

# **Wellston City Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **May 15, 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; Teresa Lemaster; Tami Phillips; and Roaby Browning. Angela Spangler was absent.

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

- Norris was unexcused from the previous Council meeting.

#### **Proclamation**

- A Proclamation was read for the American Legion Poppy Day, which was presented to the Women's Auxiliary.

#### **Public Comments**

- Donna Smith, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, spoke on Poppy Day. Smith also noted that it is National Peace Officer Memorial Day.
- Luann Waugh, 910 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that since the ditches were covered on 10<sup>th</sup> Street back in the 90's, her yard, basement, garage, and pool have fallen victim to water runoff. They also believe there may be sewage in the runoff. She stated she has visited multiple administrations since the 90's with no results.
- Warren Waugh, 910 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, husband of Luann, spoke on the same issues. The Service Director says he will seek a resolution.

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

#### **Correspondence**

- AEP notice of filing to adjust distribution rates

#### **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**

- Lemaster brought to the attention of Council that the second meeting in June would fall on June 19<sup>th</sup>, which is a federal holiday.

### **Legislation**

- Third 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: Lemaster  
Discussion: yearly; the cost is \$100 per day; no new discussion on the third reading  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Boch, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third 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; no new discussion on second reading  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass as an Emergency was made by Boch, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.
- Second 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 2<sup>nd</sup> read
- Second 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Read
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-40- A Resolution of necessity for a street levy and requesting the Auditor of the County of Jackson to certify the total tax valuation and revenue that will be generated upon a placement of a 3.0 mill street levy as an additional levy for the benefit of the City of Wellston for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges and declaring an emergency.  
Sponsor: Duby

Discussion: The Mayor spoke on making the list of streets that would fit into the five-year plan to present to the public before the levy will go on the ballot.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Lemaster, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-41- An Ordinance approving additional appropriations in the 204 Recreation Fund and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Boch

Discussion: The Mayor explained that the initial startup of the Recreation Department was higher than expected.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Browning, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Boch, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.

### **Mayor**

- The Mayor began by thanking the Parks and Recreation Department for stepping up in the absence of a Director.
- He thanked Utility Director Jeff Bates for readying Blamer for the ribbon cutting. He also spoke on the next phase of the Blamer project, which is lighting and fencing.
- The State Transportation Block Grant has been submitted for Pennsylvania Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Streets. The Mayor continued that he is applying for grants based on the safety study that was performed by OVRDC. The Safety Study for General Mills is wrapping up. No results have been shared at this time.
- There have been many good applications turned in so far for the Rec Director position.
- Mayor Brenner said his office is readying to apply for grants based on the Local Foods, Local Places Market plans.
- Lemaster asked the Mayor if he heard what the new business will be beside Honeysuckle Salon. The Mayor replied that he's heard it will be a restaurant.
- The Mayor stated PDQ is under new ownership and leadership. He continued that the remodel is very nice.

### **Service Director**

- Walton stated that on Tuesday the telemetry devices on the water tower went down. He has reached out to someone concerning an estimate and a possible insurance claim.
- The infrastructure crew is still working on Vermont between A and C Streets although the weather has not been cooperative.
- The Mayor then spoke on a mix-up in the insurance bids and informed Council that it needed to be rebid. Two bids were received, and they have not been opened. He will contact the insurance companies to inform them of the mishap.

**Law Director**

- none

**Auditor**

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

**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

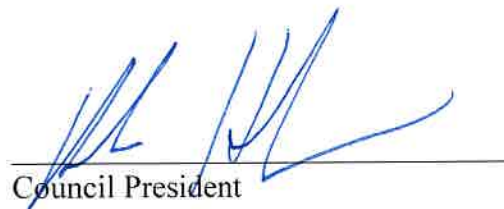
**Police**

- None

Lemaster made a motion to reject all insurance bids and then resubmit. Browning seconded the Motion and all in attendance approved.

All in attendance voted to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

  
Council Clerk

  
Council President

