

# **Wellston City Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **October 16, 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; and Roaby Browning. Walter Norris, Teresa Lemaster, and Tami Phillips were absent.

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

- Spangler was excused from the last Council meeting.

#### **Public Comments**

- none

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

#### **Correspondence**

- Lane Wright, no address given, submitted a letter to Council regarding cannabis cultivation.

#### **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 met the day before the Council meeting. Spangler stated the purpose of the meeting was to follow up on some action items from the previous meeting. Spangler stressed efforts for transparency and efficiency. They discussed the '26 budget. Concerns arose over the absence of the City Auditor.
- Community Action- Browning- none
- Civic Organization Liaison- Spangler- none

#### **Old Business**

- Boch spoke on the Finance Committee meeting, and voiced her concerns, but worries that there is no back up for the Treasurer.

#### **New Business**

- none

## **Legislation**

- Second 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: No new discussion on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.
- Second 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: On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Service Director Walton recommended tabling the Ordinance. He stated the State of Ohio is currently visiting the topic. All in attendance voted to table the Ordinance.
- Second 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: No new discussion on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-77- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wellston, Ohio, to accept the conveyance of 0.382 acres in the City of Wellston from BCR Holdings Company, LLC and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: The Service Director explained that this is a small piece of land adjacent to the bikepath.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-78- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in the EPA/OWDA Water Plant Project Revenue Lines from the EPA/OWDA Water Plant Expense Line and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Boch  
Discussion: Water plant payment
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-79- A Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Winter Fill Program  
Sponsor: Boch  
Discussion: Director Walton reminded Council this is yearly legislation for road salt purchasing.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-80- An Ordinance establishing Appropriations for the Year 2026, beginning January 1, 2026, and through December 31, 2026.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: no discussion
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2028-81- A Resolution authorizing Regular Blanket Certificates for the Year 2026 and setting expiration dates for Regular Certificates.  
Sponsor: Browning  
Discussion: Walton explained this is yearly legislation that goes along with the budget.

## **Mayor**

- Not present

## **Service Director**

- Walton began by announcing that a new Treasurer was sworn in today. Amanda Petersen will start on Monday and be present at the next Council meeting.
- The City Building will be closed the following week due to VIP software training. The utility crews will be in first aid/cpr training.
- An ARC POWER grant application has been submitted for the Louvee for \$1.8 million.
- The ribbon cutting for the pickleball courts went well.
- The Mayor will be on Main Street TV on Monday.
- Halloween Block party will be held on Thursday; Sensory Friendly Trunk or Treat on Saturday; Town Hall for the Street Levy will be held on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup>; and Trick or Treating on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Three paving projects were completed this week: Vermont Avenue (with water and sewer upgrades); lower part of 14<sup>th</sup> Street; and Ohio Avenue between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Law Director**

- none

#### **Auditor**

- Deputy Auditor Jessica Wyatt went over the budget legislation packet with Council and advised if changes needed to be made to contact her office.
- Boch thanked Jessica Wyatt and Heather Mohler, Assistant Deputy Auditor, for their work on preparing the budget and thanked Ryan Pelletier for preparing the 2025 budget.

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

- none

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

- Reports Received

#### **Recreation**

- There are 3 confirmed tournaments for next year.
- Basketball should start the second week of November.
- Volleyball season was very successful and has finished, as is the youth soccer program.

#### **Fire**

- none

#### **Zoning/Code**

- Pelletier suggested Council assign the topic of deteriorating downtown buildings to a committee. He suggests this committee work toward the preservation of the downtown buildings.

- Pelletier asked that Council consider the \$60,000 in the budget that is directed toward demolition.

**Police**

- none

Spangler made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the ongoing union negotiations. No action will follow. Boch seconded the motion and all in attendance voted to go into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

Executive Session ended and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

  
Council Clerk

  
Council President

