

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

December 4, 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; Teresa Ponn-Lemaster; Tami Phillips; and Roaby Browning. Boch and Norris 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

- Coalition Against Bigger Trucks
- Columbia Gas- Rate increase
- Ohio Division of Liquor Control

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- A meeting was held the evening prior to Council. The Committee recommends passing the 2026 yearly appropriations.
- Community Action- Browning- none
- Civic Organization Liaison- Spangler- none

Old Business

- Phillips asked for an update on the RV Park. The Mayor and Service Director responded that the plans are currently awaiting approval in Pittsburgh, then it will need to be approved in DC. If the federal government does not shut down, work can be expected to begin in February or March.

New Business

- Alexis Lowe presented the RCAP Water Loss Prevention Report

Legislation

- Third 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 4th Reading
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-88- 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: Phillips
Discussion: 4th payment for Water Plant Project. Not enough Council present to Suspend the Rules
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-89- An Ordinance authorizing journal entry corrections to the City's Financial Records and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: The Service Director explained that this is not an appropriation, this is needed to "clean" the accounting/books from funds being previously paid and deposited into the wrong fund lines.

Mayor

- The Mayor began by thanking the folks from RCAP for their work and saying they've given some really good ideas.
- The Lions Club Christmas parade will happen on Saturday.
- The official announcement for ARC Ready recipients happened today. Wellston received \$50,000 for timeclocks and related software.
- The Mayor expressed his concerns over the passing of the federal budget and a possible federal government shutdown. Since the water plant is dependent on federal grants and funding, Brenner stressed the importance of keeping the momentum of construction and seeking a zero-interest federal loan, if needed. He furthered that the City should implement Phase 3 to build a new water tower.

Service Director

- The Gus Macker Tournament will be on August 8th and 9th.
- Walton went over the next list of demos that will occur.
- The City has purchased a bucket truck. Walton expects it will pay for itself within two years.

Law Director

- none

Auditor

- Statement of Cash Position and Expense Report received.

City Clerk's Reports

- Sales and Consumption Report Received

Treasurer's Report

- none

Recreation

- Not present

Fire

- Not present

Zoning/Code

- not present

Police

- Not present

Spangler made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contracts and the potential purchase of a property. No action will follow. Browning seconded the motion and all in attendance voted to go into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

Executive Session ended and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Council Clerk

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Council President