mayor explained that this transfer is due to the leachate issues discussed at the previous Council meeting. The emergency will enable the Mayor to take action before summer.
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 Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-33- An Ordinance creating two new fund line items for the Recreation Fund and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Browning
Discussion: The Mayor stated there is no need for an emergency. This will enable the auditors to better track donations and spending.

Mayor

- Mayor Brenner thanked Interim Service Director Ryan Pelletier for stepping in as Service Director during the past few months.
- Congressional spending requests have been submitted.
- The RV Park project is moving forward.
- Free Big Haul will be the week of April 21st.
- The Mayor thanked the community for supporting Blu.
- The Mayor then introduced David Walton, who will be the Service Director beginning on May 1st.

Interim Service Director

- Director Pelletier stated the department heads are preparing project lists and notes for the new Service Director.
- April 26th at midnight is the tentative transition date for County Dispatch.

Law Director

- none

Auditor

- none

City Clerk's Reports

- none

Treasurer's Report

- none

Fire

- none

Zoning/Code

- none

Police

- Chief Robinson says the department is ahead of schedule for the county dispatch transition.
- The Chief then thanked the kids from the lemonade stand and the rest of the community for supporting Blu.
- Officer Jadernicek then thanked the community and gave an update on Blu.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Council Clerk


Council President

