

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

June 5, 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; Walter Norris; Teresa Lemaster; and Tami Phillips. Karen Boch and Roaby Browning were absent. Fred Duby was present at 7:13 p.m.

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)

- Spangler was excused from the previous Council meeting.

Public Comments

- Kash Patel, owner of Arco at 5 North Pennsylvania Avenue and residing at 417 Seventh Street, Paintsville, KY. He has asked for Council's support regarding an additional alcohol sales permit at the ARCO station. This matter will be sent to the Planning Committee.
- Nick Porebski, PlacerAi, no address provided. He spoke on the benefits of PlacerAi software.

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 brought to the attention of Council that the second meeting in June would fall on June 19th, which is a federal holiday and per the codified ordinances, the next meeting should be held on the 26th. President Hudson agreed.
- Phillips asked if there has been a plan developed for the street levy and if the administration plans on replacing the water/sewer lines on those streets. Director Walton replied that existing funds would be used to replace the line work. Mayor Brenner clarified that not all streets would require new lines; however, they would be coordinated.

New Business

- none

Legislation

- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-34- An Ordinance for the transfer of funds from the 611 Garbage Other (Misc.) Fund to the Supplies, Materials, and Maintenance Fund.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: Mayor Brenner stated this is a refund check from the garbage can company; no new discussion on 2nd read; no new discussion on 3rd read.
A Motion to Adopt and pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-37- An Ordinance for the transfer of funds from the 101 Police Other (Misc.) Fund to the Prisoner Housing Fund and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Phillips
Discussion: A deposit of \$5,400 was taken from prisoner housing to pay the deposit for Blu's vet bills. This is to reimburse the prisoner housing fund. Chief John Robinson took this time to announce that the Auditor's office was able to get insurance coverage for Blu's treatment. This will allow for all donations to be used for his continuing physical therapy, vet visits, and to sustain the program.; No new discussion on 2nd Read; no new discussion on 3rd read.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-42- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in the Fire, Police New Equipment, Garbage, and Water Funds and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Duby
Discussion: Walton comments on the garbage appropriation for transmission repairs to the truck. The Water Fund appropriation is for costs associated with repairs to the Cherrington Hill tank. The General Fund Appropriation is needed as a result of an audit from the Teamsters Insurance Company. This audit included previous Mayors and Auditors who thought they had the option to "opt out" of our medical plan.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-43- A Resolution declaring the necessity of a Street Levy, being an additional levy of 3.0 mills for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges for the City of Wellston and Certifying the Street Levy issue to the Board of Elections and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Lemaster
Discussion: The Mayor stated that the levy would result in just over \$270,000 per year. From this amount, he will work with the Service Director and build an affordable plan of street fixes to be presented to the public.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-44- A Resolution authorizing an agreement with DLZ Ohio, Inc. to provide professional services including administration, management,

and oversight of the Water Treatment Plant Project, Phase 1, and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Phillips

Discussion: Housekeeping for Water Plant Project

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-45- An Ordinance for transfer of funds from the 611 Garbage Fund to the Supplies, Materials, and Maintenance Fund and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: The Mayor began by saying the success of implementing city trash cans. He stated the garbage fund can sustain itself now. With these funds, he would like to replace the problematic trash truck. The emergency is needed due to the poor condition of the current truck.

Mayor

- The Mayor began by introducing Kate Smith as the new Parks and Recreation Director. Council approved the hiring by a quick vote and welcomed her.
- The City Building will be closed on June 19th, but the trash is still running.
- The ribbon cutting was held for Blamer Park. President Hudson asked about the possibility of batting cages.
- The Mayor thanked the Legion and Rotary Club for their Memorial Day activities.
- The DORA launch is set for June 21st.
- There is a fishing tournament and scavenger hunt on the 21st as well.

Service Director

- Phase 3 of the cemetery expansion has started.
- Asset inventory has begun.
- Walton then presented a report of old/finaled water accounts that need cleared out of the VIP software. There is a total of 267 bad accounts and some date back to 1999.
- Kinder came back with the lowest bid for insurance.

Law Director

- none

Auditor

- Reports approved and received:
 - Expense Report
 - Statement of Cash Position

City Clerk's Reports

- Sales and Consumption Reports received.

Treasurer's Report

- Account Totals, Debits, and Credits Received.

Fire

- Not present

Zoning/Code

- Not present

Police

- The Chief introduced new officer Travis Davis.
- Blu has been cleared for work.
- Chief Robinson reports no issues with the dispatch transition.
- The 2024 Chevy Silverado K9 vehicle has been purchased.

Lemaster made a motion to go into executive session at 7:52 p.m. Spangler seconded the motion and all in attendance were in favor. Topics include: contract negotiations, Sewer plant, and Lake Road property. No action to be taken.

Executive session ended at 8:27 p.m. All voted to end the meeting at 8:27 p.m.


Council Clerk




Council President