

# **Wellston City Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **October 2, 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)**

- Browning was excused from the last Council meeting.

#### **Public Comments**

- none

**Minutes-** Lemaster made a motion for a correction of the minutes. A date change was needed. 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- Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Community Action- Browning- none
- Civic Organization Liaison- Spangler- none

#### **Old Business**

- Lemaster asked the progress of Lake Road. The Service Director responded that there would be a meeting scheduled soon with the property owner.
- Phillips asked if the inventory company has completed their work. The Service Director responded the inventory is ongoing.

#### **New Business**

- none

## Legislation

- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-63- An Ordinance for Additional Appropriations from the General Fund to the Officer's Wages Fund  
Sponsor: Boch  
Discussion: No new discussion  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Boch, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-64- An Ordinance for Additional Appropriations from the Water Grants and Loans Fund to the Water Supplies, Materials, and Maintenance Fund.  
Sponsor: Lemaster  
Discussion: No new discussion  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Boch, seconded by Phillips, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-70- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio, to approve the appointment of Thomas Shea by the Mayor to the Wellston Parks and Recreation Board as a member.  
Sponsor: Browning  
Discussion: This position will replace Kate Smith. Shea is a local veteran.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-71- A Resolution supporting the City of Wellston's application to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Power Grant for the revitalization of the Louvee and to execute contracts as required and hereby Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Lemaster  
Discussion: none  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Phillips, 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. 2025-72- A Resolution supporting the Wellston Fire Department's application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Grant for the Revitalization of the Louvee Theater and to execute contracts as required and hereby Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Phillips  
Discussion: no discussion  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Lemaster, seconded by Boch, 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 Ordinance No. 2025-73- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in the State Highway Supplies, Materials, and Maintenance Line from the 206 State Highway Fund Carryover and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Boch  
Discussion: Last year's funding was not spent  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Phillips, seconded by Browning, 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 Ordinance No. 2025-74- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in the Police Laborer Wages and PERS from General Carryover and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Browning

Discussion: Walton spoke on the loss of an officer and 2 other officers being off work. This appropriation will relieve overtime.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Boch, 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 Ordinance No. 2025-75- An Ordinance creating Section 93.16 to be included in the City of Wellston's Codified Ordinance regulating the residential growing of cannabis plants within the City in a manner not to constitute a nuisance.

Sponsor: Browning

Discussion: Attorney Joe Kirby spoke that the City could not go against the ordinance of the state; however, the City could enact certain zoning and nuisance ordinances. The Division of Cannabis Control has set forth guidelines, but there is no regulation so the City can enact ordinances with no criminal penalties, only fines. Council questioned how many complaints have been received and the Service Director responded 2 complaints on the smell of the plants. This would be a code enforcement issue.

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-76- An Ordinance by the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston, Ohio, repealing and amending Ordinance No. 2021-59 and establishing the salary and benefits of the Chief of Police in the City of Wellston.

Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: This was discussed in a prior executive session. The chief's salary will now also follow the raises outlined in the police union contract.

### **Mayor**

- Not present

### **Service Director**

- Walton began by informing Council that the Mayor would be present at the next meeting.
- He informed Council of all the new grant applications in process.
- The Town Hall concerning the Street Levy happened the night before.
- The Treasurer has resigned and has withdrawn from the November election.
- Norris commented as to the bad condition of both streets leading to Bundy Elementary. Boch stated it was last paved approximately 3 years ago and has recommended some sort of stabilization efforts.
- Lemaster rose concerns over a French drain on A Street, stating that when it rains the water flows down the street.

### **Law Director**

- none

**Auditor**

- Not present

**City Clerk's Reports**

- none

**Treasurer's Report**

- none

**Recreation**

- Smith passed out and discussed information regarding current tournament fees for the ballfields.
- Upcoming- pickleball, co-ed softball, and co-ed volleyball

**Fire**

- Not present

**Zoning/Code**


- Not present

**Police**

- A Civil Service Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

  
Council Clerk

  
Council President

