

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

November 6, 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; Fred Duby; Walter Norris; Teresa Ponn-Lemaster; Tami Phillips; and Roaby Browning. Karen Boch was absent

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)

- Norris, Lemaster, and Phillips were excused from the last council meeting.

Public Comments

- Courtney Johnston, 105 Debbie Lane, came to complain about her neighbor, Sue Angel, who is allegedly bringing stray cats to the neighborhood. Johnston states she has buried 25 cats in her yard in the past year. She has asked to make calls on behalf of the City Wellston for a rascal unit, etc., and for a community fund set forth by Council to deal with the cat issue.

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- 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

- None

New Business

- Lemaster spoke of a truck with a camper that has been parked along A Street between New York and New Jersey. The police chief had already dealt with this issue.

Legislation

- Third 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 3rd Reading.
A Motion to Adopt and pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third 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 3rd Reading.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- Second 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 Mayor explained he would like to add parking to this lot in the future for the bike path.
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.
- Second 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. The Mayor stated the 2026 budget has allowed for 3 million on this project, so the payments will no longer have to go to Council. The funds will continue to be reimbursed through the EPA/OWDA.
- Second 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: no new discussion on 2nd Reading

- Second 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 new discussion on 2nd Reading
- Second 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: no new discussion on 2nd Reading
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-82- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to take all necessary actions and execute any and all related documents to apply, receive, and finalize the acceptance of grant moneys from the Ohio Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Lemaster
Discussion: We are requesting sidewalks and a trail to General Mills for the TAP. Applications are due November 30.
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-83- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in the EPA/OWDA Water Plant Project Expense Lines from the EPA/OWDA Water Plant Project Revenue Line and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Browning
Discussion: 3rd payment for water plant
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Phillips, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Phillips, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2025-84- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to finalize and execute a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Wellston and the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association acting as a representative on behalf of the City of Wellston employees and adopting said agreement and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: The Mayor explained that this will need passed as an emergency on the 2nd reading due to the union contracts only having 30 days to be passed once presented.

Mayor

- Mayor Brenner thanked everyone involved in making Trick or Treat and all the Halloween festivities run smoothly.
- The Mayor then gave the Veterans Day closing but noted trash service will still run.
- The Street Levy has failed. Brenner spoke on lowering the levy and running it again in the spring.
- Phase 1 of the Water Plant is coming along nicely. Phase 2 will begin next year.

Service Director

- There are end-of-year funds left in the Code Department. The City plans to demolish trailers at the corner of Minnesota and D Street and Vermont and 12th Street.
- Leaf pick-up will be the week of the 17th. Call the Clerk's office to schedule pick-ups.
- A mower caught fire in the cemetery last summer. The insurance did replace the mower.

Law Director

- Not present

Auditor

- Reports received
- Line-item transfer approved

City Clerk's Reports

- none

Treasurer's Report

- New Treasurer Amanda Petersen presented a letter to Council informing them she has closed the safety deposit boxes.
- The year is 75% reconciled.

Recreation

- Volleyball is doing well and ends in 2 weeks.
- 27 runners entered the Halloween 5k
- Over 130 kids have signed up for the youth basketball program.

Fire

- Chief Pelletier expects to present the yearly report in December.
- Commercial inspections have been completed.
- All equipment has been inspected and certified as safe for the year.
- The Fire Department hosted the utility workers' confined space training during shut down week.

Zoning/Code

- none

Police

- Cody Heft has been hired as the new police officer. The Chief expects to bring him for an introduction soon.

Lemaster made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contracts and pending litigation. No action will follow. Spangler seconded the motion and all in attendance voted to go into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

Executive Session ended and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Council President